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UMass Dartmouth CollegeNow Program

College Now/START is an alternative admissions program at UMass Dartmouth that helps academically disadvantaged students prepare for and succeed in college. The program provides academic counseling, instruction, and individualized attention to help students achieve their academic goals. After successfully completing the Fall Academic Program, students become degree candidates and can major in any of UMass Dartmouth's academic programs.

- To start, you would go to the link of the website of the program <https://www.umassd.edu/collegenow/>
- Click on 'Explore College Now/START' to explore about the program.

COLLEGE NOW/START
College Now/START is an alternative admissions program that can help you make your dream of college a reality.

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College Now Admissions Live Chats
Learn more about UMass Dartmouth, the College Now Program, and how we can help you achieve your goal of graduating college.
[Register for a live chat](#)

Explore College Now/START
We offer our students a non-traditional route into college.
[Learn more about eligibility](#)

Fall Academic Program
We provide support as you work toward academic success at UMassD.
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How to Apply
Review our guidelines and requirements for admissions.
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- The left panel on the program page has a few navigating options.

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About

The College Now/START program can help turn your dream of college into a reality. You may feel like you aren't "college material." Perhaps you haven't done well academically because of social or personal difficulties. Others may have discouraged you from applying to college.

An alternative admissions program

College Now/START is UMass Dartmouth's alternative admissions program. Hundreds of students who once ruled out college are now UMass Dartmouth graduates, thanks to College Now/START. Through academic counseling, instruction, and individualized attention, the program helped them with admission to the university and supported them through their academic careers.

In the fall of 2022, over 180 students enrolled at the university through the College Now/START program. Because of all they have in common, College Now/START students become a close-knit group and a source of encouragement and support for one another.

College Now/START was there for these students—it can be there for you.

An academic support program

College Now/START supports academically disadvantaged students. As a College Now student, you'll be a full-time student with the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of all UMass Dartmouth students. Our Fall Academic Program will prepare you to perform to your fullest at the university. Counselors will aid you in goal setting, course selection, academic achievement, and short- and long-term program planning.

After successfully completing the Fall Academic Program, you will become a degree candidate and can major in UMass Dartmouth's full range of academic programs.

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Codes

College Board/SAT: **3786**
 ACT: **001906**
 Federal School Code/FAFSA: **002210**

Contact Staff

Contact College Now/START

508-999.8703
 collegenow@admissions.umassd.edu

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- For eligibility, click on 'Eligibility' to find out the requirements.

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Eligibility

Eligibility for College Now

The College Now program is for any major, but you must meet certain eligibility criteria. **Every applicant must be either a U.S. citizen or a permanent U.S. resident, and have a minimum high school GPA of 2.0.** Once accepted, students will participate in **virtual conversations** focused on preparation for the fall semester.

Applicants should also satisfy one of the following criteria:

- low-income status (as defined by federal guidelines)
- first generation (first in immediate family to complete a 4-year degree)
- seeking additional support and resources to find success in college

Eligibility for START

START (Steps Toward Abstract Reasoning and Thinking) is a first-year program for students who are considering a calculus-based major but lack the necessary foundation at the beginning of their college careers.

You must have a minimum high school GPA of a 2.0 to be eligible for admissions. During the standard application process, you may be referred to the START program.

Apply to START if you are interested in scientific and technical fields such as Engineering, Math, Computer Science, and Physics.

More information

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- If you click on 'REQUEST INFORMATION' for additional information, it will bring you to the following page, where you could fill out the contact information and then submit to receive additional information.

There are lots of reasons to love UMass Dartmouth.

The College Now Program is one of them. We'd like to let you know why it may be the right choice for you.

Receive texts from UMassD?

Yes No

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- If you click on 'LIVE CHAT', it will bring you to the following page, where you can also schedule a live chat. After click on the selected appointment, you will be brought to the next page to fill out your personal information.

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College Now/START Alternative Admissions Live Chat

Before you apply, please join us to learn more about our Alternative Admissions Programs at UMass Dartmouth. The College Now and START Programs are designed to help you achieve your goal of a college degree! Here you are able to meet with a College Now Counselor, ask questions, and find out why College Now/START at UMass Dartmouth is right for you! Potential students, family, guidance counselors, mentors, and anyone interested in learning more about the Alternative Admissions programs at UMass Dartmouth are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

■ College Now/START Live Chat
Wednesday, October 4 at 4:00 PM
Online Event

Click to select the appointment

Find available date (green) by changing the month

Then click on the date

October 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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- Fill out your name, contact info and start year, then click on SUBMIT button to confirm the live chat appointment.

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

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First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

Mobile Phone *

Would you like to receive text messages from UMass Dartmouth?

- Yes
 No

Mailing Address *

Country *

Street *

City *

State *

Postal Code *

Anticipated Start Year *

Current/Last School Attended *

Would you like to provide parent information? *

- Yes
 No

Fill out required information, then click on submit

SUBMIT



- If you click on 'APPLY' from the navigation menu.

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Preferred academic program

Be sure to select **College Now** or **START** as your preferred academic program. You must select a second preference which is the academic program you are interested in.

College Now applicants are either first generation college bound and/or low income as defined by federal guidelines.

START applicants are students interested in **Engineering, Math, Computer Science, and Physics**.

[Learn more about eligibility for College Now/START](#)

Dates & deadlines

College Now/START is full for the 2023-2024 academic year. Students interested in applying for the 2024-2025 academic year may begin doing so in the fall.

The College Now Program is a rolling admissions program and space is limited. We accept students until we fill the spots available for the upcoming fall semester. To ensure consideration of your application all admissions and FAFSA materials should be submitted as soon as possible. March 1 is the priority deadline for FAFSA filing.

- You can apply via either 'Common App' or 'UMassD'. Be sure to select 'College Now' or 'START' as preferred academic program, for example, on Common App:

Questions Preview

General ^

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Fall Term Only: If applying to the College Now/START Program, Alternative Admissions, you must select College Now or START Program as your first preference.
For more information visit <http://www.umassd.edu/collegenow>

What academic program at UMass Dartmouth interests you?

First preference:*

College Now x ▾

! If you selected College Now or START Program/Alternative Admissions, what academic program are you interested in?*

- Choose an option - ▾

Please complete this required question.

The following question is optional and any answers will be kept confidential. Answering the question and submitting supporting documents will not subject the applicant to any adverse treatment. This information is part of our voluntary efforts to overcome the effects of conditions that resulted in limited participation of students with qualified disabilities in our federally assisted educational programs.

Are you disclosing that you have a professional diagnosed learning disability?

Congratulations!

**You
have
successfully
navigated
through
UMassD
College Now
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