

## **New Student Checklist:**

- \_\_ Obtain student ID from Franklin Dining Hall <http://www.umass.edu/ucard/>
- \_\_ Activate email account <http://www.oit.umass.edu/index.html>
- \_\_ Open a bank account <http://www.amherstarea.com/business/index.cfm/fa/s/howcategory/CategoryID/47.cfm>
  
- \_\_ Activate and register for classes through SPIRE [www.spire.umass.edu](http://www.spire.umass.edu)
- \_\_ Check out area attractions [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/Amherst\\_Area\\_and\\_Transportation.htm](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/Amherst_Area_and_Transportation.htm)
  
- \_\_ Contact the Commuter Services and Housing Resource Center- posts online listings of apartments –or- contact the Housing office as early as possible for on campus housing. Local newspapers such as the Daily Gazette also post apartment vacancies.  
  
CSHRC: <http://janus.oit.umass.edu/%7Ecshrc/>  
Daily Gazette: <http://www.gazettenet.com/>
  
- \_\_ Pay tuition bill [http://www.umass.edu/umfa/Graduate\\_Aid/Paying\\_Your\\_Bill/](http://www.umass.edu/umfa/Graduate_Aid/Paying_Your_Bill/)
  
- \_\_ Apply for parking permit <http://www-parking.admin.umass.edu/>
- \_\_ Learn free transit system [http://www.umass.edu/campus\\_services/transit/](http://www.umass.edu/campus_services/transit/)
- \_\_ Join a gym <http://www.umass.edu/umim/recfac.html>  
<http://www.goldsgym.com>  
<http://www.hampfit.com/>  
<http://www.kidsportshadley.com>
  
- \_\_ Buy textbooks <http://www.bkstr.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?storeId=10571&langId=-1&catalogId=10001>  
<http://www.jeffbooks.com/>  
<http://www.foodforthoughtbooks.com>  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
  
- \_\_ Attend Orientation (dept. orientation, and Human Resources orientation for assistantship).
- \_\_ Explore Child Care options <http://www.machildcare.com/>
- \_\_ Local schools in Amherst/Northampton <http://www.amherstguide.com/schools.shtml>  
<http://northamptonguide.com/schools.shtml>
  
- \_\_ Explore new area Amherst <http://www.amherstarea.com/>  
<http://amherstguide.com/index.shtml>

Northampton <http://northamptonguide.com/index.shtml>  
<http://chamber.northampton.ma.us/>

\_\_Research Graduate Financial Aid Opportunities

[http://www.umass.edu/umfa/Graduate\\_Aid/](http://www.umass.edu/umfa/Graduate_Aid/)

\_\_ Apply for Assistantships

[http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/Assistantship\\_Opportunities.htm](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/Assistantship_Opportunities.htm)

\_\_Learn about health insurance plan

<http://www.umass.edu/uhs/>

\_\_Take a tour of the library facilities

<http://www.library.umass.edu/>

\_\_Get involved in a Graduate Student Organization

<http://www.umass.edu/gss/groups.htm#GRADUATE>

\_\_Get to know the UMass-Amherst Campus

[http://www.umass.edu/umhome/visit\\_campus/maps.html](http://www.umass.edu/umhome/visit_campus/maps.html)

\_\_Review Graduate Student Handbook

<http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/handbook/>

\_\_ Learn about the Graduate Student Employee Union (GEO) and the Contract

<http://people.umass.edu/geo/>

\_\_Visit Center of Teaching for those interested in improving teaching skills

<http://www.umass.edu/cft/index.htm>

\_\_For international students or those students looking to go abroad, visit the International Programs Office

<http://www.umass.edu/ipo/>