# **FITCHBURG STATE**

# WHY FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY?

Each year over 400 students transfer to Fitchburg State University. Our accessible professors, oneon-one advising and small class sizes ensure that you get all the attention you need to be successful at one of the lowest four-year university net-cost rates in the state of Massachusetts. Internship opportunities and an extensive alumni network provide further support toward your educational

and professional goals. Our vibrant campus provides many opportunities to get involved. As an added bonus, the train to Boston sits right on the edge of our campus community!

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

# How to apply

If you have enrolled in any course after receiving your high school diploma or GED/HiSET, you are considered a Transfer Student when you apply to Fitchburg State. The application process is simplified so you can complete your application and receive a decision in a short period of time. The application requirements are:

- Online Application fitchburgstate.edu/admissions/applying (MassTransfer applicants should use our application)
- Application Fee (waived if MassTransfer, Active Military or Veteran Applicant)
- Official Final High School Transcript (waived if you have earned an Associate's Degree or higher)
- Official College Transcripts sent directly from **each** institution attended

International students may find additional information and requirements on our website: **fitchburgstate.edu/undergradinternational** 

# **Admission Requirements**

Fitchburg State follows the Massachusetts state standards for transfer admission. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- 12-23 transferable college credits and minimum 2.5 college level GPA.
- Up to 23 transferable college credits, a minimum 2.0 college level GPA and must meet the admissions standards for freshman applicants
- 24 or more transferable college credits and minimum 2.0 college level GPA

# **Credit Transfer**

All college level coursework earned at a regionally accredited college or university, and for which a grade of C- or higher was earned, will be considered for transfer credit. Massachusetts state community college students may check how their courses will transfer on our website: **fitchburgstate.edu/transferequivalency**. Official credit evaluations are conducted by the Registrar's Office after a student is admitted to the university.

A maximum of 75 semester hours of transfer credit can be accepted for coursework taken at a two-year institutions. The max increases to 90 semester hours if transferring from a four-year regionally accredited baccalaureate institution. College-level examinations, military and/or Advance Placement examinations are also eligible for transfer credit.

To help plan your transfer, check out our Four Year Plans of Study: **fitchburgstate.edu/plans-of-study** 

# **Scholarships**

### **MASSTRANSFER TUITION WAIVER**

Value: A tuition waiver equal to in-state day tuition (\$970) for up to four continuous semesters Criteria: Graduate of the Massachusetts MassTransfer program with a 3.0 or higher college GPA at time of graduation and must matriculate at Fitchburg State University within 1 year of community college graduation.

International students may qualify for the MassTransfer Tuition Waiver.

### **DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Value: \$1000 annually for up to three years

**Criteria:** Qualified candidates must have a 3.2 or higher college GPA, full-time enrollment, and submit an essay and a letter of recommendation.

Separate scholarship applications are NOT required. The application for admission for the fall semester and all supporting credentials must be received by March 1 in order to be considered.

# **Financial Aid**

If you are applying for financial aid, please file your FAFSA form as soon as possible. Our recommended filing dates are December 1 for spring entry and March 1 for fall.

Our school code is 002184.



# **Housing & Residential Services**

Transfer students are encouraged to live on campus and we have the unique living experience designed just for you.

- Mara Village is the home of the Transfer Student Community providing upper class suite style housing, with a shared kitchen and living area.
- Collective placement of transfer students supports specialized programming, creating a social network to explore campus clubs and organizations.
- Space is limited within the designated building community. When capacity is reached, transfer students are paired as roommates and places in other upper class residence halls

Transfer students with individual needs may reach out via email at **housing@fitchburgstate.edu**. The on campus living experience is one of the best opportunities to begin your Fitchburg State journey!



# **Priority Deadlines**

Applicants who apply before or on these deadlines will be given priority. Since Fitchburg State operates on Rolling Admission, applications will still be accepted after these dates but on a space available basis.

### FALL

- January 1: LPN to BSN and Game Design
- March 1: International Students
- March 1: Merit Scholarship consideration
- June 1: If seeking on-campus housing
- August 1: If commuting

### **SPRING**

- November 1: Game Design Majors
- December 1: All other programs\*

# What are the next steps if you are admitted?

Admitted students will be emailed an official credit evaluation within a week of receiving their acceptance letter. The evaluation will demonstrate how your previous coursework transfers into the Fitchburg State curriculum.

If you decide that Fitchburg State is the right choice, you should submit an enrollment deposit to confirm your place in the incoming class. Once the Admissions Office has your deposit, you will be encouraged to set-up a meeting with an advisor. Transfer Advising starts in April if you are applying for the fall or December if applying for the spring. When you meet with your advisor, you will register for courses and start planning for the upcoming semester.

# **Reverse Transfer**

Planning on transferring to Fitchburg State University before completing an Associate's degree? Students who have earned a minimum of 30 college credits while matriculating at a Massachusetts state community college can complete their Associate's degree while working on their Bachelor's degree. Contact our office for more details.

mass.edu/reversetransfer

## **Undergraduate Day Programs**

### APPLIED SCIENCE &

**TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING** Construction Management

Tech. Education Licensure Tech. Education Non Licensure

### **BIOLOGY\***

Biology<sup>+</sup> Biotechnology Environmental Biology Health Sciences Neuroscience and Behavior

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION\***

Accounting Management Marketing

### CHEMISTRY\*

Biochemistry Chemistry<sup>†</sup>

### COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Communication Studies Film and Video Production Graphic Design Photography Professional Communication Technical Theater Theater

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CIS)

Cybersecurity

### COMPUTER SCIENCE\*

Game Programming

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE\*

Criminal Justice Criminal Justice (4+1 Police Program)

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION\***

Early Childhood Education<sup>+</sup>

### **ECONOMICS\***

International Business and Economics

### EDUCATIONAL STUDIES ELEMENTARY EDUCATION\*

Elementary Education<sup>+</sup>

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Architecture Technology Electronics Engineering Tech. Energy Mgmt. Engineering Tech. Manufacturing Engineering Tech.

### **ENGLISH STUDIES**

English<sup>†</sup> Literature Professional Writing

### ENVIRONMENTAL & EARTH SCIENCE\* ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

\* May be taken as a major or minor.

### \*\* Special circumstances apply. Contact Admissions.

\*\*\* Not accepting transfer students. † Initial Teacher Licensure

### EXERCISE & SPORTS SCIENCE

Clinical Exercise Physiology Fitness Management Strength and Conditioning

### GAME DESIGN\* GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY\*

HISTORY\* History<sup>†</sup>

### HUMAN SERVICES INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

IS for Fine and Performing Arts

IS for General Science IS for Humanities IS for Pre-Law

### MATHEMATICS\*

Applied Mathematics Mathematics<sup>+</sup>

### MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION\*

English<sup>+</sup> General Science<sup>+</sup> History<sup>+</sup> Humanities<sup>+</sup> Mathematics<sup>+</sup> Mathematics-Science<sup>+</sup>

### NURSING

BS in Nursing\*\*\* LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Prog. RN to BS in Nursing (100% online)

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

American Government/Law International Politics

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

LECOM Early Accept. Programs\*\* Pre-Dental Pre-Law Pre-Law with UMass Dartmouth (3+3 joint program)\*\* Pre-Medical Pre-Occupational Therapy Pre-Physical Therapy

### Pre-Physician Assistant Pre-Veterinarian PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE\*

Psychological Science Cognitive Science Applied Psychology

### SECONDARY EDUCATION

Biology<sup>†</sup> Chemistry<sup>†</sup> English<sup>†</sup> History<sup>†</sup> Mathematics<sup>†</sup> SOCIOLOGY\*

### SPECIAL EDUCATION\*

Moderate Disabilities PreK-8 Severe Disabilities (All levels)

### UNDECLARED/ PRE-MAJOR

# Evening / Online Programs

Are you working full time and don't have the chance to take classes during the day? Fitchburg State offers several evening/online hybrid programs for students who are balancing a full daily schedule. Although these programs are not eligible for MassTransfer, tuition and fees are discounted while enrolled as an evening student.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

- Accounting
- Management
- Marketing

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

• Early Education and Care

### **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

NURSING (evening limited to only the following programs)

- RN to BSN Accelerated Online
- LPN to BSN (several day courses required)
- Military LPN to BSN (several day courses required)

### OCCUPATIONAL/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

For more information on evening programs, visit: www.fitchburgstate.edu/undergradevening



# COST OF ATTENDING 2019-20\*

Over 90% of our student receive financial aid so we encourage all families to submit the FAFSA form.

### **Massachusetts Residents**

On Campus Student	\$21,433	per year
Commuter Student	\$10,523	per year

### **Out-of-State Residents**

On Campus Student	\$27,513	per year
Commuter Student	\$16,603	per year

### New England Regional Student Program\*\*

On Campus Student	\$21,918 per year
Commuter Student	\$10,858 per year

\*These are estimated costs for 2019-2020 and subject to change .

\*\*The New England Regional Student Program is for students whose home state public institutions do not offer their intended major. For eligible programs, please visit fitchburgstate.edu/nersp.



# MassTransfer Pathways

We have over 250 articulations through MassTransfer and other agreements. Students who graduate from an approved MassTransfer program at a Massachusetts state community college are entitled to the following benefits:

- Automatic waiver of the application fee when filing the MassTransfer application.
- Guaranteed admission to Fitchburg State linked programs. Note: Some highly competitive majors only allow acceptance on a space-available basis.
- Guaranteed transfer up to 75 credits including some D (1.0) grades.
- Waiver of general education courses.
- Day students who graduate from a linked MassTransfer program with a 3.0 GPA or higher may also qualify for the full MassTransfer Tuition Waiver.

Students who complete the 34-credit MassTransfer Block at a Massachusetts state community college are entitled to the following benefits:

- Guaranteed transfer of 34 credits of General Education Foundation courses, including some D (1.0) grades.
- Waiver of general education courses.

# **Commonwealth Commitment**

The state of Massachusetts has a statewide initiative that connects all of its community colleges to the state universities and UMass campuses. Depending on your academic program you could save money and freeze the cost of tuition based on your academic performance.

### www.mass.edu/masstransfer/macomcom

For more information about MassTransfer, Commonwealth Commitment, and to verify if your program is linked, visit: www.mass.edu/masstransfer.

If you have any MassTransfer questions, contact Heather Thomas, MassTransfer Coordinator Phone: 978-665-3884 Email: hbthomas@fitchburgstate.edu

# **VISIT US**

View our on-campus visit options, including, transfer-specific information sessions, daily campus tours, and Open Houses. You can also meet one-on-one with an Admission Counselor to discuss your previous academic experience and why Fitchburg State could be the right fit. Call to schedule an appointment or register for a program on our website.

fitchburgstate.edu/admissions/visit

# **CONTACT US**

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS / TRANSFER CENTER 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 800-705-9692

Limari Rivera Associate Director of Transfer Admissions Office 978-665-3143 • Mobile 978-868-0345 Irivera7@fitchburgstate.edu

fitchburgstate.edu/transfer

### ■ **FITCHBURG STATE** ■ UNIVERSITY