



Self-Guided Tour





FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

is committed to excellence in teaching and learning and blends liberal arts and sciences, and professional programs within a small campus environment. Our comprehensive public university prepares students to lead, serve, and succeed by fostering lifelong learning and civic and global responsibility.

The Tour

We recommend navigating the numbered route sequentially in order to mirror our traditional tour. You may also choose to explore some of the additional campus sites if you have time. Begin your tour at the **Anthony Student Service Center** on 280 Highland Avenue, using the map and key on pages 8-9.

Throughout this booklet, there are interactive QR codes that are meant to be used while you are in any respective area. To use the QR code, open up the camera feature on your smartphone and hover over the code. A link will pop up for you to click to gain more information.



1 ANTHONY STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

Admissions Office, Financial Aid, Graduate and Continuing Education, Student Accounts, and the OneCard Office are all offices dedicated to student support are housed here. This building serves our current and incoming students.



2 CONLON HALL

Home to Engineering Technology and Communications Media Departments. Students in these concentrations have access to multiple labs and production spaces to gain valuable hands-on experience in their intended major. The main floor features our Information Technology office and IT Help Desk.



3 ANTONUCCI SCIENCE COMPLEX

The 50,000 square foot building includes lab spaces for Chemistry/Biology, and Geographic, Environmental and Earth Science majors, two greenhouses, an animal research lab, independent study labs, and a microscope imaging center. This building also include additional classroom spaces, faculty offices, study spaces, and a redesigned lecture hall.



4 HOLMES DINING COMMONS

The main dining hall on campus, Holmes serves all meals buffet style and is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the week, and brunch and dinner on the weekends. There are several stations that have varied dining options, as well as a permanent salad bar, brick oven pizza, sandwiches, hamburgers, and more. Holmes has expanded options for students requiring gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options. They have also established an Allergy Awareness Zone.



5 RUSSELL TOWERS

The center of the on-campus living experience for new students is Russell Towers. This residential facility is the home to approximately 450 residents and consists of nine floors divided into four separate towers. Russell Towers provides a variety of living options including private suites, singles, doubles, and triple occupancy. A community support desk is located at the entrance of the building. Residents have access to a kitchen, vending machines, laundry facility, and game room. The second floor also houses the Glass Lounge, a building-wide social programming space, and the Tutor Walk-in Services Center.



6 RECREATION CENTER

(This stop is optional) Home to the Recreation Services and Athletics Offices, this building is open to all current students, faculty and staff. The Rec Center is open seven days a week and offers a variety of activities for our students. Students have access to dance/aerobic studio, two racquetball courts, a fitness center, weight room, indoor track, and more. Through the front-desk, students may sign-out recreational equipment.





7 HAMMOND HALL

Hammond Hall serves as our Student Campus Center and is a hub of activity throughout the day. Recent improvements include the addition of the Hammond Tower. This building is a welcoming and accessible space for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors to enjoy. It is also home to many student jobs on campus.

HAMMOND—STREET LEVEL

The Street Level of Hammond Hall contains a variety of different spaces and services for our students. In addition to explaining the areas listed below, mention the availability of outdoor seating and the Enterprise Bank ATM machine.

Information Desk

The Information Desk, staffed by student-employees, is a good resource for general campus information. Keeps an updated list of absent faculty for the day. The Info Desk also sells tickets for select campus events—most events are free!

North Street Bistro

Offering students an alternative to Holmes Dining Commons, the North Street Bistro accepts Fitchburg Gold Funds or cash.



The Falcon Hub

Used during the day as seating for the North Street Bistro, many students will also hangout here in between classes or use the space to study. Also reserved frequently as an event space. The Falcon Hub hosts a variety of different programs and performers.



HAMMOND—GROUND LEVEL

Game Room

A recreation space reserved for student use, the Game Room features pool tables, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, gaming consoles, as well as various board and card games.



Hammond Art Gallery

This gallery space features work from regional artists, faculty, and current students.



The ground level also houses the following offices:

- Office of Student Development
- Center for Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Commuter Affairs
- WXPL 91.3 (student radio station)
- Student Government Association
- Volunteer Center

HAMMOND—FIRST FLOOR

Hammond's first floor features the Main Lounge, which is used a general event and meeting space. The first floor also houses study areas and the main entrance to the library. This building is a welcoming and accessible space for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors to enjoy. It is also home to many student jobs on campus.



8 THE QUADRANGLE

Great place to study or relax and many organizations will host events on the Quad throughout the year. Each spring, graduation exercises are held on the Quad. Surrounding the Quad are four of our six academic buildings: Percival, Thompson, Edgerly, and the Antonucci Science Complex.

Additional Campus Sites

A UNIVERSITY POLICE

Our University Police force is comprised of state trained officers who patrol our campus year-round. Officers patrol campus on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, and in cruisers. Fitchburg State's campus features over 30 emergency call boxes, which are located in each parking lot and outside of each building.



B MILLER HALL

Originally built as a women's dormitory, it is now used as faculty offices for professors in Economics, History, Political Science, and English Studies.



C TOWNHOUSES

Generally reserved for our upperclassmen students, the Townhouses include seven apartment-style buildings and a commons building and houses about 190 students. Each apartment is equipped with a combination living room/kitchen area, one-and-a-half baths, and one-person bedrooms.



D MARA VILLAGE

Comprised of eight residential buildings and Mara Commons, each building offers suite-style living. Approximately 40 students live in each building. Mara Commons also houses the Mail Center for all residential students.



E MCKAY COMPLEX

The McKay Complex is used for most education, business, and language courses. Half of the school is also used as a public Pre-K through 8th school with a focus on the arts for the city of Fitchburg—McKay Arts Academy. Students pursuing majors in elementary, early childhood and, special education will use this site for some of their student-teaching.



F WALLACE CIVIC CENTER

Houses one ice rink, which is open for free-skate by current students, and numerous updates including new ice making equipment, and new roofing.



G LANDRY ARENA

Strength and conditioning facility for Fitchburg State University athletes, and exercise and sports science students. The building also contains an indoor turf practice field.



H THEATER BLOCK

Home of the ideaLab and the game design studios. The Game Design practicum is hosted here. Game Design students have access to the ideaLab and their own private parking lot.



Campus Map



Tour Locations:

1. Anthony Student Service Center
2. Conlon Hall
3. Antonucci Science Complex
4. Holmes Dining Commons
5. Russell Towers
6. Recreation Center (This stop is optional)
7. Hammond Hall
8. Quadrangle

Additional Campus Sites:

- A. University Police
- B. Miller Hall
- C. Townhouses
- D. Mara Village
- E. McKay Complex
- F. Wallace Civic Center
- G. Landry Arena
- H. Theater Block (717 Main Street)



INSET



Frequently Asked Questions

How many students attend Fitchburg State?

Total undergraduate enrollment is approximately 3,500 day students. Including graduate, part-time and evening students, the total student population is approximately 7,000. The average class size is 19, and the student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1.

How big is the incoming freshman class?

On average, our incoming class is about 815 students.

How many students live on campus?

Approximately 65% of full-time students live in the residence halls on campus.

Do many students go home on the weekend?

On average, approximately 60% of our residents stay on-campus during the weekend. However, we do offer the flexibility for students from Massachusetts and nearby states to go home on the weekend to work or visit with hometown friends and family. There is still a lot to do on the weekend including events hosted by various clubs and organizations.

What is there to do in the area off-campus?

Fitchburg and Leominster offer students a variety of restaurants, bowling alleys, golf, movie complexes, shopping, art galleries, and historical societies. There are also many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with great spots for fishing, canoeing, skiing, camping, rock-climbing, and hiking. Many restaurants around the Fitchburg area offer discounts to students with a OneCard (your student ID) as well. Students without vehicles on campus can access both cities with public transit, which is free to ride with a OneCard.

Fitchburg's location also offers easy access to highways that make cities like Worcester and Boston very accessible to our students. Worcester is about thirty minutes south and Boston is about an hour east by car or commuter rail.

Is Fitchburg State test optional?

We are test optional for all of our academic programs.

Can freshmen have cars on campus?

Yes, freshmen students are allowed to have vehicles on campus. Resident students with less than 24 earned credits are only eligible for a Wallace Civic Center parking pass. Located at a walkable distance from the main campus, the Civic Center provides overflow parking for both resident and commuter students. The Civic Center pass is free for the academic year and it allows students to park in the main lots on campus Friday through Sunday evenings.

After earning 24 credits, resident students are eligible for a resident parking pass that costs \$100/year. All commuter students may choose to park either at the Civic Center for free or buy a commuter tag for \$50.

What programs are some of your more competitive programs?

Our Game Design and Nursing programs are our competitive majors as they have a limited number of seats that are offered for incoming freshman. Game Design only offers 60 spots per year and Nursing only offers 90 spots.

Is financial aid available?

Need-based financial aid is available for qualifying students who submit the FAFSA. Campus-wide we award \$43 million to 90% of our students in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. We also offer various merit-based scholarships for high achieving students.

Are on campus jobs available for students?

Yes, there are many options for students looking to work on campus. We offer trust-fund and federally funded work-study positions to qualifying students. Students may hold multiple positions on campus, but they may not work more than twenty hours per week. The Human Resources department maintains a job site, allowing for students to easily see which offices are hiring and submit their application materials electronically.

Is it likely that I will graduate in four years?

All of our academic programs are designed to be completed in four years. Each student needs to satisfy 120 total credits to be eligible for graduation. Most students will complete five courses each semester to be able to graduate in four years.

Is housing guaranteed all four years?

Housing is guaranteed for first year students that have returned their housing agreement and housing deposit by the defined date (May 1 for freshmen, July 1 for transfers). While we do not guarantee housing for all four years, to date we have been able to accommodate all requests made by current students who have met the room selection deadlines.

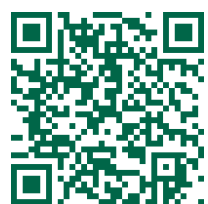
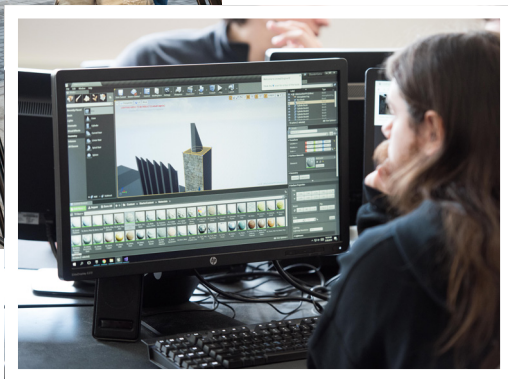
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ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



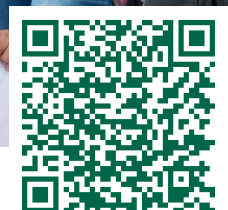
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COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA PROGRAM



FRESHMEN REQUIREMENTS



TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS



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