

## **Recommended Syllabus Sections**

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Syllabi provide important information to students about their courses, our expectations for members of the campus community, and the resources and support services that are available. We ask that faculty provide syllabi to students that are inclusive and accessible. The Health, Wellbeing, and Success section has been updated since August 2021 to bring it up to date with the current COVID-19 situation and guidance. Please update the language in your syllabi.

Below you will find recommended language for two sections of syllabi, accommodations and academic integrity, which are provided to faculty each year by Provost's and Deans' offices. Based on the recommendation of faculty, you will find an additional recommended section focused on health-promoting resources and online resources that were expanded during remote operation and that continue to be relevant.

A central focus for our campus is becoming a leading anti-racist and health promoting institution that especially welcomes immigrant-origin students. In this spirit, the recommended template language below includes collaboration with the Restorative Justice Commission and the Immigrant Student Success Initiative.

***This document is being provided in Word document format to facilitate copy-pasting the information below into syllabi.***

### Accommodations

UMass Boston is committed to creating learning environments that are inclusive and accessible. If you have a personal circumstance that will impact your learning and performance in this class, please let me know as soon as possible, so we can discuss the best ways to meet your needs and the requirements of the course. If you have a documented disability, or would like guidance about navigating support services, contact the Ross Center for Disability Services by email ([ross.center@umb.edu](mailto:ross.center@umb.edu)), phone (617-287-7430), or in person (Campus Center, UL Room 211). To receive accommodations, students must be registered with the Ross Center and must request accommodations each semester that they are in attendance at UMass Boston. For more information visit: [www.rosscenter.umb.edu](http://www.rosscenter.umb.edu). Please note that the Ross Center will provide a letter for your instructor with information about your accommodation only and not about your specific disability.

### Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct

Education at UMass Boston is sustained by academic integrity. Academic integrity requires that all members of the campus community are honest, trustworthy, responsible, respectful, and fair in academic work at the university. As part of being educated here, students learn, exercise, increase, and uphold academic integrity. Academic integrity is essential within all classrooms, in the many spaces where academic work is carried out by all members of the UMass Boston community, and in our local and global communities where the value of this education fulfills its role as a public good. Students are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, including

policies about academic integrity, delineated in the University of Massachusetts Boston Graduate Studies Bulletin, Undergraduate Catalog, and relevant program student handbook(s), linked at [www.umb.edu/academics/academic\\_integrity](http://www.umb.edu/academics/academic_integrity).

### Health, Wellbeing, and Success

The COVID-19 pandemic continues, and all students, faculty, and staff are required to be vaccinated, with limited exceptions. At the beginning of the Fall 2022 semester, masks are strongly recommended on campus but not required, for most individuals. Those who have been granted an exemption to the vaccination requirement must continue to mask indoors on campus. Masks are still required inside University Health Services. This indoor masking policy adheres to the CDC [Community Levels](#). Please note that UMass Boston will continue to follow CDC guidelines as they apply to local conditions and our vaccination, booster, and masking policy may change accordingly.

If you choose to or are required to wear a mask, medical guidance suggests that surgical masks, KN95-type masks, and other multi-layer filtered masks offer more protection against COVID-19 particles than cloth masks. If available to you, you are strongly recommended to use medical-grade masks to better protect yourself, your family, and others from virus particles. Double masking with one of these higher quality masks also provides increased protection. Surgical masks are also available at various campus locations.

To safeguard your own health and safety as well as that of all students, staff, and faculty, you are reminded to follow the campus policies regarding masking, vaccination, daily self-checks, isolation and quarantine guidelines, and other relevant rules regarding public health and safety. The campus policies and the most updated guidelines can be found at [https://www.umb.edu/coronavirus/covid\\_19\\_university\\_policy](https://www.umb.edu/coronavirus/covid_19_university_policy).

Based on the best available data, research, and health guidelines, we believe our safeguards all contribute to reducing the spread of COVID-19 on campus and minimizing the chance of severe symptomatology and hospitalizations. If you test positive for COVID-19, or if you are exposed to COVID-19 and are unvaccinated, you are expected to follow the university's isolation and quarantine guidelines, and I expect you to inform me if you will be absent for this reason. If you are absent or unable to complete coursework due to following the university's guidelines, I will provide flexibility to the greatest extent possible. Details are provided for students in such situations and are addressed in this syllabus.

UMass Boston is a vibrant, multi-cultural, and inclusive institution committed to ensuring that all members of our diverse campus community are able to thrive and succeed. The university provides a wide variety of resources to support students' overall success. As we continue to deal with the evolving impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, these resources are more important than ever.

- Are you in emotional distress? Call 617.287.5690 to speak with a licensed clinician 24/7 who can offer support, crisis recommendations, and assistance with finding resources.

- Have a campus question or issue? Use Here4U in the UMass Boston app or via [www.umb.edu/here4U](http://www.umb.edu/here4U).
- Want advice in navigating a university or life situation? Contact the Dean of Students Office at [www.umb.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.umb.edu/deanofstudents).
- Want to connect with housing and food insecurity support, student life groups and events, or recreation activities? Visit [www.umb.edu/life](http://www.umb.edu/life).
- Want to access resources specifically for immigrant-origin, DACA, TPS, and undocumented students? Visit [www.umb.edu/immigrant](http://www.umb.edu/immigrant).
- Looking for additional identity-based community support? Find more resources at [www.umb.edu/identity-support](http://www.umb.edu/identity-support)
- Want to make the most of your academic experience? Visit [www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic\\_support](http://www.umb.edu/academics/vpass/academic_support).
- Unable to attend class on a specific date or participate in an exam or class requirement due to a religious observance? Fill out the excused absence form (requires 2-weeks' notice) to request religious accommodation at [www.umb.edu/religiousabsence](http://www.umb.edu/religiousabsence).