

UMass Amherst College and Dorm Proximity Data

Data for Roommate Compatibility and Dorm Ranking Application

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Academic Proximity Ranking Guide

This table cross-references UMass Amherst academic colleges and specific majors with the most geographically proximate residential areas and individual dorm halls. This data is critical for prioritizing housing based on minimizing walking time to core classes.

College	Major (Examples)	Closest Academic Building	Aca-	Residential Area	Proxi-	Notes for Priority Ranking
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Isenberg School of Management	Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Operations Management, Sport Management	Isenberg School of Management	School	Southwest	Cance Hall	Isenberg sits directly between Southwest and Central. Cance/James are low-rises near the path to the business school.
College of Natural Sciences (CNS)	Biology, Chemistry, Geosciences, Mathematics, Physics, Environmental Science	Morrill Center, Graduate Research Center	Science Lederle	Orchard Hill	Webster Hall	Morrill Science Center (Life Sciences) is just down the hill from the Orchard Hill quad, making Webster/Dickinson highly convenient.
College of Information & Computer Sciences (CICS)	Computer Informatics, Science, Data Science	Integrated Science Building (ISB), Physical Sciences Building	Sci-	Northeast	Knowlton Hall	These buildings are clustered near the Campus Center and Du Bois Library, and Knowlton is optimally positioned in the Northeast Quad for this central access.

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Daniel J. Riccio Jr. College of Engineering	Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering	Marcus Hall, Gunn Engineering, Engineering Lab		Northeast	Leach Hall	The entire Engineering complex is directly adjacent to the Northeast residential area, with Leach/Hamlin/Dwight offering the shortest walk.
College of Humanities and Fine Arts (HFA)	English, History, Philosophy, Architecture, Music, Theater, Art	Herter Hall, Fine Arts Center, Bartlett Hall		Central	Gorman Hall	Gorman and Van Meter are centrally located, offering great proximity to the Fine Arts Center and the academic buildings on the east side of campus (Herter/Bartlett).
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS)	Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Journalism, Anthropology	Bartlett Hall, Machmer Hall, Thompson Hall		Central	Chadbourne Hall	SBS departments are central. Chadbourne/Greenough are close to the bridge leading directly to Bartlett Hall and the central campus mall.
Elaine Marieb College of Nursing	Nursing	Skinner Hall		Orchard Hill	Dickinson Hall	Skinner Hall is across from Morrill Science Center. Dickinson/Webster offer the quiet atmosphere of Orchard Hill with very fast access to this complex.
School of Public Health and Health Sciences (SPHHS)	Kinesiology, Public Health, Nutrition, Communication Disorders	Arnold House, Totman Gym		Northeast	Hamlin Hall	The SPHHS buildings are on the northeast edge of campus, making the halls in the northern part of the Northeast Quad the best fit.

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College of Education	Education	Furcolo Hall		Northeast	Johnson Hall	Furcolo Hall is located far north. Johnson, Lewis, and Thatcher are multi-year halls located in the northernmost section of Northeast, providing the best access.
Commonwealth Honors College (CHC)	*All Majors* (Honors requirements)	Honors Advising Center, CHC Classrooms		CHCRC	Oak Hall	The CHCRC complex is purpose-built. Oak and Sycamore are the main first-year halls directly housing Honors classrooms and advising.