

## UMASS BOSTON CAMPUS -- Best Places to Study

### BY YOURSELF

#### ***Places with few distractions***

Need a quiet place to get work done? Try these if you're the type of person who needs to avoid distractions in order to really focus on what you're studying:

- ❖ Healey Library is a reliable spot with plenty of studying space. The UL and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor have general use computer labs. Nearly every floor has cubicles and desks for quiet independent studying. If you don't want any noise, the 6<sup>th</sup> floor designated as the Quiet Study Floor—it is designed for individual study, and no cell phones are allowed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors also have comfy sofa areas.
- ❖ Quinn Administration Building On the UL right next to the stairs is a great quiet place to study. There are tables and chairs, as well as comfy armchairs and booths. Plenty of outlets are available and there is a good combination of artificial light and sunlight coming in through the tall windows. This spot is not completely silent, as it is close to the elevators and stairs, but it is relaxing and generally quiet.

#### ***Social places***

Do you work better with a little noise in the background? Try the following spots, which are usually kept busy with people going in and out all day

- ❖ Jazzman Café is located at the main entrance of Healey library has a few tables on the side along a window. In the back part of the café is a small bar-style area to have a cup of coffee and get some reading done. There is also a computer lab behind the café
- ❖ Starbucks located on the first floor of the McCormack building has sofas and chairs
- ❖ Food Court in the Campus Center is always busy and is a great place to enjoy a meal or snack while getting work done. There is great lighting, as well as tables along the window looking out into the harbor
- ❖ Campus Center Atrium located on the UL, the atrium has plenty of tables and armchairs (several outlets too). It is next to the Peet's Coffee shop, where you can get food, snacks, and beverages

- ❖ Campus Center Lounges, Tables, and Chairs are located throughout the second and third floors of the Campus Center building. They are great for individual work, but you can also take mini breaks to socialize as people walk through the Campus Center
- ❖ First Floor of Wheatley Building has some small tables and sofas right next to the entrance (the one closest to the Campus Center)
- ❖ Quinn Café is located on the UL of the Quinn Administration building. The café is small but is sectioned off from the rest of the building. It has individual tables as well as bigger ones to do a little group work. There aren't many outlets, but the lighting is good. Depending on the time of day it can be noisy or quieter (lunch time, for example will be busier)

### WITH A GROUP

- ❖ Healey Library Study Rooms Ten study rooms are available on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor: four large group study rooms (6 to 8 people), four small group study rooms (4 to 6 people), and two small rooms (no more than 2 people). These rooms have two dry-erase boards each. One large room that can seat up to 15 people is on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. This room has a large blackboard. If you're planning to meet with a group here, you can reserve it through the Circulation Desk located at the main entrance, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- ❖ Quinn Administration Building Also a good place for individual work, this spot is located on the UL with booths that are great for working on a group project or study session.
- ❖ Ryan Lounge is located on the third floor of the McCormack building. If taking stairs, walk straight down to the end. If taking the elevator, walk to your left all the way down to the end. Ryan Lounge is often used to host events, so make sure you peak in there before you bring in a whole group of people. If it is not reserved for an event, it is a spacious place to get group work done, with great lighting. There are plenty of tables and lots of outlets