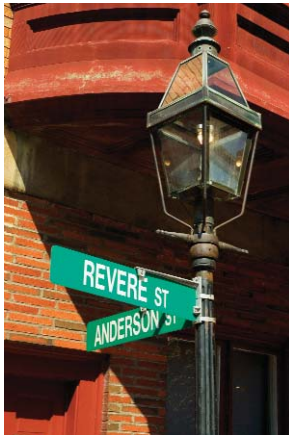


Where to stay and what to do  
on campus visits.



As you might expect from America's College Town, we've taken the uncertainty out of campus visits. We inform students and parents of the wide variety of degree programs at our colleges and universities, where to stay during campus visits, and how to get a taste for life in our part of the world.

For hotel and restaurant advice, as well as sightseeing, go to Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau [www.BostonUSA.com](http://www.BostonUSA.com) and the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com).

Chances are, the right college or university is here for you and with so much to do, we believe a trip to Massachusetts is a must for students and parents alike. Once you've been here, you'll see why we have so many enthusiastic alumni who "Think Mass."

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# THINK MASS.

Your Guide to  
Visiting Massachusetts  
Colleges and Universities.



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# STUDENT-FRIENDLY.



Think of us as America's College Town.

More than 500,000 students go to private and public colleges and graduate schools in Massachusetts at more than 100 campuses.

Many of our colleges and universities are located in bustling cities, others in the bucolic countryside or quiet suburbs. All are involved in their local communities.

About 25 percent of students in Massachusetts come from out of state. Our private universities also attract many international students, led by India, China, Korea and Japan.

And because many campuses are so near one another, there are many opportunities to get to know students at other colleges. Most campuses are near public transportation, so a car isn't necessary.

Boston and surrounding communities are home to more than 60 colleges and universities, including renowned institutions such as Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brandeis University, Boston University, Tufts University, Boston College and Wellesley College.

Massachusetts is home to dozens of Nobel laureates, including one recently named from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. Harvard has won 78 Nobel prizes; MIT has earned 63 honors.

Is it any wonder we've been called the "Athens of America" ?

# PARENT-FRIENDLY.



Massachusetts is attractive to parents as well as to students.

Higher education, both public and private, is serious business here.

One survey of more than 500 business leaders in eastern Massachusetts found that 80 percent of them completed their educations in Massachusetts (*Boston Business Journal*).

Major employers provide internships for students and recent graduates. Boston's Northeastern University has a well-established work-study program with area employers; and Suffolk University is located on Beacon Hill in the heart of state government.

Massachusetts is home to world renowned hospitals and medical schools, which lead the nation in federal funds for medical research. Kendall Square in Cambridge is the center of a burgeoning biotech industry.

In addition to four- and five-star restaurants, visitors enjoy excellent ethnic dining, featuring Brazilian, Caribbean, Chinese, French, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, as well as American cooking.

Accommodations are available at a wide variety of hotels, inns, and bed & breakfasts. Entertainment is close at hand including pre-Broadway live theatre, top comedy clubs, and a wide selection of movies, museums, and live music.

# COMPETITION.



Photo: Susan Lapides

The Head of the Charles Regatta (above) annually attracts rowing teams from colleges across the country and around the world.

The Beanpot is the premier ice hockey tournament among Boston College, Boston University, Harvard and Northeastern.

Many Massachusetts colleges are nationally ranked in baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, track and field, even horseback riding. And intramural sports are popular on many campuses.

The Boston Marathon, the world's oldest (1897) annual marathon, draws tens of thousands of runners, from elite Olympic runners to first-time amateurs, who are cheered equally by 600,000 spectators.

The Boston Red Sox play at legendary Fenway Park, where in-season tours are always popular. Top-level minor league teams in the Sox farm system also offer a chance to see future stars a short drive from Boston.

Three-time Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots, and the New England Revolution, the professional soccer team, do their kicking in Foxboro a short hop from Boston or Worcester.

The storied Boston Celtics and the Boston Bruins shoot and skate at TD Banknorth Garden. And some of the fastest runners can be seen at USA Track and Field meets at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

The Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, where James Naismith invented the game, is a modern, hands-on, interactive facility.

Skiing and golf are available from the Berkshires to Boston.

# CULTURE.



The Boston Symphony Orchestra (above) is one of the world's great orchestras, led by James Levine, its internationally acclaimed conductor. Tanglewood is the summer home of the BSO in western Massachusetts.

Music is heard year round at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston Lyric Opera, Handel and Haydn Society (the oldest choral company in the U.S.), Jordan Hall, Symphony Hall, Berklee Performance Center, and Emerson's Cutler Majestic Theatre.

The Boston Ballet is a nationally respected classical dance company.

Nationally reviewed dramatic performances are held at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge and the Huntington Theatre and the Citi Performing Arts Center in Boston.

Museums are plentiful and varied. The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Clark Art Institute, DeCordova Museum, MassMoCA, Peabody Essex Museum, Worcester Art Museum, Museum of Science, Harvard University's Fogg Museum and Museum of Natural History, Rose Museum at Brandeis University, and McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College.

The Institute of Contemporary Art has a spectacular new waterfront home along Boston Harbor.

# Massachusetts Colleges and Universities



Boston College, Chestnut Hill

## Private colleges and universities

Massachusetts has more than 100 private colleges, universities, graduate schools and community colleges, clustered into three major regions.

### Region I

The Greater Boston region includes: Babson College, Bentley College, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Caritas Labouré College, Curry College, Dean College, Emerson College, Emmanuel College, Endicott College, Fisher College, Gordon College, Harvard University, Hebrew College, Lasell College, Lesley University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Merrimack College, Mount Ida College, New England College of Optometry, New England Conservatory of Music, Newbury College, Northeastern University, Olin College of Engineering, Pine Manor College, Regis College, Simmons College, Stonehill College, Suffolk University, Tufts University, Urban College of Boston, Wellesley College, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wheaton College, and Wheelock College.

### Region II

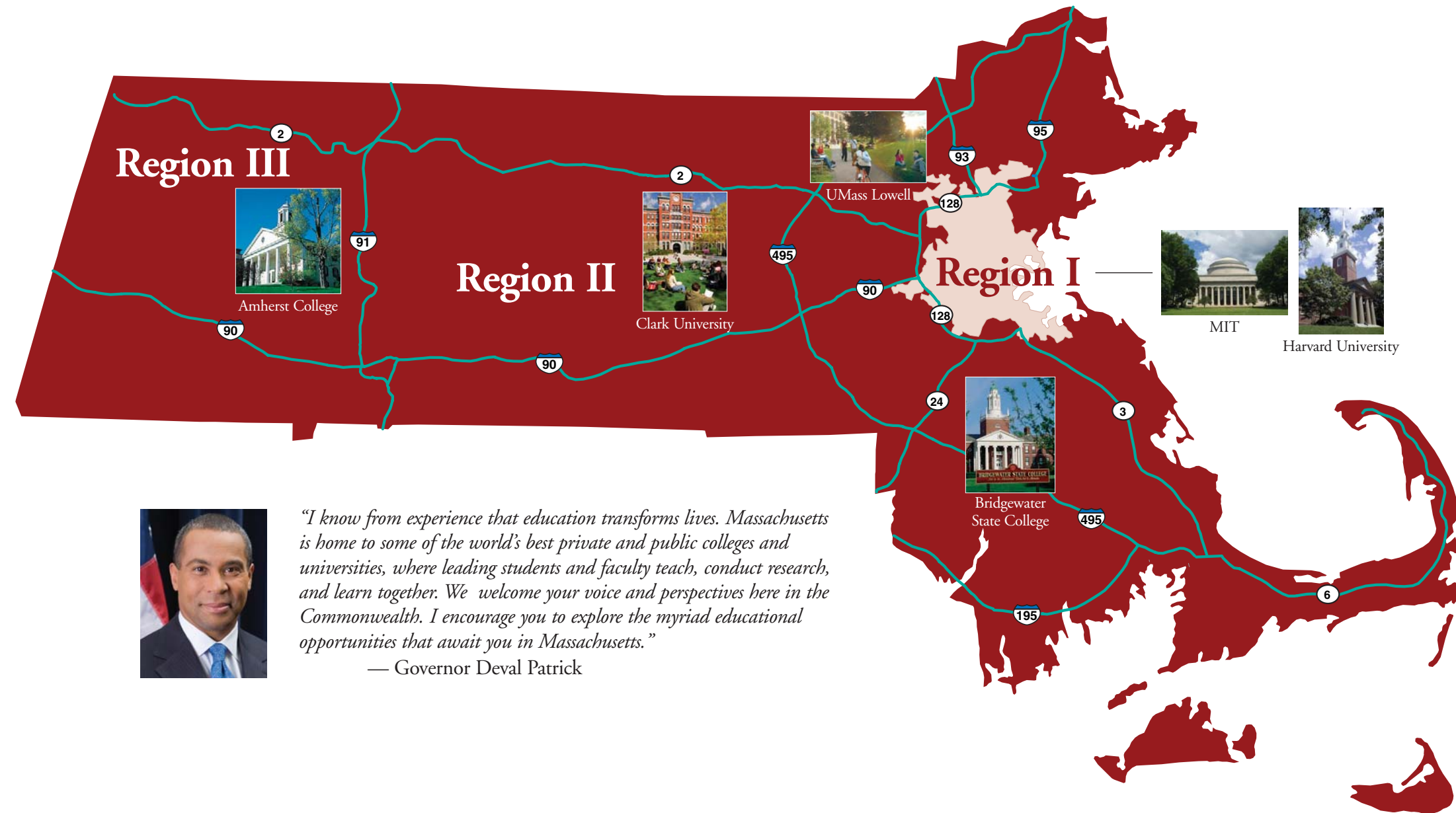
The Central area is home to Anna Maria College, Assumption College, Atlantic Union College, Becker College, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Nichols College, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

### Region III

In the Pioneer Valley there are five world-class private colleges — Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and Williams College, which are complemented by five outstanding colleges in the greater Springfield area: American International College, Bay Path College, Elms College, Springfield College, and Western New England College.

For information go to : Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts, [MassColleges.org](http://MassColleges.org)

# A WORLD OF CHOICES.



*"I know from experience that education transforms lives. Massachusetts is home to some of the world's best private and public colleges and universities, where leading students and faculty teach, conduct research, and learn together. We welcome your voice and perspectives here in the Commonwealth. I encourage you to explore the myriad educational opportunities that await you in Massachusetts."*

— Governor Deval Patrick

## Public colleges and universities

### Universities

University of Massachusetts Amherst • University of Massachusetts Boston • University of Massachusetts Dartmouth • University of Massachusetts Lowell • University of Massachusetts Worcester

### Comprehensive state colleges

Bridgewater State College • Fitchburg State College • Framingham State College • Salem State College • Westfield State College • Worcester State College

### Community colleges

Berkshire Community College • Bristol Community College • Bunker Hill Community College • Cape Cod Community College • Greenfield Community College • Holyoke Community College • Massachusetts Bay Community College • Massasoit Community College • Middlesex Community College • Mount Wachusett Community College • Northern Essex Community College • North Shore Community College • Quinsigamond Community College • Roxbury Community College • Springfield Technical Community College

### Specialized state colleges

Massachusetts College of Art • Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts • Massachusetts Maritime Academy

For information on Massachusetts public colleges, universities, and community colleges, go to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, [Mass.edu](http://Mass.edu); and the Massachusetts Education Finance Administration, [MEFA.org](http://MEFA.org)

# HISTORIC.



Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II, (above) mark the earliest days of the Massachusetts colony. Both are a short drive south of Boston.

The American Revolution began with the “Shot Heard Round the World” at battles in Lexington and Concord. Minute Man National Park brings the clashes to life as visitors explore the battlefields. Paul Revere rode there from Boston’s Old North Church to warn the patriots that the British were coming.

The Concord homes of Louisa May Alcott and Ralph Waldo Emerson are nearby, as is Walden Pond, where Henry David Thoreau wrote about living simply.

Boston’s three-mile Freedom Trail traces important sites in the American Revolution. One, the site of the Boston Massacre, is where in 1770 a black man and former slave, Crispus Attucks, became the first American to die for the new country.

The Industrial Revolution began in Lowell. Salem is home of the witch trials and Nathaniel Hawthorne’s House of Seven Gables. Moby Dick, Herman Melville’s classic novel, is set in New Bedford.

The world’s oldest (1797) commissioned ship afloat, the USS Constitution, is docked in Boston Harbor. From the deck you can see historic Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown,

Battleship Cove in Fall River is the world’s largest historic ship exhibit; it features a World War II battleship, restored PT boats similar to Lt. John F. Kennedy’s PT 109, and a submarine open for inspection.

The African Meeting House is the oldest black church still standing in the U.S. It is a stop on the Black Heritage Trail on Beacon Hill, in the shadow of the Bulfinch-designed State House with its golden dome.

# DIVERSE.



Boston’s neighborhoods are a tapestry of ethnic groups. The city’s oldest neighborhood, the North End, has a rich ethnic history, settled in succession by Irish, Jewish, and Italian immigrants.

Boston’s Chinatown is the third largest Chinese neighborhood in the country.

Roxbury, Boston’s thriving African-American community, is home to the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists and the Roxbury Center for the Arts.

Jamaica Plain is the Boston address of a variety of Hispanic cultures and businesses. A growing population of Asian, Latino and Cape Verdean immigrants calls the Dorchester neighborhood home. African-Americans, Haitians, and other Caribbean natives live in Mattapan. And Allston-Brighton has thriving Russian, Brazilian, Asian and Irish enclaves.

The Boston Red Sox have two star pitchers from Japan on their roster, Daisuke Matsuzaka and Hideki Okajima. But Japanese people have been traveling to Massachusetts since 1841.

In Cambridge, Harvard University and MIT, as well as Lesley University, draw top students and academics from around the world. The Cambridge Multicultural Arts Center helps diverse populations understand one another through visual and performance arts presented in state-of-the-art facilities.

# STIMULATING.



Music and nightlife are never in short supply in Massachusetts. Top musical acts visit Boston, Worcester, and venues south, north, and west. In recent years, the Rolling Stones (above) and Bruce Springsteen filled Fenway Park.

Performers such as Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, Kenny Chesney, and Beyonce, have played to appreciative audiences. Major music venues include Bank of America Pavilion, DCU Center, Orpheum Theatre, TD Banknorth Garden, Tsongas Arena, and Tweeter Center.

Because we're America's College Town, artists of every kind perform on campuses throughout the year.

Those with more classical tastes appreciate internationally acclaimed musicians and conductors at Boston Symphony Hall.

One of the most visited sites in Boston is a bit quieter, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, which is also the repository for Ernest Hemingway's papers.

Massachusetts takes politics seriously. Many candidates for President appear here to address students, who are in great demand to work in their campaigns. Campaign debates are frequently held in Boston and Cambridge and at area campuses.

# RELAXING.



Consider your options.

Gorgeous sandy beaches along the North and South Shores. The dunes of Cape Cod. The getaway islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The peaceful green Berkshires in western Massachusetts. The summer concerts at Tanglewood. The Brimfield Fair, the largest antique show in the region, with 5,000 dealers from around the country.

The free outdoor performances at the Hatch Shell along the Charles River, includes the famous 4th of July Boston Pops concert and fireworks that millions watch on national television and thousands see in person.

The first public park in America, Boston Common. The Public Garden, an urban oasis of flowers and swan boats. The Arnold Arboretum's acres of trees, bushes and flowers. The spectacular color show of the region's fall foliage season.

The shopping along Newbury Street and the underwater sights of the New England Aquarium.