



FITCHBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY

defy

expectations



NOT YOUR TYPICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

WOW



It's a word you hear a lot, spoken from the mouths of students, parents, professors and alums — actually, from just about anyone who steps onto campus. What's all the wow about?

Fitchburg State is defying expectations.

Sure, we may be a small state university, but we offer exceptional programs rivaling those of other schools. Take our Nursing Department, which has one of the highest placement rates of any national program; or Game Design, which is the first major of its kind in any Massachusetts state school. Look closer and you'll find other outstanding programs, such as Criminal Justice, Education, Industrial Technology — and the list goes on.

Also unexpected: our campus. From the moment you're here, you become part of a close-knit community of students, faculty, staff and alumni that earnestly look out for each other. And behind the doors of our brick buildings you'll find modern facilities — like the 110,000-square-foot Antonucci Science Complex with state-of-the-art labs — and we continue to invest in improvements campus-wide.

Perhaps most unexpected, though, is that we offer a quality learning experience at a quarter of the cost of many private institutions. A Fitchburg State University education is affordable, hands-on and life-changing.

Fitchburg State will change your expectations about what a state school should look like, feel like and be like. You're invited to learn more about being a Falcon.



DEFYING THE LANDSCAPE:

YEP, WE'RE THE SCHOOL WITH THE SMOKESTACK SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMPUS. ITS DOUBLE-WALLED STEEL STACK RISES 250 FEET ABOVE ITS SIX-FOOT CONCRETE BASE, AND IS THE PERFECT VANTAGE POINT WHEN YOU'RE LOST OR NEED A MEETING PLACE WITH FRIENDS.



Watch how our students are defying expectations fitchburgstate.edu/defy

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO GET FROM A FOUR-YEAR EDUCATION?

Now, before you answer, let's turn the question around. What do you expect from yourself to make the most of a four-year education?

There's a quality that Fitchburg State students tend to share. It's a drive, a tenacity to get their hands dirty and do the hard work. Falcons like to dig in to reach their goals.

College is more than just opening books and taking tests. It's about making connections, developing insight, embracing diverse perspectives and turning failures into learning experiences. It's about discovering what you're passionate about, setting your sights on a goal and then shattering it.

So, the question is not what do you expect from an education, it's what expectations you'll set for yourself when you become part of Fitchburg State.

ALL ABOUT FIRSTS

College is all about firsts. If you're like many students, being on campus will mark your first time living away from home, whether that means the next town over or 2,000 miles away. Or, you may be the first in your family to attend college. No matter what your first may be we're here to help you with the ins and outs of academics and campus life.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Unsure of what the future holds? You're not alone. Focus on the Future is a program that helps you make informed decisions about your major; it's a great way to explore different professions, get advice about career paths and improve networking, interviewing and other valuable skills. Find out more at fitchburgstate.edu/focusonthefuture

FIRST-YEAR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE (FYRE)

The First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE) is a program that helps you transition to college life with tutoring and other support services. FYRE offers an ideal environment to make new friends and build new networks. Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/fyre

SET
EXPECTATIONS.
THEN



SHATTER THEM

PLANT YOUR FEET HERE AND DIG IN



THERE'S A LOT TO LEARN HERE.

Fitchburg State offers three undergraduate degree programs: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Science in Education.

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CONCENTRATIONS
ranging from
Accounting to Biotechnology
to International Politics

30

MAJORS
including
Communications Media,
Economics and
Psychological Science

47

MINORS
featuring courses such
as African-American Studies,
French and Theater

To view the complete listing of concentrations, majors
and minors, visit fitchburgstate.edu/academics



UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

The Honors Program replaces the traditional liberal arts and sciences curriculum with a challenging, innovative course structure. As an Honors Program student, you'll interact with professors in small classes, attend cultural events and complete a two-semester honors thesis in an area of your own choosing. Eligible students receive a Fitchburg State University Honors scholarship valued at \$2,000 a year and recognition as a Massachusetts Commonwealth Honors Scholar.

REAL-LIFE LESSONS

Real-life experiences can lead to some of the most valuable lessons. The Life Experience Credit Award Program (LECAP) recognizes that some students may have acquired knowledge and skills through life experiences, which may align with course offerings. For example, you can earn up to 12 credits for your previous trade experience in our Occupational/Vocational Education program. Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/LECAP

IF COLLEGE WAS JUST ABOUT
SITTING IN CLASSROOMS —

WELL, THAT'D BE PRETTY BORING

At Fitchburg State, you'll find learning opportunities everywhere you turn, designed to enhance your learning experience and prepare your road to success.

LECOM

As a student in the LECOM early acceptance program, you'll be on track to become a doctor of osteopathic medicine, dental medicine or pharmacy. Eligible students complete four years of study at Fitchburg State before advancing to the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/lecom

FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

The Fitchburg State University Model UN (MUN) Club brings students together from all majors to tackle challenging international scenarios through role-playing exercises. The MUN team has competed with students from all over the world in conferences held at Harvard, Yale, Northeastern and McGill.

VISIONS

Visions recognizes the year's best original student work from the Communications Media Department. The annual juried honors showcase features a gallery art exhibition, film screenings and a presentation forum. Awards are given in a number of categories, including theater, interactive media, communications and graphic design.

CLASS TRIPS

A nine-day spring break trip in 2016 had game design students and faculty crisscrossing Japan to explore landmarks in art and game design. "The trip combined a diverse survey of games, manga and anime, as well as the traditional arts and culture in Japan," says Jon Amakawa, assistant professor of game design and interactive media.

► To see more academic opportunities, visit fitchburgstate.edu/opportunities



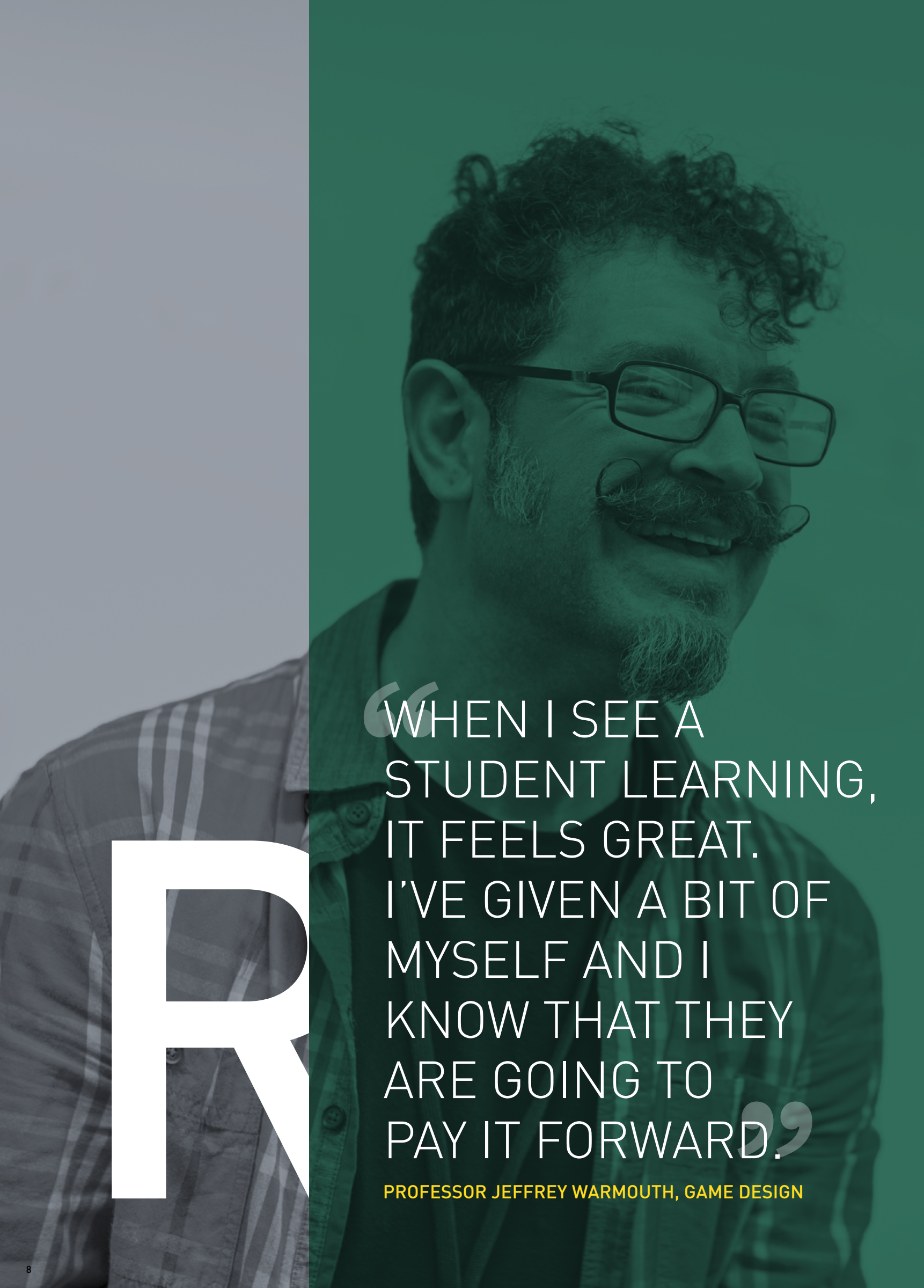
→ THEN GO EVEN DEEPER



our faculty
really, really
like teaching
here

Really

← Don't believe us? Check this out!



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I’VE GIVEN A BIT OF
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ARE GOING TO
PAY IT FORWARD.”

PROFESSOR JEFFREY WARMOUTH, GAME DESIGN

WHEN THEY’RE NOT IN THE CLASSROOM, MANY OF THE FACULTY ARE PURSUING THEIR PASSIONS. JUST LOOK AT OUR COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA DEPARTMENT. M. ZACHARY LEE WROTE AND DIRECTED THE SHORT FILM, *THE GHOST BIKE*, WHICH PREMIERED AT THE 2016 INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL IN BOSTON. KEVIN MCCARTHY CO-PRODUCED A FULL-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY, *STUMPED*, ABOUT A MAN WHO RECEIVED THE FIRST ARM TRANSPLANT. MARY BAKER IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A FEATURE-LENGTH SCREENPLAY.

How does a small university like Fitchburg State deliver on the promise of providing a world-class learning experience? Look no further than our faculty. Fitchburg State is home to some of the finest scholars, researchers and practitioners in their fields. In fact, 9 out of 10 of the faculty hold terminal degrees. Best of all, they really like teaching here.

Really.

With an average class size of 21 and a student-to-faculty ratio of 14 to 1, you’ll work closely with your professors to shape your learning experience. Remember, they are here to support and mentor you throughout every aspect of your college life.

← Don’t believe us? Check this out!

A photograph of two young men in a computer lab. The man in the foreground is wearing a grey beanie, glasses, and a grey sweatshirt with yellow lettering. He is looking intently at a computer monitor. The man in the background is wearing a blue sweatshirt and is also looking at the screen. The background is blurred, showing other lab equipment and lights.

you can
do that at
Fitchburg
State?

Absolutely →

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Complete your bachelor's degree in criminal justice within four years, then follow it up with a one-year master's program that includes academy certification from the Municipal Police Training Committee. Our nationally recognized Criminal Justice program prepares students with street-ready skills in crime causation and prevention, research and evaluation methods, and moral and ethical issues.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/criminaljustice



EDUCATION

The classroom will become your classroom as you observe and participate in active teaching sessions at The McKay Arts Academy, a pre-K to grade 8 innovation school. Fitchburg State offers several degrees in early, elementary, middle school, secondary and special education that prepare passionate teachers to instruct future generations. Our Early Education program focuses on pre-K through grade 2, while the Elementary Education program teaches effective strategies to work with grades 1-6. The nationally accredited programs at Fitchburg State grant students the opportunity to work in a number of states, including Massachusetts.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/education



FILM/VIDEO

Calling the next Scorsese or JJ Abrams! Our Film and Video concentration covers all aspects of film and digital media, including narrative fiction and documentary filmmaking. This is a hands-on, hit-the-ground-running experience where you'll learn the technical and aesthetic aspects of media creation — and with full access to gear and facilities. During your final semester, take in all you can learn from a full-time internship in Boston, Los Angeles, New York or anywhere there's a story waiting to be told.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/filmandvideo



GAME DESIGN

More than a game; this is a career. Our Game Design program invites you to explore every facet of game design, including computer programming, 3D modeling and animation, level design, mobile platforms and creative writing. Playtest your creations in the Game Lounge among your peers on a variety of platforms and systems. Then, apply what you learn in an internship or partnership with companies like MassDIGI, Turbine and other game studios. You'll also have the opportunity to continue your studies post-graduation in the M.S. in Applied Communications program.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/gamedesign



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Our Industrial Technology Program is the most comprehensive and advanced program of its kind in Massachusetts. Develop real-world technical and application skills in design, engineering, construction and production across a number of concentrations, including Architectural Technology, Construction Technology and Technical Theatre Arts. The job placement rate for our Industrial Technology graduates exceeds 90 percent, and many of our graduates go on to pursue advanced degrees.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/industrialtech



NURSING

Fitchburg State was the first public state university in Massachusetts to offer a nursing program. More than 50 years later, our program is still going strong with state-of-the-art simulation labs and lifelike manikins that challenge your clinical and decision-making skills. Our Department of Nursing offers three undergraduate degree tracks: a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing, an accelerated track for LPN to BS in Nursing and an RN to BS in Nursing. Nearly 97 percent of Fitchburg State nursing students who take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass on their first attempt.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/nursing





Intern in Boston. Learn in Los Angeles. Ou étude à Paris.

Be one of the hundreds of Fitchburg State students who participate in an internship every year. You'll develop strong communication, leadership and teamwork skills, while you expand your professional network. And if you're like Kate and Ben, you may just find your calling.

There's nothing like experiencing a culture firsthand — because when you begin to explore the different customs and beliefs of a new place, you learn a lot about yourself. Fitchburg State offers study abroad opportunities throughout the United States and all over the world. We also have student exchange programs with universities in Japan, Germany, Italy and the UK.



“PRAGUE HAS EVERYTHING A PERSON NEEDS. ALTHOUGH IT WAS FORMERLY TRAPPED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, I THINK THAT IT SAVED PRAGUE’S CULTURE FROM BEING CONTAMINATED BY WESTERN INFLUENCE AND ALLOWED THE CZECH CULTURE TO REMAIN CZECH. PRAGUE IS UNIQUELY ON ITS OWN.”

NICK WILSON '15
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION

“STUDYING ABROAD WAS THE ABSOLUTE PINNACLE OF MY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE. IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS, SEE AND DO THINGS THAT MOST PEOPLE WILL ONLY DREAM OF, AND DEVELOP SKILLS AND FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE, THEN STUDYING ABROAD IS FOR YOU.”

PAUL FARIA '16
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA



NAME: Kate Robinson
MAJOR: Communications Media
YEAR: 2012
INTERNSHIP: Sesame Workshop

Kate Robinson spent her final semester as an intern with Sesame Workshop in New York City, and learned valuable lessons from those around her — including the furry ones. “I really liked examining the workflow between different departments and how to make it better,” Kate says. “It just confirmed my decision to work in this field.” At the end of the internship, Kate joined Sesame Workshop as a production assistant.



NAME: Ben DeTour
MAJOR: Communications Media
YEAR: 2013
INTERNSHIP: National Geographic Channel

Ben DeTour discovered his dream job while interning for the National Geographic Channel (NGC) in Washington DC. Today, Ben helps producers at NGC with editing, re-narration, coordinating license agreements, obtaining rights to footage, and other tasks. “There’s not a doubt in my mind that, under the help and guidance of those around me, I’ll become a producer someday,” says Ben.

A list of just some of the internship opportunities for past Fitchburg State students:

- » The Boston Celtics
- » Children’s Hospital Boston
- » CNN
- » Genzyme
- » The Boston Globe
- » Raytheon Corporation
- » Cisco
- » Sterilite Corporation
- » Smith Barney Investments
- » ESPN
- » deCordova Museum
- » ACLU
- » New England Aquarium
- » Department of Homeland Security
- » Miramax Films
- » John Hancock
- » Princess Cruise Lines
- » IBM
- » NFL Films
- » Massachusetts State House
- » Disneyland
- » New England Patriots

Learn more about internship opportunities at fitchburgstate.edu/internships



How can shooting hoops, flipping a puck or spiking the ball enhance the learning experience? The qualities you develop from participating in a sport — whether it’s intercollegiate, intramural or a club activity — can help you become a more well-rounded Falcon. You’ll learn skills like collaboration and problem solving as you dig in deep to come out on top.

Fitchburg State offers 17 categories of men’s and women’s intercollegiate sports as a member of the NCAA Division III conference:

MEN’S

- Football
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Ice Hockey
- Basketball
- Indoor Track
- Baseball
- Track and Field

WOMEN’S

- Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Indoor Track
- Softball
- Track and Field
- Lacrosse



FIGHT THE FRESHMAN 15
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RECREATION CENTER — WITH ITS SPIN BIKES, AEROBIC STEPS, CARDIO EQUIPMENT, WEIGHTS AND MORE — TO HELP YOU STAY FIT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

- ▶ Catch up on everything about Falcon Pride at Fitchburg State’s site for athletics: fitchburgfalcons.com

We have Ultimate Frisbee, racquetball and, yes, even kickball.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

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| Flag Football | Billiards |
| Ultimate Frisbee | 3x3 Floor Hockey |
| 2x2 Sand Volleyball | Table Tennis |
| Wiffle ball | Basketball |
| 3x3 Basketball | Dodgeball |
| Softball | Sports Trivia |
| Racquetball | Triathlon |
| Indoor Soccer | 4x4 Sand Volleyball |
| Volleyball | Soccer |
| Weightlifting | Tennis |
| Basketball Shooting | Home Run Derby |
| | Kickball |

- ▶ View a complete listing of our recreational activities at fitchburgstate.edu/athletics





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that's how falcons fly



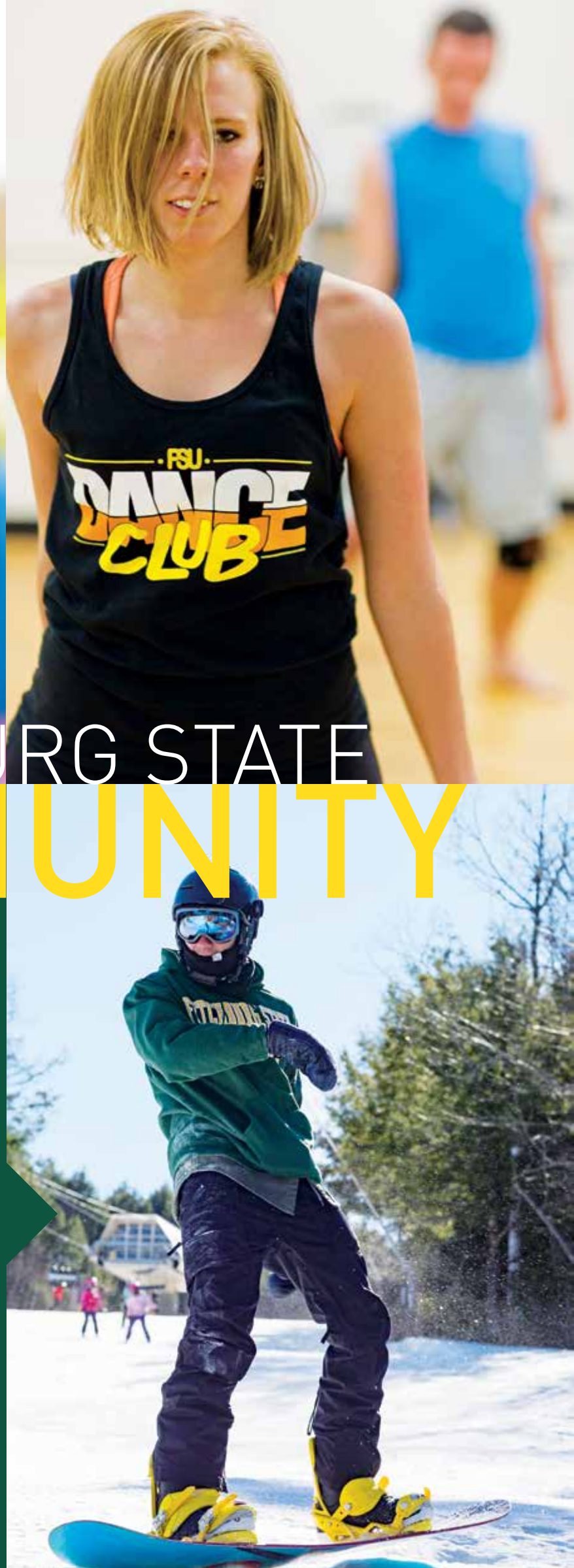
JOIN UP. JOIN IN.

JOIN THE FITCHBURG STATE COMMUNITY

PLAY

Get into a heated debate about Pascal's Triangle with the Math Club. Screen and discuss new releases with the Anime Club. Or grab a broomstick for a game of Quidditch. Fitchburg State has more than 60 diverse, student-run clubs and organizations, including fraternities and sororities, musical programs, academic honor societies and special interest groups. Don't see a student club that interests you? Be a trailblazer and start a new one.

View a full listing of clubs, organizations, fraternities and sororities at fitchburgstate.edu/clubs



LIVE

More than 60 percent of Fitchburg State students call campus their home. Whether you live in a residence hall, apartment or townhouse, you'll be surrounded by a friendly, supportive vibe that encourages you to open your mind and explore different cultures.

Learn more about on-campus housing at fitchburgstate.edu/housing



VOLUNTEER

Giving back is an essential part of the learning experience. Fitchburg State students and faculty volunteer their time to public and private organizations, community groups, businesses, health organizations and governmental agencies. Our goal: to make a difference in the community and beyond.

Learn more about volunteering at fitchburgstate.edu/volunteer

DISCOVER

CenterStage is a series of concerts, art exhibits, films, lectures and theatrical performances designed to foster your cultural appreciation. CenterStage features local, national and international artists, as well as collaborations with student and community groups.

Learn more at fitchburgstate.edu/centerstage

APPLE. NASA. REEBOK.

FITCHBURG STATE GRADS
ARE DEFYING EXPECTATIONS



**HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF
THE PLACES WHERE
FALCONS HAVE PERCHED:**

- » American Red Cross
- » Apple
- » Avid Technology, Inc.
- » Bose
- » Brigham and Women's Hospital
- » Department of Homeland Security
- » Department of Justice
- » Discovery
- » Disney
- » DreamWorks
- » EMC Corporation
- » Federal Bureau of Prisons
- » Fidelity Investments
- » Genzyme
- » Lockheed Martin
- » Mass. General Hospital
- » NASA
- » New England Eye Center
- » Nextel
- » Peace Corps
- » Reebok, Inc.
- » Symantec Corporation
- » Tyco International
- » Verizon
- » Wyeth Biopharmaceuticals



**JUST A FEW OF THE
GRADUATE SCHOOLS
ATTENDED BY
FITCHBURG GRADS:**

- » Bentley University
- » Boston College
- » Boston University
- » Dartmouth College
- » George Washington University
- » Georgetown University
- » Harvard University
- » New York University
- » Tufts University
- » Suffolk University
- » UMass Medical School
- » Yale Law School
- » University of Michigan Law School
- » University of Washington

DO SOMETHING EXCEPTIONAL

Get in touch, visit our campus, chat it up with students and faculty.

See for yourself how Fitchburg State is defying expectations.

Our Admissions Office is pleased to show you around. We conduct campus and department tours, information sessions and open houses throughout the year.

To schedule your visit, contact us at (800) 705-9692 or fitchburgstate.edu/visit.

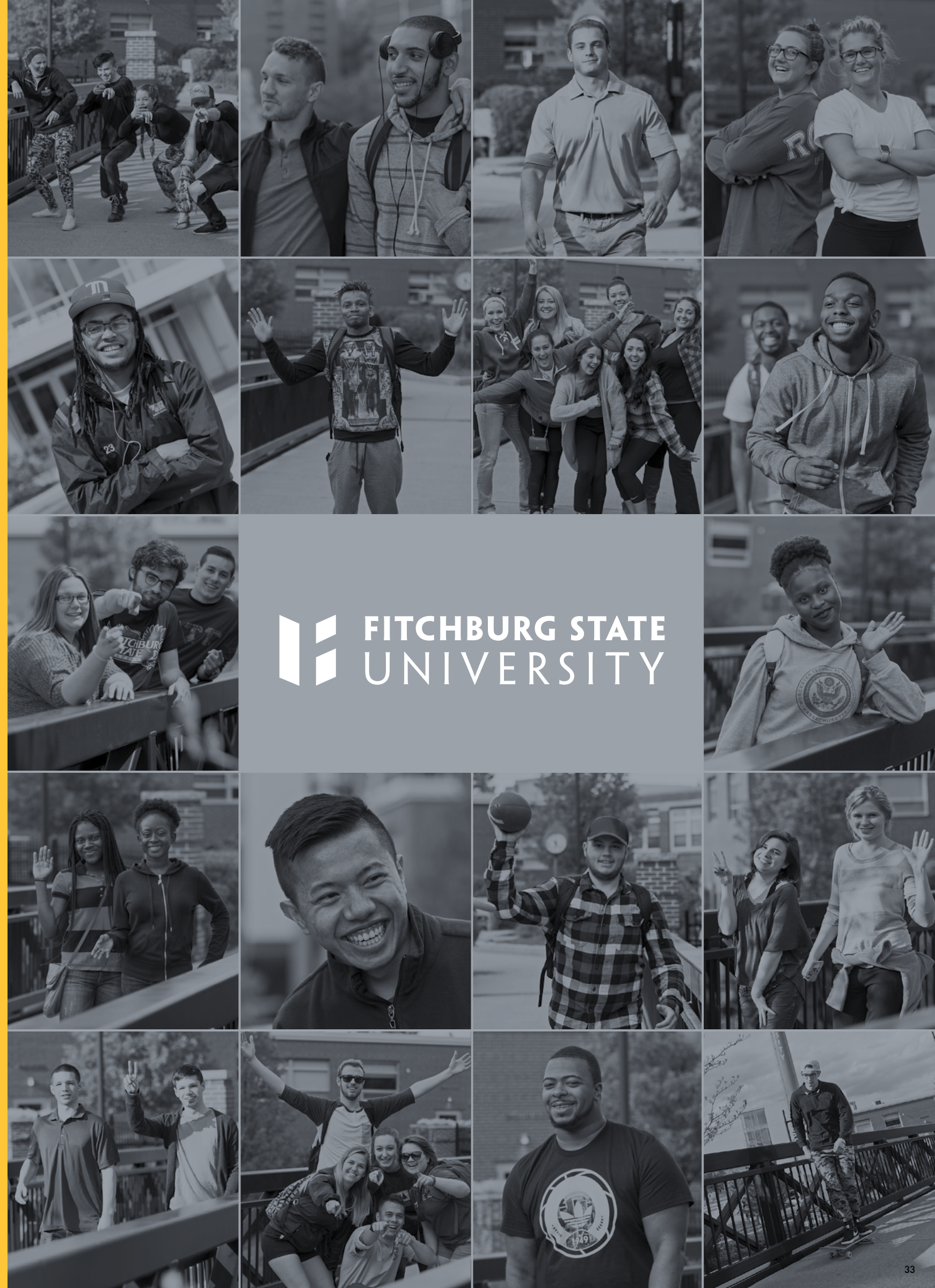


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SET YOUR GPS FOR OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

280 HIGHLAND AVENUE
FITCHBURG, MA 01420



FITCHBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY



Take a virtual tour of our campus at fitchburgstate.edu/tour

fitchburgstate.edu



JUST THE FACTS ↗

4,000
UNDERGRADUATES

3,000
GRADUATE /
EVENING / ONLINE

3.12
AVERAGE
HIGH SCHOOL GPA

1,080
AVERAGE COMBINED
EVIDENCE-BASED
READING AND WRITING
PLUS MATH SAT

209
FULL-TIME FACULTY

93%
WITH DOCTORATE
OR HIGHEST DEGREE
IN FIELD

60+
STUDENT CLUBS
AND ORGANIZATIONS

54%
MALE

46%
FEMALE

21
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

14:1
STUDENT FACULTY
RATIO

60%
RESIDENTIAL

40%
COMMUTER

15
MINUTES TO
WACHUSETT
MOUNTAIN

75
MINUTES TO
BOSTON BY TRAIN

FITCHBURG STATE GRANTS MORE THAN \$40 MILLION
IN FINANCIAL AID YEARLY TO 90% OF OUR STUDENT BODY.
LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY
AND ASSISTANCE AT FITCHBURGSTATE.EDU/FINANCIALAID

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