

## GETTING TO THE UMASS CAMPUS

### ***From Springfield/Hartford/Bradley:***

1. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19. (Northampton/Amherst).
2. As you exit, take ROUTE 9 EAST to Amherst. (Bear RIGHT and cross the bridge.)
3. Follow Route 9 to ROUTE 116 NORTH. (4.5 miles; on the left)
4. Take Route 116 NORTH to the FIRST EXIT (UMass).
5. BEAR RIGHT at the end of the ramp.
6. Drive to the BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn RIGHT on to University Drive.
7. Look for the "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.

### ***From Boston and Points East:***

1. Take Massachusetts Turnpike WEST to EXIT 4.
2. Follow Interstate 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
3. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

### ***From New York State:*** (Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo)

1. Take the New York State Thruway EAST to the Massachusetts Turnpike.
2. Drive EAST on the Mass Pike to EXIT 4.
3. Follow INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
4. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

### ***From New Jersey:***

1. Take the Garden State Parkway NORTH to New York State Thruway.
2. New York State Thruway SOUTH to EXIT 8.
3. Follow ROUTE 287 WEST (Cross Westchester Expressway) to Interstate 95 NORTH.
4. INTERSTATE 95 NORTH to New Haven.
5. Take INTERSTATE 91 NORTH to MASSACHUSETTS EXIT 19 (Northampton/Amherst).
6. Follow *From Springfield/Hartford* directions.

### ***From Vermont:***

1. Take INTERSTATE 91 SOUTH to EXIT 25. (So. Deerfield/Sunderland/Rte.5-10).
2. Turn LEFT at the end of the ramp.
3. Drive to the "T" and turn RIGHT on to RTE. 5-10.
4. Pass Yankee Candle then turn LEFT on to ROUTE 116 SOUTH to Sunderland/Amherst.
5. Follow Rte.116 South to the UMASS/AMHERST EXIT. (8.5 miles)
6. Bear LEFT at the end of the ramp and cross the bridge towards UMass.
7. Drive to the BLINKING TRAFFIC LIGHT and turn RIGHT onto University Drive.
8. Look for the "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.

### ***From New Hampshire:***

1. Take INTERSTATE 93 SOUTH to Massachusetts 495 SOUTH.
2. Follow 495 South to ROUTE 2 WEST to ROUTE 202 SOUTH.
3. Take Route 202 South to EXIT 16 (Amherst/Belchertown).
4. Follow ROUTE 202 SOUTH for 15 miles towards Amherst/Belchertown.
5. Turn RIGHT to: Rte. 9-116/AMHERST/NORTHAMPTON at blinking yellow light.
6. Drive 7 miles to Amherst Center (your 3rd set of lights on this road.)
7. Continue straight, down AMITY STREET (between the two Banks) to stop lights.
8. Turn RIGHT at the lights on to UNIVERSITY DRIVE. Look for "Mobile Percussion Seminar" signs.

### ***From Maine:***

1. Take INTERSTATE 95 SOUTH to Massachusetts 495 SOUTH.
2. Follow *From New Hampshire* directions.

## PARKING

The best place to park for Registration is Parking Lot 32, which is located between Lincoln Ave and Sunset Ave and adjacent to the Chabad House (section C5 of the Campus Map). Parking Lot 32 is less than a 2 minute walk to Prince Hall. Parking directly on Sunset Ave is

Parking Lot 32 is less than a 2-minute walk to Prince Hall. Parking directly on Sunset Ave is only recommended temporarily for unloading your vehicle.

Although we highly recommend a having a parent/guardian drive you to and from the Seminar, students who will be driving themselves to the Seminar will receive information on where to park their vehicles at Registration.

***If you park in any area not specifically designated for the Mobile Percussion Seminar you may be subject to having your vehicle ticketed and/or towed at your expense.***

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> in the lobby Prince Hall in the "Southwest Residential Area" of campus. If you will be arriving later than 5pm, please inform Sally Johnson ([sally.johnson81@gmail.com](mailto:sally.johnson81@gmail.com)) prior to July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are traveling with students attending the Drum Major Academy, they check in on Saturday Morning. Please let Sally know if you will be arriving with DMA students so we can make accommodations for you until 3pm.

### **PAYING OFF YOUR BALANCE DUE**

Our records show a balance due of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**\*Balance Due can be paid off before July 28<sup>th</sup> if desired!** Checks or Money Orders made out to "MPS" can be sent to our Business Office:

126 Mount Warner Road  
Hadley, MA 01035

If you would like to pay your balance due at Registration, please note that the only forms of payment we accept are cash, check, or money order. Checks and Money Orders can be made out to "MPS".

### **HEALTH FORMS AND WAIVER**

Please mail University Health Form and Seminar Waiver to our Business Office *prior* to the start of the Seminar. If this is not logistically possible, please remember to bring both forms to Registration on July 28<sup>th</sup>. *You will not be able to participate in the Seminar without them.*

### **PURCHASING BOOKS**

All MPS Students are required to have their own copies of the following:

*Championship Concepts for Marching Percussion Student Workbook (\$5)*  
*A Percussionist's Guide to Check Patterns (\$20)*

\*Section Leader Track Students also need to have a copy of:

*Championship Concepts for Marching Percussion textbook (\$20)*

**\*Books can be paid for in advance and picked up at Registration.** Checks or Money Orders can be made out to "MPS" and sent to our Business Office.

### **DORMITORY INFORMATION**

Dormitories are "locked" 24 hours a day. Residential Students' meal cards double as access to Prince Hall. No other camps/programs at UMass will be housed in or have access to Prince. That being said, we **strongly urge** all students to lock their dorm rooms when not in the room and to leave any valuables not pertaining to the Seminar at home.

***The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst are not responsible for lost or stolen items.***

The dormitories are not air-conditioned and we recommend that you consider bringing a portable fan. There are approximately 10-15 adult staff members that will be staying in the dorm with the students, providing 24-hour supervision.

### **ROOMMATE REQUESTS**

Students of the same sex are roomed together at random to enhance the experience of meeting new people. However, if a specific roommate is desired, please send this request via email to Sally Johnson no later than JULY 25.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED AT REGISTRATION. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Mallet players will be provided instruments at the Seminar. Marching Percussion students should make every possible effort to bring their own instruments and harnesses. If this is logistically impossible, MPS has a limited number of battery instruments that can be borrowed for the Seminar. You may request to borrow a snare, set of quads, or a bass drum and harness by sending an email to Sally Johnson at [sallyjohnson81@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjohnson81@gmail.com)

Please Note: If you will be borrowing instruments from the Seminar, the drums will be of "COLLEGE/DRUM CORPS" weight and will most likely be heavier than what you are used to.

### **DAILY SCHEDULE**

The Seminar is comprised of three daily sessions: Morning, Afternoon and Evening. The Marching Percussion (Battery) students and Mallet percussion students will have separate Morning and Afternoon Sessions, but will work together during the end of the Evening Session. Here is a sample of a "Full Day" at MPS:

7:00 - 8:15	<i>Breakfast:</i> Hampshire Dining Commons
8:30 - 9:45	Session One
9:45 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 11:30	Session Two
11:45 - 1:00	<i>Lunch:</i> Hampshire Dining Commons
1:15 - 2:30	Session Three
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:30	Session Four
3:30 - 3:45	Break
3:45 - 4:30	Session Five
4:45 - 6:15	<i>Dinner:</i> Hampshire Dining Commons
6:30 - 7:30	Session Six
7:30 - 7:45	Break
7:45 - 8:45	Session Seven

The Morning Session includes physical calisthenics/stretching, marching basics (Battery only), playing warm ups, exercises, technique sessions, and large group work.

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The Evening Session will begin as separate sessions for the Battery and Mallet players. Battery and Mallet students will practice in both small and full groups, and the session ends with a music review comprised of the full ensemble (Battery and Mallets together).

### **EATING ON CAMPUS**

All meals will be eaten in the Dining Commons. The first meal will be Dinner on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, served from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The final meal will be Lunch on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit <http://www.umassdining.com/nutrition> for more information regarding food allergies and special dietary needs.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

If you feel ill at any time, please contact a MPS Staff Member. All medical emergencies that arise will be handled through the University Health Services (UHS). In extreme circumstances, students will be transported to Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, approximately 20 minutes from UMass. Any ambulance transportation will be billed to the parent/guardian's insurance policy.

### **FINAL DAY PERFORMANCE**

The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the Drum Major Academy (DMA) will be presenting a Final Performance on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> in Parking Lot 11 (adjacent to McGuirk Stadium). The Ceremony will start at 1pm, with MPS going on first. Parking for the Final Performance is available in Lot 33, which directly across the street from the Southwest Residential Area (see map). The audience will be on the grass, in the shade, so feel free to bring chairs. For those with special mobility needs, pick-up and drop-off is permitted at Lot 11.

### **CHECKOUT FROM PRINCE HALL**

Checkout will be immediately following the Final Performance. All students staying in the dorm must return keys and meal cards. There is a \$50.00 charge for lost keys and a \$20.00 charge for lost meal cards!!

Students are responsible for cleaning up of any debris or trash that has accumulated in their dorm room, hallways, bathrooms, and lounge areas during the week. Make sure to **take all of your belongings** with you. Look in all drawers and cabinets (and under the bed) where you may have stored your things.

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# MOBILE PERCUSSION SEMINAR

## August 1 - Last Day

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### Schedule of Events

11:30 - 12:45	Students break for Lunch/pack & clean up room
12:50	Line Up and proceed to Lot 11
1:00 - 1:15	Warm Up
1:15	Final Performance: McGuirk Stadium - Lot 11
1:30ish	Group Meetings and Closing Remarks from Staff Check out at Prince Hall following Closing Remarks

### Parking for Final Performance/Check-Out

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Parking for Check-Out will be similar to that during Registration, except any parking meters will be in effect. Please remember to feed the meter, as Parking Services will ticket your vehicle if there are insufficient funds in your meter.

***\*The Mobile Percussion Seminar cannot be held responsible for any parking violations you obtain while on campus.***

### BEFORE Checking Out from Prince Hall

Students are responsible for cleaning up of any debris or trash that has accumulated in their dorm room, hallways, bathrooms, and lounge areas during the week. Each floor has a trash room where all wastebaskets must be emptied before you can check out.

Please close the windows of your room and make sure you **take all of your belongings** with you. Look in all drawers and cabinets (and under your bed) where you may have stored your things.

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### WHEN Checking Out from Prince Hall

You must **turn in** your room key and your meal card to the UMass Conference Services associate at our dorm. If you lost your key and/or card during the week, you will need to pay \$50 if you lost your key or \$20 if you lost the card.

## **Rules and Regulations - updated\***

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*Mobile Percussion Seminar students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and attitude. Failure to comply with any of the following regulations established by the Mobile*

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1. Nametags must be worn at all times. Make sure to bring your three-ring binder, pens or pencils, and books all sessions.
2. The Mobile Percussion Seminar needs to know your whereabouts throughout the entire workshop. If you feel ill at any time, you **MUST** inform an MPS staff member or TA immediately.
3. Visitation by persons who are not enrolled in the Seminar is not permitted.
4. Students are not permitted to leave campus at any time. If you drive to campus, your vehicle is to be parked, locked, and remains off-limits throughout the Seminar.
5. Please keep your room locked at ALL times. Do not leave money or other valuables anywhere on campus. **The Mobile Percussion Seminar and the University of Massachusetts cannot be held responsible for loss of personal property.**
6. Alcohol, tobacco (chewing tobacco, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, juuls and other vape pens) or other controlled/illegal substances are prohibited while at the Seminar. Use of any of these items is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will result in immediate dismissal from the Seminar.
7. The Mobile Percussion Seminar values civility, diversity, education, equality, and honesty and we are firmly committed to maintaining a safe environment. Any type of sexual misconduct is contrary to the Seminar's policies and philosophies and will NOT be tolerated. Anything deemed by our Staff as sexual misconduct will result in immediate dismissal from the Seminar, with parents/guardians being responsible for immediate transportation home.
8. Bullying/Intimidation behaviors (included, but not limited to: verbal, physical, and cyber bullying/intimidation) are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the Seminar.
9. Weapons of any type, including but not limited to: pocket knives/Swiss Army knives, Firearms, etc. are not permitted at the Seminar. Any student in possession of any weapon(s) will be immediately reported to the Police and Public Safety and dismissed from the Seminar.
10. You may not, under any circumstances, visit the rooms or floors housing members of the opposite sex.
11. Room checks will be held each night and the time will be announced at the end of the Evening Session. At room check, you are expected to be in and stay in your assigned room.
12. Each student is asked to leave their room in the same condition at the close of MPS as when you moved in at the beginning of the Seminar. **Both roommates will be held financially responsible for any cleaning or repairs that need to take place in their room as a result of their stay!**

## Things to Bring Checklist 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ UHS Medical Form and Waiver & Release Form (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Comfortable clothes** for marching in warm days and cool evenings. For Mallet Students: You will be primarily working inside of Grinnell Arena, which is air-conditioned.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sneakers** are recommended for all students, particularly for battery students.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunburn Protection.** Please be prepared to work in the sun. Hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, and other precautionary items are highly

recommended.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pens/Pencils & 3-Ring Binder.** You will need these items for all sessions. Make sure you put all of the camp information you received in the first section of your binder.

\_\_\_\_\_ **A Backpack** is a good item to bring. You can carry your binder, pens/pencils, textbooks, sunscreen, and a water bottle easily to all sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Linens/Bedding.** You must provide your own bedding, which should include either twin size extra long sheets or a sleeping bag, a pillow, and blankets (if desired).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Toiletries.** Toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, soap or body wash, deodorant, towels, and other personal care items you will need.

\_\_\_\_\_ **An alarm clock** is also a very good item to bring if you do not have a cell phone (most cell phones have alarms).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Cellphone Charger** if you are bringing a phone

\_\_\_\_\_ **Portable Fan.** The dorms may become warm in the evenings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Instrument      \_\_\_\_\_ Harness      \_\_\_\_\_ Drum Key

\_\_\_\_\_ Books (or money to buy them)      \_\_\_\_\_ Refillable Water Bottle