

Weekly Newsletter

September 6, 2022 | Welcome Back!



Welcome to or Welcome Back to MassBay!



We are SO excited to be welcoming students back to campus this semester! Although campus may look and feel a little differently, we are looking forward to having a bit of normalcy back. Student Engagement plans to have a mix of virtual and in-person events this semester so that both in-person and online students will have opportunities to get involved and attend events. For the fall 2022 semester, MassBay encourages but does not

require masks to be worn in our building. Three feet of social distance must be maintained while in our buildings.

For more information on what to expect on campus in the fal, please review the following information: <u>https://www.massbay.edu/coronavirus</u>

ACCESSING CAMPUS

There is a two-step process for MassBay students, faculty, and staff to gain access to the MassBay campus:

• **STEP 1:** Download MassBayGo, the MassBay mobile app. Search MassBay Community College in your App Store to find it. You will use the My Campus Pass title to enter MassBay buildings. If you have the old MyMassBay app on your phone, please delete it.



• **STEP 2:** Upload your proof of COVID vaccination document. Follow the instructions:

Short how-to-video for Students

Individuals who are clear to be on-campus will find a green checkmark in their "campus pass" tile in the MassBay app. You must show the green checkmark to the officer at the door when entering the building.

- Green Check You may access the MassBay Express Lane to enter.
- Blue Pass You must check in with staff at the front door.
- **Red X** You are prohibited from coming to campus at this time.

Please have your phones out and your Campus Pass status visible when arriving on campus.

CLASS SCHEDULE & ADD/DROP

Before your classes start, you should log in to Bay Navigator to access your class schedule at https://baynavigator.massbay.edu.

You can access your schedule using the 'Classes and Enrollment' tile. Here is a short <u>video tutorial</u> walking you



through the process. If you need to reset or retrieve your username and password, please follow the instructions on the login screen or contact the College's Help Desk by email at <u>helpdesk@massbay.edu</u> or by phone at 781-239-2440.

- Students enrolled in an ONLINE course will view and complete coursework assignments regularly, but on their own schedule (asynchronously). ONLINE courses will be available on BlackBoard by the first day of the course. To start the ONLINE course for which you have registered, login to BlackBoard via this link <u>https://blackboard.massbay.edu</u>, and click on the course name under 'My Courses'.
- Students enrolled in a REMOTE course will take the class at scheduled days and times each week via a video conference (synchronously). Please review the course offerings listing as well as the 'My Class Schedule' detail in your Bay Navigator account for details on how to access your REMOTE course offerings (e.g., video conferencing link such as WebEx).
- Students enrolled in an IN-PERSON course will take class on campus. Campus and room designation can be found on the course offerings page as well as the 'My Class Schedule' detail on your courses in your Bay Navigator account.

You have the ability to adjust your class schedule online via Bay Navigator until the end of the Add/Drop period. **The Add/Drop deadlines are as follows:**

- Day and Online courses until 11:59 pm on Monday, September 12, 2022.
- Evening and Weekend courses until 11:59 pm on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Students can make changes to their class schedule online via their Bay Navigator account or in person at the Enrollment Center. All important dates and deadlines can be found on our <u>Academic Calendars</u> page.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, we have staff from all areas including IT, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Admissions, and Advising ready to assist you oncampus, as well as in our Virtual Centers. Please use this link to access the Virtual Centers. <u>https://www.massbay.edu/studentresources</u>. Not sure where to start? Visit the virtual Q&A Center to get answers to your questions and receive real-time virtual support on a wide range of topics. Visit <u>www.massbay.edu/ask</u> for hours and the link to connect. If you are on campus visit our offices in person!

STARTING CLASSES



We know that starting classes can be overwhelming and many of you may never have been to campus before. Don't worry, there will be plenty of staff out and about in the hallways to help you find your way around and answer any questions you may have!

We also still have our Virtual Q&A Center if you need questions answered or help from off campus: <u>www.massbay.edu/ask.</u>

As classes begin, your attention is pulled

in a lot of directions; most of you are working and going to school, and many of you have family responsibilities as well. Getting back into school can be a challenging transition--whether it's been 3 weeks, 3 months, or 3 years since your last class.

To help you stay focused and get connected, we've put together<u>a guide</u> to help you focus on what is important throughout the first half of the semester to set you up for success now and into the future. See below to find some tips for your first week!

THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON

Your first week is all about getting comfortable here at MassBay. Make sure to check out the information tables and virtual support centers to get your questions answered. Start to settle in to a new routine and attend all of your classes this first week, look for emails from your faculty (your MassBay email of course) or messages in Blackboard for important information and/or how to log-in to all of your Remote Classes.

Finalize your schedule!

You have the first few days of class to make sure you are enrolled in the classes you want, you can add or drop courses to better fit your schedule and learning style. Make sure you talk to an advisor in the <u>Advising Center</u> and check your financial aid award letter before making changes to your schedule. Order any textbooks or other materials you need for classes if you haven't already.

Get Organized!

Start keeping a schedule and planner now. Whether you use a paper calendar or prefer apps, make sure you have a system to keep track of your classes, activities, work schedule, and major due dates. Trust us—the sooner you start developing a system that works for you, the better! Get into the habit of checking your student Outlook email account every day!

Take a Deep Breath

We know it's overwhelming, and you aren't the only one feeling that way! Take a chance and introduce yourself to your classmates in-person, over email or on discussion boards, check out programs and activities that are available to you, and start to think about what resources you

could use to be successful. Always check our Weekly Calendar to see events available that week.

WELCOME FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to MassBay for the 2022-2023 academic school year.

MassBay offers multiple opportunities to grow intellectually, personally and socially. We hope you challenge yourself in all of these areas and stretch beyond your comfort zone to make the most of your experience at MassBay. We encourage you to utilize the many resources on-campus (<u>www.massbay.edu/studentresources</u>). Our goal in Student Development is to provide an environment outside of the classroom that supports you and fosters both your personal and intellectual growth.

As you think about the semesters ahead, we would like to offer a few tips to facilitate your success at MassBay:

Keep Attendance & Participation High: Stay active and involved in your classes. Engage in conversations with your fellow students and faculty members. Communicate with your professors if you have any difficulties with attendance or with meeting your responsibilities in your classes.

Utilize College Resources: Use the resources available to you: Academic Achievement Center, Accessibility Resources, library, computer labs, Career Services, Advising Office, Counseling Services, Veteran's Services, and much more. These services are available face-to-face as well as virtually.

Stay Connected: Check your MassBay email daily, know important dates and deadlines, be aware of events and opportunities on-campus.

Manage Your Time and Maintain Balance Now, more than ever, make sure to plan out your week by setting time aside for work, family obligations, studying, socializing, extracurricular commitments and for taking care of yourself.

If you have questions about your MassBay experience, please feel free to stop by the Student Development Office. We hope you will embrace the richness of our diverse community and take advantage of all that MassBay has to offer.

For those of you that will be coming to campus to attend classes, make sure that you have downloaded the MassBay Go app and that you have uploaded a copy of your Covid Vaccination information. You will need to do this prior to coming to campus. Once you come to campus, you will be greeted by many MassBay staff who are available for any questions that you may have.

Best of luck to you this semester. We are excited to see you on the first day of classes--Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Best,



Liz Blumberg Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students



Josh Cheney Associate Dean of Students

CHECK OUT MASSBAY'S EVENT CALENDAR!

MassBay has an online event calendar that all students can access through OneLogin!

- This is the central location for students to get the calendar of events each week.
- This calendar has the most up-to-date information for MassBay student events.
- The event descriptions will have event links included in them for virtual events or location information for in-person events so that you can easily access each event online on in-person.
- There is an option to subscribe to the calendar so that you get a weekly email with all the events coming up.
- You can also add individual events to your personal calendar or sign-up for reminder emails/texts so that you don't forget about them!

UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



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Student Events



VOLLEYBALL Season IS Coming!!

Are you interested in joining fall 2022 MassBay Women Volleyball team? Looking for all skill levels.

> A team focused on teamwork and determination #GOBUCS



Contact us anelson@massbay.edu or fvaughn@massbay.edu visit https://gomassbaybucs.com/landing/index



Fall 2022 Conversation Group For English Language Learners Starting Wednesday, September 14th



Wednesdays: 2:00-3:00 PM, W317 with Clarissa Codrington

For questions, contact: Clarissa Codrington at: <u>ccodrington@massbay.edu</u>

START HERE. GO ANYWHERE. | WWW.MASSBAY.EDU

Nursing Students Club is open to members of both ADN and PN programs and is a great way to connect with other students and be involved in the community!

Meeting Times:

First Meeting 9/12 2-3pm - Hybrid In person location: Framingham Campus Auditorium Virtual Location: link will be sent out several days before the meeting You do not have to be a member to attend. If you plan on attending, please sign up via the link: <u>Meeting Sign Up</u>

Club Contacts: Advisor- Alicia Layne alayne@massbay.edu President- Amanda LaRosee a_larosee1@massbay.edu

Nursing Students Club

First Meeting of '22-'23 Academic Year



Monday, 9/12/22 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Framingham Campus Auditorium

Join us to learn about membership, meet other nursing students, and take home MassBay swag! Drinks and snacks provided

Visit the <u>Student Events Calendar</u> in OneLogin for more events and event links and information!

NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?

VISIT THE VIRTUAL Q & A CENTER!

Connect virtually with a member of our Support Squad through WebEx. The MassBay Support Squad is available to answer a wide range of questions!

www.massbay.edu/ask

Student Engagement | Visit our website

