



- Students who attend UMass Boston may find themselves challenged in more ways than they expected.

During their time here, many students explore and engage spiritual questions, ideas, and traditions. Some students, for the first time, apply critical thinking to the faith expressions they were raised in and seek answers to their questions. Others find the pace and expectations of the college environment draw them closer to their faith traditions and seek a way to express this within the college community. Some are removed from their home communities and look for ways to connect with their faith on campus, within the community of students and campus space. Others find peace and comfort in the silence of the chapel or the listening ears of the campus ministers.

The Interfaith Chapel at UMass Boston welcomes all students regardless of their faith traditions, offering the opportunity for quiet prayer or reflection. This non-denominational space provides quiet seating, prayer rugs, multi-denominational books, snacks and refreshments. The Campus Ministry staff offer students both formal and informal opportunities to express and explore their faith. Catholic students are offered a weekly Mass, the opportunity to prepare and receive the Sacraments, and meet with a local priest. Other Christian students enjoy prayer services, Bible studies, Gospel Choir opportunities, and much more. Muslim students often use the Chapel to pray and all students are offered referrals to local worship communities that may better suit their needs. Several inter-faith services and programs are offered throughout the year to coincide with holidays, memorial services, and graduation. The Campus Ministers also support students in their efforts to organize student-led groups meeting their own particular spiritual needs. Staff and faculty are invited to many services and make use of the space frequently.

