

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Aspect Boston, Dean College

### Background of the school

#### › When was the school / building established / built?

Aspect moved to the campus of Dean College in August 1999. We are located in the E. Ross Anderson Library which is a new and modern building that was built in the late 1980's.

#### › Briefly describe the style of the building (modern, Victorian etc...)

Dean College has a variety of building types from Victorian style housing to new and modern dormitories. Aspect have classrooms and office space in the Library and in an older Victorian style building. Our computer lab is located in the Science & Technology Centre which is a new and modern style building. Aspect's dormitory is a traditional US style dormitory building built in the 1970's.

#### › Where is it situated in the city? Is it set in its own grounds? Etc..

Aspect is located right in the center of Franklin. Boston is only 45 minutes by train from Franklin.

#### › Bus links to town – what numbers?

There is no public bus system in the town of Franklin.

#### › How far from rail station?

The commuter train station is a brief five-minute walk from campus.

#### › How far are the premises from the bank / money exchange bureau?

There is a major US bank that is very friendly to our students located within a two-minute walk from campus. It is called Fleet Bank. There are other major banks located in Boston.

#### › How far are the premises from the nearest post office?

This is also located within a two-minute walk from campus. We also have an on-campus post office that sells stamps for our students. All residential students receive their own mailbox free of charge when they arrive.

#### › What kind of shops are situated near the school and how far away are they?

There are many restaurants, convenience stores, hair salons, grocery stores, pharmacies and smaller retail stores within a 20 minute walk from campus.

#### › Please confirm the postal address where students can receive their mail:

Student's name  
Aspect Dean College  
99 Main Street, Suite # (given to student upon arrival)  
Franklin, MA 02038  
USA

### Background to the city

#### › What is the population of Franklin?

30,000

#### › General / historic / touristic / seaside etc?

Franklin is a traditional New England town that offers a safe, small-town atmosphere with easy accessibility to outlet shopping malls, restaurants, cultural & recreational areas and downtown Boston and Providence. We are also a short driving distance from the beaches of Cape Cod and the mountains and ski areas of New Hampshire and Vermont.

### School facilities

#### › How many classrooms for Aspect ?

4 classrooms with more in the summer or anytime they are needed

#### › Which other organisations will be there?

Dean College students are here year-round for different academic programmes. During the summer, Dean rents campus space to various sports teams and camps. Dean also has strong partnerships with Suffolk University and Putnam Insurance, both of which have classes and programmes running on the campus. There is also another ESL school located on the Campus called FLS.



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› **Size of the classrooms? (Large, spacious, airy, light, compact...)**

All of our classrooms are very nice and full of light. The two classrooms in the library are wheelchair accessible and provide students with a modern learning environment. Our other classrooms are located within a Victorian style building across campus. The rooms are quite large and have lots of light provided from large windows all throughout the room, however, due to a generally cool New England climate they are not air-conditioned during the summer months.

› **What are the facilities in classrooms?**

White board, A/C, heating, OHP, TV and VCR

› **Computer room available?**

An Aspect Computer Lab is located within the Science & Technology Centre and has 8 fully equipped Internet accessible computers available for Aspect classes. Dean College also provides Aspect students with general computer labs for email and Internet use.

› **Library available?**

Yes, Aspect students are allowed to use both the Dean College Library and the Franklin Public Library.

› **How big is the canteen?**

It is a modern building that is quite large, open, airy and full of natural light.

› **How many students does it seat?**

300.

› **Briefly describe the appearance of the canteen:**

It is a very modern facility with buffet style food service for students. There are international food bars, a beverage bar, a salad bar, a dessert and ice cream bar, a pizza bar, a pasta bar and the grill where specially ordered food can be cooked.

› **Are there any vending machines?**

Yes, within all classroom and dormitory buildings.

› **Is there a smoking area?**

Yes, there are designated smoking areas. Dean College is very strict about compliance with the on-campus smoking regulations. No smoking is permitted in any building or dormitory.

› **What other facilities are available to us? (E.g. theatre, drama studio, pottery room.)**

Fitness centre, drama and theatre areas, library, computer centre, swimming pool, sports fields and music rooms.

› **Is there a church / mosque nearby?**

There is a universalist chapel located on campus for anyone of any denomination and there are many Christian churches within walking distance.

› **How many telephones are there and where ?**

Within every dorm room there is one active phone line for the students' use, however each pair of students living in the same room would be responsible for providing their own phone. There are also pay phones located around campus.

› **Are there any common rooms?**

Yes.

› **How big are they? (Could we use them for quiz nights etc?)**

Every dormitory has a common room area where there are cable TV's and sofas etc. There are also common kitchen areas in all the dormitory facilities. Larger spaces (example for a disco night) are available upon request within the Campus Centre.

› **Is there a phone line in the office?**

Yes, several.

› **Is this a direct line for us or do we have to go through their switchboard?**

It is a direct line for Aspect that goes through the Dean College phone system.

› **Is there a fax machine we can use?**

Yes.

› **Will we have exclusive use of this?**

Yes.

› **What is the fax number?**

1 - 508 - 541 - 1740

› **What is the photocopying procedure?**

We have our own copier in the office.



› **What is the earliest date to arrive ?**

Anytime within the week is fine to arrive as long as there is prior approval from the Housing Coordinator and the student is willing to pay for the extra accommodation days.

› **Which notice boards can we use?**

We have boards in all the buildings that we have classroom space in and within the residence halls.

› **Can we send boxes in advance to be stored before the move-in date?**

Yes. You will be charged a luggage storage fee.

› **What is the name and job title of the contact person at the school who will deal with us?**

Sheryl Steinberg, Housing Coordinator

## Sports facilities

› **What outdoor sports facilities are there? (Football pitch, tennis courts, volleyball facilities...)**

Tennis courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts and playing fields for baseball, soccer, football and lacrosse.

› **Indoor sports?**

Volleyball, basketball and soccer.

› **Is there a gym?**

Yes.

› **What is the gym like?**

Big and new.

› **Is there a swimming pool?**

Yes, but it is only available during the US academic year calendar, not in the summer. It is a lap style pool.

› **Is sports equipment provided and included in the price?**

Most of the equipment is provided on site.

## Residential accommodation

› **How many beds in total?**

We have 12 beds guaranteed during the Fall term and 40 during the Spring term.

› **How many floors?**

2 floors.

› **How many bathrooms?**

The bathrooms are large facilities equipped with multiple sinks, toilets and showers.

› **How many toilets?**

They are shared per floor about every 10 students to a bathroom area with 5 toilets.

› **How many showers?**

They are shared per floor about every 10 students to a shower area with 3 showers.

› **Has each room a bed, desk, and wardrobe per student?**

Yes.

› **Is bed linen provided?**

Bed linen is provided at \$30 per packet if the student chooses to purchase it or they can bring their own linen from home.

› **How often is it changed?**

Never, it is the student's responsibility to clean and launder it.

› **Are towels provided?**

Yes, they are included in the linen pack.

› **How often are they changed?**

Never, it is the student's responsibility to clean them.

› **Is soap provided?**

No.

› **When are the rooms cleaned and how often?**

Cleaning the dorm room is the student's responsibility – bathrooms and common areas are cleaned daily by the college cleaning staff.

› **Is there a laundrette?**

Yes, in each dormitory and on each floor. There are also dry cleaners and wash & fold laundry services within walking distance of the college.

› **If there are no laundry facilities on site, where is the nearest public laundrette, and how far away is it?**

N/A

› **Do all bedrooms have locks and a master key?**

Yes.

› **Is there a safe leaders / the CD could have access to?**

Yes.

› **What kind of Security System is there?**

Dean College has it's own 24hr. "police force" called Public Safety. They patrol the campus 24hrs a day/ 7 days-a-weeks. All buildings have emergency call boxes located right at the front door. And all dormitory buildings have individual key card access.

› **How far is the accommodation from the canteen?**

A five-minute walk.

› **Will the students have all three meals in the same canteen?**

Yes.

› **What common rooms are available to us?**

Any facility on campus is available for Aspect to use upon request.

## Excursions

› **Where are the excursion pick-up / drop-off points?**

Wherever we determine depending upon the mode of transportation.

## Miscellaneous

› **What access / facilities for disabled students are there?**

We are wheelchair accessible.



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