International Student Information Session
Thanks for joining us! Today we’ll be discussing:

- Our campus community and location
- Academics at UMBC
- Student Resources
- Work options at UMBC
- Requesting an I-20
Located along the Northeast corridor with easy access to…

- Washington D.C.: 55 km/34 miles
- Philadelphia: 177 km/110 miles
- New York: 316 km/196 miles
- Located in Catonsville, 15 minutes from downtown Baltimore
- Suburban location provides a safe environment to focus on studies
- Proximity to Baltimore for cultural events, entertainment, nightlife and work opportunities
- Supermarkets and other amenities walking distance from campus
Academics at UMBC

- 48 undergraduate majors
  - 38 minors
  - academic advising to help you if you’re undecided
- 39 master’s degree programs
- 24 doctoral degree programs
- Interdisciplinary approach to education: well rounded students who can apply academic principles to real world situations
- Ranked #3 among U.S. universities for global and economic impact
- Consistently highly ranked for diverse learning community, research opportunities across all levels
Academics at UMBC

- An honors college with a research and academic focus
- Learning community with equally motivated and talented students
- We encourage students to succeed academically and apply academic knowledge outside the classroom
- Focus on experiential learning
- 200+ student organizations for academic, cultural, and personal interests
Campus Resources

- Learning Resources Center
- Graduate Student Association
- Financial Aid and Scholarship
- Student Business Services
- Residential Life
- Off Campus Student Services
- UMBC Transit
- University Health Services
- International Education Services (IES) Office
- Career Center
• Workshops on time management and study and research skills

• Writing Center

• Free tutoring services for many level 100 and 200 courses

• Academic resources geared towards undergraduate students
• Connects Graduate students to graduate level specific resources on campus

• Writing Adviser appointments

• GEARS - research symposium
Financial Aid and Scholarships

Undergraduate Scholarships and Aid:

- Freshmen eligible for Merit Scholarships
- Contact the Financial Aid Office for specific questions

Graduate Scholarships and Aid:

- Graduate assistantships vary by department
- Contact the Financial Aid Office and your Graduate Department for specific questions about scholarships and aid
Student Business Services

- Access to your tuition bill
- Make online payments
- Information on available payment options for students
- Website: Student Business Services
On Campus Housing

Undergraduate On Campus Housing:

• **Residence Halls**: Chesapeake, Susquehanna, Potomac, Patapsco, Harbor and Erickson Hall

• **Apartments** (3rd and 4th years only): Hillside, Terrace, Walker Avenue and West Hill Apartments

[UMBC Residential Life](#)

Graduate On Campus Housing:

**Walker Avenue Apartments**

- utilities included
Off Campus Housing

- UMBC Off Campus Student Services
  - Resources for adult learners, commuters, transfer students and veteran students

- Off Campus Housing Website
  - Lists local apartments and has a roommate finder

- Other apartments near campus: Westland Gardens, Maiden Choice Apartments
• Free
• For UMBC students only
• Transit Tracker App
• Convenient connections to public transportation
• Helpful for thinking about housing options
• Full range of clinic services directly on campus:
  - Diagnosis and treatment of illnesses
  - Routine physical examinations
  - Immunizations
  - Mental Health services

• Health Insurance – Insurance is mandatory. All UMBC students are automatically enrolled in Student Health Insurance Plan

• Website: University Health Services
International Education Services
(IES Office)

- Help International Students acclimate to the U.S. and UMBC campus
- Website: ies.umbc.edu
- Advise on maintaining F-1 status throughout time at UMBC and after graduation
- Available via email at ies@umbc.edu
- Walk-In hours: Monday to Thursday 10:00am to 12:00pm
Career Center

- Award winning services to prepare UMBC students for professional world
- Resume review services
- Career fair – generalized and program specific
- Trips to visit local businesses and potential employers
- Job search and job evaluation advice
- Interview preparation
- UMBCworks
Work Opportunities

- On campus work
- Off campus work
- Requirements
On Campus Work Opportunities

- Can begin working right away
- Positions on campus and paid by UMBC
- Apply through UMBCworks
- If you’re new to the U.S. you’ll need a SSN after getting a job offer. IES will help you with that process
- How much can you work a week?
  - During semester: 20 hours
  - During summer/winter break: 40 hours
Curricular Practical Training

• Off campus work opportunity during your studies

• Must complete 2 full time semesters to qualify

• Off campus work opportunity

• Job must be related to major

• All majors are eligible

• How much can you work a week?
  - During Semester: Part Time - 20 hours
  - During Summer/Winter Breaks: Full Time – 20+ hours
OPT and STEM OPT Extension

- 1 year Full time work permission after graduation
- Any job in any U.S. location related to degree
- Up to 3 months unemployment
- Do not need job offer to apply
- Work can be part time, fulltime, paid or unpaid
- Job must be related to degree
- STEM OPT = 2 year extension of work authorization
- Who is eligible for STEM Extension? Any student with a STEM eligible major
- IES guides students through the process of applying for OPT and STEM OPT
Accepting Your Admission

Create a myUMBC account

You will need your UMBC campus ID and birthdate.

Log in to myUMBC

my.umbc.edu

Click Accept or Decline Admission

Allow 24 hours for change to register in your account

Visit:
https://webadmin.umbc.edu
Requesting a UMBC I-20

**Required Documents:**
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of available funding for one academic year ($35,982 for Graduate and $40,624 for Undergraduate)
- Affidavit of support from financial sponsor
Arriving at UMBC

• Can enter U.S. up to 30 days before I-20 program start date
• Please have housing secured before leaving home country
• Know the earliest move in date for your housing choice
• Undergraduate Student Orientation
  - Mandatory
  - Select from multiple dates
  - Students register for classes during orientation
• Graduate Student Orientation
  - Optional Graduate School Orientation
  - Mandatory Departmental Orientation
• International Student Orientation
  - Mandatory Orientation - August 27th, 2019
  - Optional orientation events leading up to August 27th
Questions?