Thanks for joining us! Today we’ll be discussing:

- Pre-departure tips
- Our campus community and student life
- Academics at UMBC
- Student Resources
- Work options at UMBC

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Register for classes

- you can register for classes if a class if full you should enroll or add yourself to a waitlist and follow up with your program
- tips and instructions can be found here
  - [wiki.umbc.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=25657604](http://wiki.umbc.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=25657604)
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**NOTE:**

- Upon accepting your offer, you would need to wait for 24 to 48 hours before registering for classes.
- Some courses requires an approval from your department. Please get in touch with your Academic Advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator for more information.
- As an international student, you are required to register for a least 3 courses every semester to be considered full time.
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 - **posted on August 1; pay before August 20 to avoid** late fees
- Make online payments
- Information on available payment options for students
- Website: [Student Business Services](#)
- monthly payment plans are available

Four (4) month MPP schedule $40 enrollment fee (every semester)

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### 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

### Graduate On Campus Housing:

- **Walker Avenue Apartments**
  - utilities included

[UMBC Residential Life](#)
# Off Campus Apartments List

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<td>402 A Colleen Rd. Baltimore MD 410-644-4740</td>
<td>1 Br Apt: $750</td>
<td>Passport, Student Visa, Proof of income for 80% of the rent, $35 app fee (money order), Deposit of one month's rent</td>
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Advocacy and Education – We advocate for the inclusion of commuters, transfers, and veterans in University life and educate students on developmental topics related to these populations.

Commuter Connection – We provide an outreach program for students who commute to campus, including connecting them to on and off-campus resources.

Transportation – We sell Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) bus passes at a discounted rate for UMBC students and also provide help with getting to campus using public transportation.

Off-Campus Housing – We provide housing listings for students living off-campus, as well as roommate-matching services and education on appropriate off-campus behavior.
• 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
Important Health Insurance Facts

- International Students are required by law to carry health insurance. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**
- Health Insurance costs are included in the amount required when you provide proof of funding to get your I-20.
- **UMBC automatically enrolls all international students in our comprehensive Health Care plan.**
- Please note, health insurances from other countries may NOT be used!
- The bill for the insurance usually appears on your bill about a month after the semester begins.
- Please contact the UHS office at uhs@umbc.edu or 410-455-2542 for the exact start and end dates of the insurance.

*For more information on the coverage please visit the University Health Services (UHS) website at [http://www.umbc.edu/uhs/services/insurance.php](http://www.umbc.edu/uhs/services/insurance.php)*

All international students are **required** to submit the forms below prior starting their classes:

- [Mandatory Health Form](http://www.umbc.edu/uhs/services/insurance.php)
- [Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire](http://www.umbc.edu/uhs/services/insurance.php)
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
• Free
• For UMBC students only
• Transit Tracker App
• Convenient connections to public transportation
• Helpful for thinking about housing options
• Website: UMBC Transit
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

Learn More Here: [Working On Campus](#)
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

Learn More Here: CPT
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

Learn More Here: [OPT](#) [STEM OPT](#)
Accepting Your Admission

Create a myUMBC account

You will need your UMBC campus ID and birthdate. Visit:
https://webadmin.umbc.edu

If you're having trouble setting up your account, call the DoIT Hotline: +1 410 455 3838

Log in to myUMBC

my.umbc.edu

Click Accept or Decline Admission

Allow 24 hours for change to register in your account
Requesting a UMBC I-20

**Send required documents to ies@umbc.edu**

**Receive draft I-20 from UMBC and shipping instructions**

**Schedule a visa interview**

**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
Plan your arrival and book your flight

- closest airports to UMBC are:
  - Washington/ Baltimore International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) is only 10 min away
  - Dulles International Airport (IAD), Washington D.C. is about an hour and 15 min away

Transportation:
- you can use UBER or LYFT (make sure to download the App before you leave)
- book a ride with Super Shuttle or Go Shuttle (about $60) go to [www.shuttlefare.com/dulles](http://www.shuttlefare.com/dulles)bwi

Please stay tuned for information on a UMBC Bus Pick Up!
ORIENTATION

UMBC provides 3 orientations to International Students which are:

1. New Graduate Student Orientation on August 15, 2019

2. Program Orientation (details will be sent to you in an email)

3. International Rules and Policy Meeting (IRPM) on August 27

Only the IRPM is required to all international students. However, please be advised that all of these orientation will be helpful for you as you begin your academic pursuits at UMBC.
Questions?

Please email ies@umbc.edu if you have any further questions.