International Student Arrival Checklist

Congratulations on your admission to UMBC! We’re so excited to have you on campus. Now that you’ve arrived in the U.S., here are the next steps for a smooth transition to studying at UMBC:

- Secure your housing BEFORE arrival. On campus housing: reslife.umbc.edu / Off campus housing: umbc.och101.com
  
  *Students are responsible for their own accommodation.*

- Immigration Check In - Please complete the following steps electronically:
  - Log in to your myUMBC account
  - Access your portal here: IES Portal
  - Select “Fall 2019”
  - Upload the following documents:
    - I-94 (get your I-94 here)
    - F-1 Visa (in your passport)
  - Update your address via your myUMBC account (see attached documents)
  
  *This is an electronic process, please do not bring documents to the IES Office*

- Undergraduate Students: Register for orientation on August 19th or August 26th

- Graduate Students: attend the optional Graduate School orientation on August 15th as well as departmental orientations

- Join the IES Academy group on myUMBC to review and register for IES Orientation events

- Attend the mandatory International Rules and Policy Meeting on August 27th, 2019. Register in our myUMBC group, IES Academy

- Graduate Assistants: visit the IES Office for a Social Security Number application

*Over please*
Register for classes: Undergraduates will enroll during orientation. Graduates, please enroll on myUMBC.

Need to speak with an IES adviser? We have walk in hours every Monday – Thursday from 1PM to 4PM. If you cannot make walk in hours, please make an advising appointment by emailing ies@umbc.edu with a preferred time.

Learn the business hours and procedures of your department and other offices on campus. Be sure to make an appointment if necessary.

Complete all University Health Services Requirements.

Make sure you have access to funds. Tuition is due at the start of each semester. While on campus jobs are available, they are competitive and you shouldn’t rely on them for funding.

Set up a Bank account – there is a PNC Bank on campus, or you can choose a bank you prefer.

Decide which phone carrier/plan you will use - A SIM card was provided for your convenience. You don’t have to use it but you might find it helpful during your arrival to the US.

Prepare for the first day of classes on August 28th!

Download helpful Apps such as:

- Lyft
- Google Maps
- TransLoc Rider
- Uber
- XE Currency
- Weather Underground

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IES Office Walk In Hours: Monday – Thursday 1 PM to 4 PM
Questions? Email us at ies@umbc.edu
Welcome to #Retrievernation!
How to update your Address and Emergency Contacts

1. Login to your myUMBC account
2. Click on your name (in the top right of the screen)
3. Click on VIEW MORE at the bottom of the ABOUT section of your profile page:

   ![Profile Page Screenshot]

4. Scroll down to “Student Mailing Address” and click on “Edit”
5. You should see a summary of your current addresses. Click on “Edit” next to the “Mail” address type to update it. Please use our “US Address Guide” to make sure you enter your address correctly!

   ![Address Table]

6. After updating your address, please also update the “Phone Numbers” tab and “Emergency Contacts” tab!
US Address Guide

CORRECT

1234 Westland Blvd
Arbutus, MD 21227
- You don’t need to include the name of the Apartment Community
- You can use either Arbutus OR Baltimore as the city, but not both!

9999 Drayton Green
Apt 9
Baltimore, MD 21227
- The apartment number goes on the second line. Do NOT use a comma in the first line!
- You can use either Arbutus OR Baltimore as the city, but not both!

100 Walker Avenue
Apt 111
Catonsville, MD 21228
- The apartment number goes on the second line. Do NOT use a comma in the street line!

INCORRECT

1234, Westland Blvd
Westland Garden Apartments
Arbutus
Baltimore, MD 21227

9999, Drayton Green, Apt 9
Arbutus
Baltimore, MD 21227

100, Walker Avenue, Walker Avenue Apartments, Apt 111
Catonsville, MD 21228