International Student Information Session
Thanks for joining us today! During the information session please:

• Mute your microphone
• Type any questions you have into the chat box
10 Minutes from BWI Airport
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

Easy access to…

- Washington D.C.: 55 km/34 miles
- Philadelphia: 177 km/110 miles
- New York: 316 km/196 miles
Academics at UMBC

- 48 undergraduate majors
- 39 master’s degree programs
- 24 doctoral degree programs
- Ranked #3 among U.S. universities for global and economic impact
- An honors college with a research community
- Learning community with equally motivated and talented students
- Interdisciplinary approach to education that focuses on experiential learning
Campus Resources

- Student Organizations/Campus Life
- Academic Success Center
- Graduate Student Association
- Residence Life
- Off Campus Student Services
- UMBC Transit
- University Health Services
- International Education Services (IES) Office
- Career Center
Student Organizations

- 200+ student organizations
- International Student Specific Clubs
  - Bangladeshi Student Association
  - Chinese Student and Scholars Association
  - EKTA - Indian Graduate Students
  - Iranian Graduate Student Organization
  - PAKSA
  - Sri Lankan Student Association
  - Nepali Student Association
• Available to all Undergraduate students
• 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
• Academic Advocates: help undergraduate students navigate any difficulties with their courses
• Connects Graduate students to graduate level specific resources on campus
• Writing Adviser appointments
• GEARs - research symposium
• Travel grants for conferences
• Graduate Assistant Advisory Council
On Campus Housing

Undergraduate On Campus Housing:

- **Residence Halls:** Chesapeake, Susquehanna, Potomac, Patapsco, Harbor and Erickson Hall
- Apartments (3rd and 4th year 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
  - Information on U.S. rental procedures, leases etc.

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

- Other apartments near campus: Westland Gardens, Maiden Choice Apartments
Bus Schedules & Maps

- **Courtney Rd**
  Serving the Arbutus & Irvington Community

- **Arundel**
  Serving the Arundel Mills Mall

- **Catonsville**
  Serving the Catonsville Community (Frederick Rd. business area)

- **Arbutus / MARC**
  Serving the Arbutus & MARC train stops

- **Rt 40**
  Providing connection to the Rt. 40 business district

- **Downtown**
  Providing connection from Downtown to UMBC

- **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

• Health Insurance – **Insurance is mandatory.** All UMBC students are automatically enrolled in Student Health Insurance Plan
International Education Services
(IES Office)

- Help International Students acclimate to the U.S. and UMBC campus through immigration advising and programming events
- OPT Workshops
- International Student Career Conference
- Website: ies.umbc.edu
- Student Portal: IES Portal
- Advise on maintaining F-1 status while at UMBC and through OPT/STEM OPT
- Available via email at ies@umbc.edu
- Instagram and Twitter: @UMBC_IES
Career Center

• Award winning services to prepare UMBC students for professional life

• 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
• Website: [Careers.umbc.edu](http://Careers.umbc.edu)
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 US 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
- 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
- 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.

Visit:
https://webadmin.umbc.edu

Log in to myUMBC

my.umbc.edu

Click Accept or Decline Admission

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

**Log in to the IES Portal with myUMBC credentials**

**Select “New F-1 Student Request” Form**

**Upload all required documents**

**Receive draft I-20 from UMBC and make shipping request**

**Pay SEVIS Fee**

**Schedule 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 or letter of support from financial sponsor

Allow at least 24 hours for change to register in your myUMBC account.
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

ORIENTATION
- Pre-Departure Orientation (Virtual): Mid-August
- 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 26th, 2020
  - Optional orientation events throughout the week
Questions?

- Advisers are always available via email at ies@umbc.edu
- Our website: IES.umbc.edu - Information for Admitted Students

- See what we’re up to! @UMBC_IES #UMBCInternational

Join us at our next information session on Tuesday, April 7th at 10:00 AM EDT