



International Education Services

Preparing for Fall 2020 | June 19, 2020

Welcome

Thanks for joining us today!



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Retrievers Return Roadmap

UMBC announced **most** Fall 2020 classes will be held online

Today's Agenda:

- 3 Enrollment Options
- Work Benefits
- Student Support and Resources at UMBC
- Question and Answer

NOTE:

UMBC provided updated information for the Fall 2020 on Friday, June 19th shortly after this webinar. Information in this PPT has been updated to reflect these changes and a final slide added at the end of the PPT to summarize the updates. Updates can be read directly at:

COVID19.UMBC.EDU

Fall 2020 Options

Enroll Online from
Outside the U.S.

Defer Admission to
a Future Semester

Enter the US to attend
UMBC for Fall 2020

Enroll Online for Fall 2020 from Outside the U.S.

- Applies to: New students outside the U.S.
- No F-1 course enrollment requirements
- What happens to your I-20?
 - Program dates will be adjusted to reflect your first semester in the U.S.
 - We will request updated financial documents if over 3 months old
 - 1st week of July: Begin processing Spring 2021 I-20s
 - Your SEVIS fee is valid for one year
- [Flexible Launch Program](#): for Graduate students in certain departments only
 - take up to 3 online courses in the Fall semester then study in person for Spring 2021
 - Example programs: Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity, Data Science, Engineering Management, Human Centered Computing, Information Systems, Systems Engineering
- Things to Consider:
 - Reliable internet connection
 - Time difference and Synchronous (students sign on at the same time) vs Asynchronous (students sign on at their leisure) classes
- Tuition/Fees: [Student Business Services](#)
 - No final decision made on reduction of tuition if courses are held online
 - Certain student fees meant to support on campus facilities will not be charged
 - Payment due dates vary depending on class registration date

Entering the U.S. after Enrolling Online for Fall 2020:

- Only able to enter the U.S. 30 days before the start of the Spring 2021 semester (late January)
- Can students enter the U.S. in the middle of the semester?
 - No. This is not possible based on current F-1 immigration rules
- Can I enter the U.S. with a B2 visa and take online courses?
 - No. B2 Visitor visas **do not** allow for full time study. This means you wouldn't be able to take any online courses.
 - Changing status from B2 to F-1 is a time consuming and costly process

Defer Admission to a Future Semester

- Defer: requesting your admission be changed to another semester
- Can defer for one academic year without having to reapply
- How to Defer:

| Undergraduate | Graduate |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: August 31st • Email admissions@umbc.edu • In your email, confirm your new semester - Spring 2021 or Fall 2021 • Receive confirmation of deferral • Enrollment deposit will be deferred • Applied for housing? Cancel Housing Here • Receive updated admission letter • DROP ALL CLASSES Deadline: September 3rd • UG Scholarship Recipients Only: Request Scholarship Deferral | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline: As soon as possible • Visit this website: Graduate School Forms • Read deferral instructions • Complete Deferral Form • Questions? Email GradSchool@umbc.edu • DROP ALL CLASSES Deadline: September 3rd |

Entering the U.S. after Deferring to a Future Semester

- What happens to your I-20?
 - IES will contact you once deferral is completed by Undergraduate/Graduate admissions
 - Program dates will be adjusted to reflect your first semester in the U.S.
 - We will request updated financial documents if over 3 months old
 - 1st week of July: Begin processing Spring 2021 I-20s
 - 1st week of January: Begin processing Fall 2021 I-20s
 - Your SEVIS fee is valid for one year
- Graduate Assistants (RA, TA etc):
 - The university is still considering options for international students and their options for enrolling online or deferring
 - Please work closely with your department to explore your options
- Entry to the US
 - Only able to enter the U.S. 30 days before the start of your chosen semester
 - Spring 2021 semester - late January
 - Fall 2021 semester - late August

Enter the US to attend UMBC for Fall 2020

Things to consider if you've already received your visa:

- Current immigration rules are clear - you cannot enter the U.S. as a new student if your classes are online only
- SEVP has not finalized a decision for Fall 2020 on whether new F-1 students can enter the U.S. if classes are only online
- Be aware of travel restrictions in your home countries as well as in the [U.S.](#)
- **Transfer Students:**
 - Students currently in F-1 status in the U.S. transferring to UMBC from another institution
 - Please follow regular I-20 transfer guidelines
 - Planning to travel home? Please email us at ies@umbc.edu

Effects on Work Authorization (Online or Deferral)

- Work types:
 - On-Campus
 - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- Immigration rules for off campus work (CPT and OPT)
 - Must complete 2 full-time academic semesters in the U.S.
 - Full-time academic semester = Fall or Spring semesters
- OPT eligibility timeline:
 - Must complete 2 full-time semesters in US
 - OPT authorization is for AFTER graduation and won't be impacted by starting your UMBC career online

Example Work Authorization Timeline

| Semester | Enrollment | Work Options |
|-------------|--|--|
| Fall 2020 | Online / Optional | None |
| Spring 2021 | Full time Physically on-campus in the US | On-campus |
| Summer 2021 | Optional | On-campus |
| Fall 2021 | Full time Physically on-campus in the US | On-campus |
| Winter 2022 | Optional | Part-time/Full-time CPT, On-campus |
| Spring 2022 | Full-time on campus (Part-time if last semester to graduate) | Part-time CPT, On-campus, Full-time CPT if 4 credits or less required to graduate by end of semester |
| Summer 2022 | Optional | Part-time or Full-time CPT, On-Campus, OPT (only If you graduate in Spring 2022) |

Connecting with the UMBC Community

- Still have access to most [UMBC resources](#) virtually
 - Academic tutoring
 - GSA
 - *myUMBC*
 - Student Clubs
 - Women's Center
 - Mosaic Center
 - Student Events
 - RAC - exercising

- [#UMBCTogether](#)

Housing Options - Preparing for Future Semesters

- Students are responsible for securing their own lodging and accommodation
- Main Campus
 - On-campus options mainly for UG students
 - On campus housing capacity reduced due to COVID-19
 - Fall 2020 planning is ongoing - no final decisions made
 - If you registered for housing for Fall 2020, Residential Life will contact you directly the week of 6/22
 - [UMBC Office of Residential Life COVID-19 Statement](#)
 - Off-campus options for all students:
 - [UMBC Off Campus Student Services](#)
 - [Off Campus Housing Website](#)
 - Other apartments near campus: Westland Gardens, Maiden Choice Apartments
- Shady Grove
 - No on campus housing options available
 - [UMBC Shady Grove Housing Guide](#)

UMBC Student Business Services

- Website: sbs.umbc.edu
- Handle tuition, billing and payment plans
- [E-Billing Schedule](#)

Fall

| Register By | E-Bill Date | Due Date | Late Fee Charged |
|-------------|-------------|----------|------------------|
| 07/31 | 08/01 | 08/20 | 08/25 |
| 08/31 | 09/01 | 09/20 | 09/25 |
| 09/30 | 10/01 | 10/20 | 10/25 |

- [Payment Plan Options](#)

| Fall 2020 Enrollment Dates | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Enroll By | Installments | Due Date |
| 07/19/2020 | 4 | 07/20/2020 |
| 08/19/2020 | 3 | 08/20/2020 |
| 09/19/2020 | 2 | 09/20/2020 |
| Final Payment | | 10/20/2020 |

Career Center Support

- Finding an on-campus job for Spring 2021
- Virtual Career Fairs
- Resume review services
- [Other career preparation](#)
- Website: [Careers.umbc.edu](https://careers.umbc.edu)

IES Office Support

- General Questions and Advising
- Updated I-20s:
 - Start processing Spring 2021 I-20s the first week of July
 - Students whose financial documents are over 3 months old will need to submit updated documents
- Information Updates
- Fall 2020 Online Orientation
 - U.S. virtual classroom expectations
 - Visa Preparedness
 - Tips for success
- Creating Community
 - Ambassador program
 - Social media and Facebook groups

Requesting Your I-20: Finances

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

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

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

- **No cost to request a UMBC I-20**
- **No cost to update a UMBC I-20 after deferral**
- Amount required is based on **estimated cost** of an Academic Year (9 months)
- Amount is specific to UMBC only
- Required amount is subject to change
- As of Fall 2020 Admission at UMBC that is:
 - Undergraduate: \$40,624
 - Graduate: \$35,982

Important Websites

[UMBC COVID-19 Page](#)

[IES COVID-19 Page](#)

[Grad School COVID-19 Page](#)

[Flexible Launch Program](#)

[UMBC Residential Life](#)

[Student Business Services](#) (tuition fees, payment schedule etc)

Frequently Asked Questions




- If I start classes online can I enter the U.S. in the middle of the Fall semester?
 - No. Current F-1 rules prohibit this.
- Will my electronic I-20 be ok for entering the U.S.?
 - Yes, the electronic copy is valid for visa interviews and entering the U.S.
- I have a valid B2 Visa can I enter the U.S. that way and take online classes?
 - No. B2 visas do not allow visa holders to study.
- How do I defer my admission?
 - Undergraduates: email admissions@umbc.edu Deferral deadline: August 31st
 - Graduate: [Deferral Form](#) No deferral deadline but the sooner the better!
- I already received an I-20 for the Fall 2020 semester but plan to defer. What happens next?
 - We will update your I-20 program dates. Once your deferral is approved, IES will reach out to directly about next steps.
- Can UMBC guarantee visa approval?
 - We cannot guarantee your visa approval. We can however share resources throughout the Fall semester on preparing for your interview.

Update on Fall 2020

UMBC provided updated information for the Fall 2020 on Friday, June 19th shortly after this webinar. Please find a summary of these changes below. Please consult COVID19.UMBC.EDU for up to date information.

- Approximately 10% of classes will be hybrid (online + in person) or in person at the beginning of the semester
 - [List of Hybrid Classes for Fall 2020](#)
 - Anything not listed on the Hybrid class list will be held online
- 100% of classes will be held online after Thanksgiving Break in late November
- Residence Halls will be closed after Thanksgiving Break in late November
- [Fall 2020 Academic Calendar - Undergraduate](#)
- [Fall 2020 Academic Calendar - Graduate](#)
- Full course list will be updated by June 25: [Schedule of Classes](#)

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 our Fall 2020 Admitted Students Group!**
www.facebook.com/groups/IESFall20



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