



International Education Services

Preparing for Fall 2020 | June 30,
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Welcome

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Today's Agenda

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

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Retrievers Return Roadmap

- [Retrievers Return Roadmap](#)
- 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 online course catalog: [Fall 2020 Online Course Catalog](#)

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 6 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 academic 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 6 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 (government agency that handles F-1 Immigration rules) 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? Or already at home and planning to return for Fall 2020? 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
 - Student Business Services
 - Career Center
- [#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 6 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
 - Global Ambassadors
 - 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](#) (Retrievers Return Roadmap)

[IES COVID-19 Page](#)

[Grad School COVID-19 Page](#)

[Flexible Launch Program](#)

[UMBC Residential Life](#)

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




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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. You will also receive a letter of explanation from the IES Office
- 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.

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

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