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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
- 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:

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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

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<td>Spring 2022</td>
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<td>Part-time CPT, On-campus, Full-time CPT if 4 credits or less required to graduate by end of semester</td>
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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

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- Payment Plan Options

### Fall 2020 Enrollment Dates

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Career Center Support

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

- 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

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

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