International Student Information Session
Thanks for Joining Us Today!

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Type questions in the Q&A box to “All Panelists”

This webinar is being recorded
Shady Grove Campus

Located in Rockville, Maryland

- Suburban location provides a safe environment to focus on studies
- Supermarkets and other amenities walking distance from campus

Easy access to Baltimore and Washington D.C. via car

- Washington D.C. : 30.57 km/19 miles
- UMBC Main Campus: 64.3 km/40 miles

- View Campus Map
- Take a Virtual Tour!
UMBC at Shady Grove

- 9 University System of MD institutions
- Full-service, collaborative campus
- No repeat programs among institutions
- Course-sharing opportunities
- USG specific scholarship opportunities
- Many transfer students (most students have completed at least 45 credits before transfer)
- All courses are upper-level; lower-level courses are not typically offered
Academics at UMBC-Shady Grove

- **6 Undergraduate Programs**
  - Computer Science, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, & Translational Life Science Technology

- **6 Graduate Programs**
  - Biotechnology, Cybersecurity, Data Science, Geographic Information Systems, Technical Management, & Industrial/Organization Psychology

- Students graduate with a true UMBC degree
- Honors university >> strong focus on undergraduate teaching and applied learning opportunities
- Courses offered during the day, in-person
- Small classes (18:1) and accessible faculty
- Average age of students is 28 years old
Campus Resources

- **Career & Internship Services Center** (CISC)
  Career Coaching, Interview Prep, Resume Help, Internships, etc.

- **Center for Counseling & Consultation** (CCC)
  Individual/Couples Counseling, Mental Health Workshops, etc.

- **Center for Academic Success** (CAS)
  Academic Coaching, Guided Study Sessions, Writing Support, etc.

- **Center for Student Engagement & Financial Resources** (CSEF)
  Financial Resources, Scholarships, Student Orgs., etc.

- **Center for Recruitment & Transfer Access** (CRTA)
  Student Ambassadors, Transfer Access Programs, ACES, etc.
Student Organizations

• UMBC-Shady Grove has specific student organizations such as our Social Work Student Association (SWSA), Psychology Student Association (PSA), History Student Association (HSA), and Peer Advisory Team (among others) but you also have USG student organizations you can join.

*Contact your program director for more information on program-specific associations.

• A few example of USG Student Orgs. you can join are: Ladies in Tech, Video Game Club, International Club, Latinx Student Association, and the Care Package Club. Find out more HERE!

Students can also create their own student organization with the help of the Center for Student Engagement & Financial Resources (CSEF)!
Graduate Student Resources

USG Graduate Student Resources:
• Graduation celebrations
• Workshops
• Scholarships
• Graduate Student Associate Information

UMBC Graduate Student Resources
• GEARs – research symposium
• Travel grants for conferences
Housing

• The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) is a non-residential campus
• Students must find their own living arrangements off-campus.
• Housing Resources:
  – Housing Guide
  – Additional Resources

This information serves only as a resource tool for students and does not reflect endorsements on behalf of USG. Please use care when sharing your personal information with unknown parties.
Transportation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S RIDE-ON BUS SYSTEM
  – For specific route information please go to Ride-On website

METRORAIL AND METROBUS SYSTEMS
  – For information on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Metrorail and Metrobus services, please click here for maps and schedules.

Additional USG Transportation Information
University Health Services is **not** located on the UMBC-Shady Grove campus.

- **Health Insurance:**
  Insurance is **mandatory.** All UMBC students are automatically enrolled in our Student Health Insurance Plan.

Website: [UHS.UMBC.EDU](http://UHS.UMBC.EDU)
International Education Services

- 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
Campus Work Opportunities

However, there are multiple ways in which Shady Grove students can discover student employment opportunities at USG:

- **USG Student Ambassador Program**
- Visit [Careers at USG](#) and apply for positions available.
- Check the [USG Weekly](#)
Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

- 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
ICE has a full list of STEM Degrees Here: **STEM Designated Degree Program List**

To find your major, use the CIP Code on your I-20 to search the list
Accepting Admissions

You will need your UMBC campus ID and birthdate.

Visit: https://webadmin.umbc.edu

my.umbc.edu

Click Accept or Decline Admission

Allow at least 24 hours for change to register in your account
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
Requesting Your I-20: Finances

- 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
- No cost to request a UMBC I-20
Requesting Your I-20: Sources of Funding

Acceptable Sources of Funding:
- Checking/Savings Account Bank Statements
- Approved Loan Documents
- Scholarship Awards
- Graduate Assistantships
- Fixed Deposits (only if you can withdraw the money at any time)
- Documents CANNOT be older than 3 months
- Letter of Support/Affidavit

Unacceptable Sources of Funding:
- Stocks or bonds
- Real Estate Holdings
- Retirement Funds
- Life Insurance Policies
- Unapproved Loan Documents
- Documents older than 3 months
Funding your Studies

Undergraduate:

- Merit scholarships available based on GPA, test scores, application materials
- Contacted directly by Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships within a month after admission

Website: SCHOLARSHIPS.UMBC.EDU

Graduate:

- Funding in the form of Graduate Assistantships (RA, TA)
- Not guaranteed and very competitive
- Funding is up to your specific department

Website: GRADSCHOOL.UMBC.EDU

USG Specific Scholarships
UMBC COVID-19 Response, Updates

- UMBC is carefully monitoring the ever-changing situation
- IES Office is still processing I-20s
- Electronic copies of signed I-20s will be sent to students via our IES Portal
- Visa Delays: Up to date information via our website - Visa Delays
- IES COVID-19 Page
- UMBC COVID-19 Page
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!
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- Join our Fall 2020 Admitted Students Group!
  www.facebook.com/groups/IESFall20

Join us at our next information session on Friday, May 22nd at 10:00 AM EDT

UMBC-Shady Grove Contact Information