UMBC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

What to expect for Spring 2021

STUDENT LIFE IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW...

While campus facilities and services may not be available to the same extent, we're still here to help you make the most of your experience.

What will my first days in the US be like?

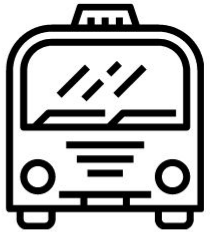
What should I keep in mind?

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU PREPARE FOR SPRING 2021

Prepare to quarantine once you arrive

Don't forget, it's still winter so it will be cold!

Plan your personal study space



Limited facilities, campus jobs & services

Will I need to quarantine once I arrive?

Yes.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a 2 week quarantine for anyone arriving into the US

IES will be providing additional information to help answer your questions and prepare for quarantine in the coming weeks

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS TO GET THINGS I NEED SAFELY?

You can order your groceries online and have them delivered for a small fee

If it's in your budget, order a meal online (UberEats, DoorDash)

Many local restaurants and shops allow you to place orders online for curbside pickup

WINTER IN MARYLAND

It may be the spring semester but, it's still cold for the first few months!

GET A WARM COAT

YOU MAY HAVE HIGHER BILLS

ENJOY THE SNOW!

What will campus facilities and services be like?

Limited operating hours

Some services such as UMBC transit, are offering a modified service and fewer routes. Check their website to see when shuttles are running

Food options

Most on-campus food outlets are offering takeaway options only, no dine-in. They may also have limited hours. To see what's open visit: dineoncampus.com/umbc

Remote Staff

A majority of staff will remain working remotely for the spring semester. We recommend emailing if you need to contact campus staff

CAMPUS JOBS WILL BE LIMITED

Since there are few people on campus, remember that on-campus (especially in-person) jobs will be limited for the spring semester. Make sure you budget accordingly. As always, you can search for available campus jobs on UMBC works.

PREPARING YOUR ONLINE LEARNING SETUP

01 Make sure you have proper equipment. Laptop, headphones, etc

02 Create a space where you can study without distractions

03 Check if your classes are synchronous or asynchronous

04 Reliable internet access is a must! Assignments & exams will be online

SYNCHRONOUS

Students attend class at the same, specified time

You'll participate in real-time lectures and discussions with professors & classmates

Attend class virtually and complete coursework on your own time

Most communication with professors is over email

ASYNCHRONOUS

Are there still ways we can socialize and stay safe?

YES!!

ENTERTAINMENT & SOCIALIZING SAFELY

- Virtual experiences from local attractions such as Baltimore Zoo, the Smithsonian and more!
- SEB hosts many virtual activities and events to stay connected with other students. From movie nights, to games, to trivia, theres plenty of fun options!
- Active at home! The RAC posts virtual fitness classes on YouTube! They also post monthly challenges on their social media
- Plan a movie or cooking night-in with your roommates. Make it a theme and experiment with new dishes!

STAY INFORMED WITH CURRENT CAMPUS, STATE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE

Check your email

Make sure you regularly check your UMBC email account so you don't miss important updates and announcements

Retriever ready website

Visit the Retriever Ready: Covid-19 Response webpage for helpful information, resources and updates https://covid19.umbc.edu/

Local news & weather

Local news is a good way to stay up to date with current state health and safety guidance. Also, don't forget to check the weather!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE UMBC COMMUNITY!

WISHING YOU A SAFE, HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE SEMESTER!