

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

INTERNATIONAL VIEWBOOK

**DIFFERENT** Makes A Difference



UMBC

# Fast Facts

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**13,530**

TOTAL STUDENTS

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**1553**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**17:1**

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

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**150+**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

**#1**

BEST VALUE  
INSTITUTION IN THE  
STATE OF MARYLAND

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**98%**

OF GRADUATE STUDENTS  
ARE EMPLOYED IN  
POSITIONS DIRECTLY  
RELATED TO THEIR  
CAREER GOALS

**700+**

EMPLOYER EVENTS AND  
DIRECT ENGAGEMENTS  
WITH STUDENT  
AND ALUMNI





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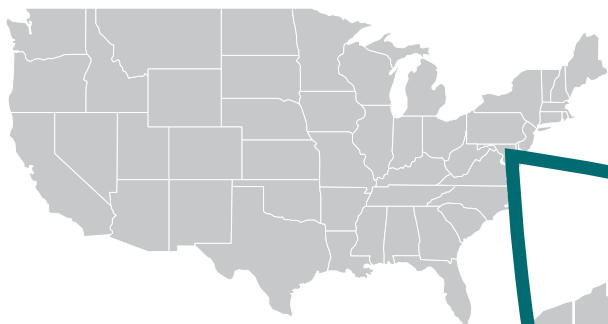
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# About UMBC

## OUR CAMPUS

UMBC is a mid-size public research institution on a welcoming, vibrant, and safe suburban campus. Located within one of the United States' top regions for technology, research and commercial activity, the area offers excellent internship, employment, and cultural opportunities.



### CAMPUS LOCATION



Catonsville, Maryland

### NEARBY DESTINATIONS



Baltimore:  
15-minute drive



Washington D.C.:  
35-minute train ride



Philadelphia:  
1 hour, 15 minute train ride



New York City:  
1 hour flight or 2.5  
hour train ride



### WEATHER

Spring: 10°C - 22.6°C

Summer: 13.8°C - 31.7°C

Autumn: 6.1°C - 20.2°C

Winter: -1.6°C - 5.8°C



# Campus Highlights



**Dedicated student services** including an award-winning Career Center, Writing Center, 24/7 study spaces, and academic support.



**Comprehensive health complex** offering doctor services, counseling, and spiritual well-being and prayer spaces.



Grocery stores, restaurants, and **shopping within walking distance** of campus.



Students represent over 100 different countries. **One of the most ethnically diverse colleges** in the U.S. and a Minority Serving Institution (MSI).



UMBC Transit shuttle service offers **free transport** to local stores, downtown Baltimore, and BWI airport.



The **state-of-the-art fitness center** includes a gym, multipurpose recreation courts, track, classes, cycling studio, and pools.



## #19 Most Innovative School

*U.S. News Best Colleges 2026*



## #127 National Universities

*U.S. News and World Report, 2026*



## #63 Public School

*U.S. News and World Report, 2026*



## Carnegie Research 1 Classification

*among only 187 institutions*



## #35 Undergraduate Teaching

*U.S. News Best Colleges 2026*



## #11 NASA Funding Recipient Totals

*NSF HERD Survey, 2025*

*"Participating in research at UMBC has been one of the most rewarding parts of my experience. I came in focused on coursework, but **getting hands-on with research opened my eyes to new directions I hadn't considered before.**"*

JERVON, GRENADA, B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



**Explore what's  
happening  
on campus**



*"I chose UMBC for the opportunities it offers to students in terms of **learning, hands-on experience, and career development**. I was particularly drawn to the curriculum, which I believe will **help me build both technical knowledge and practical skills relevant to the industry.**"*

PAVITHRA, INDIA, M.S. IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*"I choose UMBC because of its cultural diversity, and the welcoming environment it offers. **The strong support system here makes it easier for international students like me to adapt and thrive.**"*

SOWJANYA, INDIA, M.P.S. IN HEALTH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



# Get Involved in Campus Life

## CAMPUS RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES

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- **Spaces:** Retriever Activities Center, Game Room, and Sports Zone.
- **Events:** International Education Week, Welcome Week, Homecoming, Involvement Fest, and Game Nights.
- **Leadership:** Undergraduate and Graduate Student Government, Shriver (Social Justice) Center, Center for Democracy and Civic Life.

## International Student and Scholar Services

### IMMIGRATION SUPPORT

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- **Visa and immigration status:** Acquiring visa documentation, interview preparation, and maintaining status.
- **Employment:** Processing authorizations and connecting to opportunities (on-campus employment, CPT, OPT and STEM-OPT).

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

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- **Community services:** Driver's license process, tax requirements, and Social Security.
- **Student experience:** Engagement activities, semester events, field trips, student arrival guide, peer 1-1, and group chats.

## Housing Options

### RESIDENTIAL LIFE: ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (RESLIFE.UMBC.EDU)

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- On-campus residence halls and apartments.
- Amenities include: furnishings, laundry, and meal plans.

### RETRIEVER SUPPORT SERVICES (OCSS.UMBC.EDU)

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- Off-campus accommodation support including apartment and roommate search and assistance with U.S. rental practices.

"I am currently serving as Vice President of EKTA: the Indian Graduate Student Association, and I am also a member of the VITA Tax Assistance Club. Both of these **organizations have enriched my UMBC experience by allowing me to build community, engage in leadership, and contribute to meaningful initiatives** that support both international students and the wider campus community."

**YASH, INDIA, M.S. IN ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT**

**250+**

STUDENT CLUBS  
AND ORGANIZATIONS

**17**

NCAA DIVISION I  
ATHLETIC TEAMS

**25+**

CLUB SPORTS  
AND INTRAMURALS



# Top Employers Hire UMBC Students

## EMPLOYERS INCLUDE

- Amazon
- AstraZeneca
- bwtech@UMBC
- Google
- Northrup Grumman
- Nvidia
- T. Rowe Price
- Morgan Stanley
- State of Maryland

## Alumni Salaries

### AVERAGE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION (USD)



- Undergraduate: \$61,163
- Postgraduate (All): \$83,864
- Postgraduate (IT): \$94,932

**92%**

UNDERGRAD ALUMNI  
EMPLOYED AND/OR  
PURSUING FURTHER  
EDUCATION WITHIN  
SIX MONTHS  
OF GRADUATION

**93%**

POSTGRADUATE ALUMNI  
EMPLOYED AND/OR  
PURSUING FURTHER  
EDUCATION WITHIN  
SIX MONTHS  
OF GRADUATION

*"The on-campus resource that has benefited me the most is the Career Center. **Through resume review appointments, career guidance, and job fair preparation, I've learned how to present my skills more professionally** and explore different career paths. Their support has helped me feel more confident and prepared for internships, jobs, and future opportunities."*

**AYE, MYANMAR, B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**



## Engineering and Information Technology

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### Business

### Technology Administration\*

### Chemical Engineering\*

- Biotechnology/Bioengineering
- Environmental Engineering and Sustainability

### Computer Engineering\*

### Computer Science\*

- Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning
- Cybersecurity
- Data Science
- Game Development

### Information Systems\*

- Management

### Mechanical Engineering\*

## Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

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### Africana Studies

### American Studies

### Ancient Studies

### Anthropology, Cultural

### Art (see Visual Arts)

### Asian Studies

### Dance

### Economics

### Education

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Secondary

### Emergency Health Services

- Management
- Paramedic

### English

### Environmental Science and Geography\*

### Financial Economics

### Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

### Geography and Environmental Studies\*

### Global Studies

### History

### Media and Communication Studies

### Middle Grades STEM Education

### Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication

- Applied Linguistics
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Korean
- Russian
- Spanish

### Music

- Jazz Studies
- Music Composition
- Music Education - Choral
- Music Education - Instrumental
- Music Performance - Instrumental
- Music Performance - Vocal
- Music Technology

### Philosophy

### Political Science

### Psychology

### Public Health

### Sociology

### Theatre

- Acting
- Design/Production
- Theatre Studies

### Visual Arts

- Animation
- Design
- Photography and Cinema
- Print Media
- Visual and Media Arts

## Natural and Mathematical Sciences

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### Biochemistry and Molecular Biology\*

### Bioinformatics and

### Computational Biology\*

### Biological Sciences\*

### Biology Education\*

### Chemistry\*

- Biochemistry
- Physical Chemistry

### Mathematics\*

### Physics\*

### Physics Education

### Statistics\*

### Translational Life

### Science Technology\*

## The Erickson School

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### Management of Aging Services

## School of Social Work

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### Social Work

## Individualized Study Program

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## Pre-Professional Programs

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### Pre-Accounting

### Pre-Anesthesiologist Assistant

### Pre-Athletic Training

### Pre-Business

### Pre-Chiropractic Medicine

### Pre-Dental

### Hygiene

### Pre-Dentistry

### Pre-Law

### Pre-Medical

### Research Technology

### Pre-Medicine

### Pre-Nursing

### Pre-Occupational Therapy

### Pre-Optometry

### Pre-Pharmacy

### Pre-Physical Therapy

### Pre-Physician Assistant

### Pre-Podiatry

### Pre-Veterinary Medicine

\*STEM OPT eligible program

*"UMBC has strong programs, smaller class sizes, and **a supportive community that made me feel comfortable** as an international student. I was especially drawn to the strong STEM programs and the opportunities to explore research."*

**LEEHA, NEPAL, B.S. IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS**



**Explore  
undergraduate  
programs**

## Engineering and Information Technology

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Applied Data Science (M.S.)\*  
 Artificial Intelligence (M.S.)  
 Chemical and Biochemical Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Computer Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Computer Science (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Cybersecurity (M.S.)\*  
 Electrical Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Engineering Management (M.S.)\*  
 Environmental Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Health Information Technology (M.P.S.)\*  
 Human-Centered Computing (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Information Systems (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Mechanical Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Software Engineering (M.P.S.)\*  
 Systems Engineering (M.S.)\*  
 Technical Management (M.P.S.)\*

## Erickson School of Aging Studies

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Management of Aging Studies (M.A.)

## Natural Science and Mathematics

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Applied Mathematics (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Applied Molecular Biology (M.S.)\*  
 Atmospheric Physics (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Ph.D.)\*  
 Biological Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Biotechnology (M.P.S.)\*  
 Chemistry (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Leadership (M.P.S.)  
 Marine-Estuarine Environmental Sciences (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Molecular and Cell Biology (Ph.D.)\*  
 Neurosciences and Cognitive Sciences (Ph.D.)\*  
 Physics (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Statistics (M.S., Ph.D.)\*

## Humanities and Arts

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Historical Studies (M.A.)  
 Intercultural Communication (M.A.)  
 Intermedia and Digital Arts (M.F.A.)  
 Language, Literacy, and Culture (Ph.D.)  
 Texts, Technologies, and Literature (M.A.)

## Social Sciences and Education

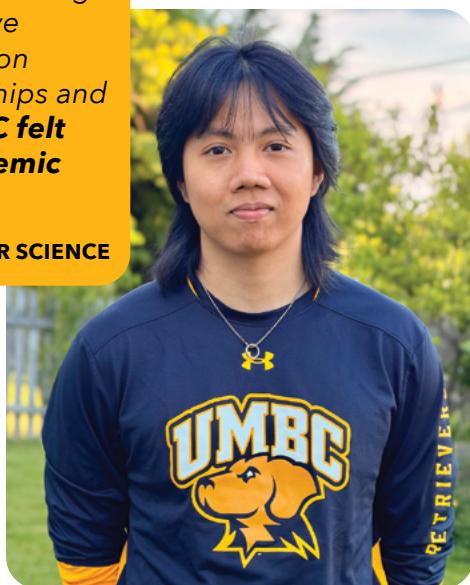
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Applied Sociology (M.A.)  
 Community Leadership (M.P.S.)  
 Economic Policy Analysis (M.A.)\*  
 Education (M.A.T., M.A.E.)  
 Emergency Health Services (M.S.)  
 Geography and Environmental Systems (M.S., Ph.D.)\*  
 Geographic Information Systems (M.P.S.)\*  
 Gerontology (Ph.D.)  
 Learning and Performance Technology (M.A.)\*  
 Psychology, Applied Developmental (Ph.D.)\*  
 Psychology, Human Services (M.A., Ph.D.)  
 Psychology, Industrial, and Organizational (M.P.S.)\*  
 Public Policy (M.P.P., Ph.D.)  
 Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (M.A.)

*\*STEM OPT eligible program*

*"Compared to other colleges in the area, UMBC offers smaller classroom settings that allow for more interaction with professors and classmates, creating a more engaging and collaborative learning experience. With hands-on coursework and access to internships and professional opportunities, **UMBC felt like the right place for my academic and personal growth.**"*

**NAM, VIETNAM, M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE**



**Explore  
postgraduate  
programs**

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Students can enroll in the English Language Institute as a stand-alone study program or in preparation for undergraduate or post-graduate study.

- Average 20 hours/week.
- 5 start dates options: Spring (2), Fall (2) and Summer (1).
- All levels aligned with CEFR standards.
- Skills: speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.
- \$4,600 per semester. Summer courses may be taken at a reduced rate. Housing, living expenses, and health insurance are at an additional cost.

### **ACADEMIC AND INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMS**

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Designed as a full-time program to improve English skills for academic, personal, or professional purposes.

### **BRIDGE AND PATHWAY PROGRAMS**

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Our Bridge and Pathway programs prepares students to transition to full-time academic study at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Students who apply to these programs can receive conditional admission offers for both the ELI and their degree program at the time of admission. Postgraduate students in the Pathway program may be eligible to enroll simultaneously in ELI and Academic credit courses.



# Customized Special Programs

Special Programs offer professional development, English language training, and cultural immersion activities. Programs can be fully customized to meet participants' goals and interests.

## PROGRAM FEATURES:



### LEADERSHIP SKILLS

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- Build leadership skills through training seminars designed to meet the needs and goals of participants and cohorts.
- Participants will learn how to identify, research, present, and address issues in the world and their communities.



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING

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- Authentic practice with native English speakers.
- Participants of all proficiency levels and backgrounds welcome.
- Skilled and experienced faculty provide participants with individualized attention.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Daily programming focused on site visits, networking, visiting speakers, goal setting and building partnerships.
- Past activities include networking with leaders in STEM, Medicine, Cybersecurity, Education, Law, Social Justice, Government, and Civic Engagement.



### CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

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- Experience U.S. culture in the Maryland and Washington D.C. region.
- Activities can include national tourist sites, sporting events, museums, university tours, and more.
- Connect with local students, professionals, and leaders.



## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Duration:** Programs typically range between 2 - 6 weeks.

**Accommodation:** Double occupancy dorms or four-bedroom apartment options available.

**Meals:** On-campus meal plans including Halal, Kosher, vegan, and vegetarian.

**Transit:** Access to UMBC's free student shuttle and local transit. Campus vehicles (buses and vans) available for charter.

**On-Campus Entertainment:** Participants have use of on-campus student facilities and campus activities.

**Health Insurance:** UMBC organized coverage plans available.



**MORE INFORMATION**

# Funding Opportunities

## UNDERGRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

- Funds partial tuition costs up to \$15,000 per year.
- No application required! First-year students automatically considered after admission.
- Requires minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) at time of admission to be eligible.
- Renewable up to 4 years.

## POSTGRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Research, Teaching, or Administrative roles working directly with faculty or departments.
- Exact funding package varies by department.
- Availability, eligibility, and application process varies by department.
- Positions are highly competitive and not guaranteed for all students.

# Estimated Cost of Attendance

| Undergraduate Estimated Costs<br>AY 26 - 27                                                                                                                     |          | Postgraduate Estimated Costs<br>AY 26 - 27 |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Tuition and Fees                                                                                                                                                | \$34,604 | Tuition and Fees                           | \$29,010 |
| Living Expenses (min)                                                                                                                                           | \$15,254 | Housing and Meals                          | \$20,394 |
| Health Insurance                                                                                                                                                | \$2,439  | Health Insurance                           | \$2,439  |
| Other                                                                                                                                                           | \$1,600  | Other                                      | \$800    |
| Estimated Total*                                                                                                                                                | \$53,897 | Estimated Total*                           | \$52,643 |
| *Figures shown are approximate and before any scholarships or aid. Actual costs vary based on individual circumstances. I-20 financial requirements may differ. |          |                                            |          |





# Application Requirements and Deadlines

## UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

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- Required Documents: Completed application submitted via the CommonApp, essay, \$75 application fee, transcript(s), evidence of English proficiency.
- Competitive undergraduate applicants have the equivalent of a "B" average.
- Recommended documents: Extracurricular Activities List.
- Optional Documents: Letters of recommendation, standardized test scores.
- Transfer Applicant Additional Documents: official course-by-course evaluation.

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

- Fall Priority Deadline: November 1
- Fall Final Deadline: February 1

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Fall Priority Deadline: March 1
- Fall Final Deadline: June 1

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: UNDERGRADUATE MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| - Duolingo: 115                          | - IELTS: 6.5       | - English at US institution: C or better | - Cambridge: B2 first, C1 Advanced or C2 proficiency 176 |
| - TOEFL: 4 (new score) or 80 (old score) | - PTE Academic: 53 | - SAT (writing): 500                     |                                                          |



## **POSTGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS**

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- Required Documents: Completed application, \$50 application fee, academic history (transcripts, etc.), resume/CV, letters of recommendation, evidence of English proficiency.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Competitive applicants typically have higher than the minimum GPA.
- Additional Documents (varies by program): GRE, Statement of Purpose or Goal Statement, Other Program-Specific Requirements.
- Students from a country where English is the primary language or who earned an undergraduate degree in an English-medium setting may be eligible for a waiver.
- Requirements vary by program. For a complete list of application requirements, view the Graduate School website at **[umbc.edu/programs/graduate](http://umbc.edu/programs/graduate)**.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: POSTGRADUATE MINIMUM SCORES REQUIREMENTS**

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## **POST-GRADUATE APPLICATION DEADLINES DEADLINES VARY BY PROGRAM**

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- Fall Semester: January to May
- Spring Semester: October to December
- Exact deadlines vary by program and may be subject to change. For a complete list of deadlines by program, review the Graduate School website.

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[umbc.edu/undergraduate/international](https://umbc.edu/undergraduate/international)



## **Graduate Admissions**

[gradschool.umbc.edu](https://gradschool.umbc.edu)



## **English Language Institute Admissions**

[eli.umbc.edu/how-to-apply](https://eli.umbc.edu/how-to-apply)



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