GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The University requires all new students to provide proof of immunization dates for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (M.M.R.) and Tetanus/Diphtheria. International students must document a negative Tuberculosis (T.B.) test or Chest X-ray within the past 12 months. You will be allowed to register for your first semester; but in order to register for future semesters, you must have the Health Centers Immunization Form completed and on file with the University Health Center: 301-314-8182, FAX: 301-405-9755.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The University of Maryland is an academic community dedicated to teaching, learning and research. Like other communities, the university can function properly only if its members share an expectation of intellectual honesty. Academic integrity promotes the development and expression of new ideas, while academic dishonesty acts as a corrosive force in the life of the university. Academic integrity enhances the quality of each student’s education and allows for the recognition of the genuine achievements and accomplishments of all.

Honor Statement: By enrolling at the University of Maryland, I recognize that I must adhere to the Code of Academic Integrity. As a member of the university community, I am responsible for promoting academic integrity. This includes the responsibilities to report cases of academic dishonesty to the Student Honor Council and to cooperate with faculty and the Council in resolving such cases.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Records: All records, including academic records from other institutions, and test scores, become part of the official file and can neither be returned nor duplicated for any purpose. You should obtain an additional copy of your official credentials to keep in your possession for personal purposes.

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Those applicants seeking admission under F (Student) or J (Exchange Visitor) visas must meet the following deadlines for the submission of applications and academic credential:

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*The following Graduate Programs do not accept Spring applications: AMST, ANTH, ARTT, ASTR.
INFORMATION ON ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS, ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS AND IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Academic Credentials: The Graduate Admissions office must receive the complete application fee, and official transcript/mark sheets in the original language with literal translations by the appropriate international deadline date. Translations should not be interpretive, and actual names of all degrees, diplomas and certifications must appear in the translation. Photocopies of credentials are acceptable for initial review purposes only. Official copies must be received in order to be admitted. Send one set to the Graduate Admissions office and one set to the program(s) to which you are applying.

Only applicants who have completed the full sequence of preparatory studies and examinations equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree from an approved institution, and who have demonstrated high academic achievement, will be considered.

Standardized Test Scores (TOEFL, TWE, TSE): All students at UMCP are expected to read, write and speak English fluently. International students must demonstrate a proficiency in the English language by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A score of 575 and above (with no sectional score below 50) may qualify for full admission. Applicants who score between 475 and 575 may be considered for provisional admission requiring:

a) a reevaluation of English skills upon arrival at College Park.

b) The successful completion of a semi-intensive program of English study at the university's Maryland English Institute (MEI) during the first semester if the results or evaluation indicate more language training is needed. Applicants who score less than 475 may enroll in a full-time program of intensive English language study at MEI. However, this does not guarantee admission to a degree program at UMCP.

You should take TOEFL on a date that includes the Test of Written English (TWE). If you are unable to do so, or if your TWE score is less than 4.0, you must write an essay prior to enrolling at UMCP. Non-native speakers of English who have received a degree from an institution in the U.S., United Kingdom, English-speaking Canada, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or the Commonwealth Caribbean are exempt from presenting TOEFL scores. To obtain an application for TOEFL, write to: TOEFL, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, N.J., 08541-6151, U.S.A. When requesting that official scores be sent, please refer to the UMCP institutional code: 5814.

Maryland English Institute (MEI) offers several courses designed to help non-native speakers of English improve language skills necessary for successful academic work at an English-speaking university. These courses cannot be counted toward a graduate degree, These courses are:

Intensive English Program - UMEI 001, 002, 003, 004
A full-time program for those who need substantial improvement in their English competence before undertaking any academic study at a U.S. college or university. Courses include five hours of language instruction per day.

Semi-Intensive English Program - UMEI 005
A half-time program open only to students who have been admitted to UMCP and whose TOEFL scores fall between 475 and 575. Applicants in this proficiency range may be admitted provisionally, which requires them to complete this course in order to earn full admission. Classes meet two hours per day, five days per week. This course is equivalent to half-time academic program.

English Pronunciation - UMEI 006
A three-hour per week course designed to improve students' pronunciation skills through diagnosis of individual problems and developing of self-correcting strategies. Particular attention is paid to improving fluency and speaking with proper stress and intonation.

Advanced Writing for Non-Native Speakers - UMEI 007
Applicants with TOEFL scores greater than 575 who either did not take or did not pass the TWE are evaluated by MEI. Students who receive a rating below 5.0 on the MEI Test of Writing are required to take UMEI 007. The four-hour per week course will include: practicing techniques to generate ideas, writing drafts to develop and focus these ideas, and refining editing and proofreading skills. In addition, students must enroll in courses to be full time.

Oral Communication and Pronunciation Skills for Non-Native Speakers - UMEI 008
A four-hour per week course for advanced non-native speakers of English to develop listening and speaking skills needed in an academic setting. In addition, students must enroll in courses to be full time.

For more information on MEI, write to: Maryland English Institute, University of Maryland, 2140 Taliaferro, College Park, MD 20742-7711, U.S.A.

Financial Resources: you must complete and send the enclosed Certificate of Finances form (p29) to the office of International Education Services. Approximately $20,328 annually is required for educational and living expenses. Evidence of funding for the first year must be provided with an indication of how financial support will be provided for subsequent years. Applicants unable to demonstrate that they possess sufficient resources will not be cleared for admission. Each prospective student should become familiar with current government regulations for exchanging and forwarding currency to the U.S. Arrangements must be made to have necessary funds on hand at the beginning of, and at regular intervals throughout, each semester.

Some governments require that certificates of eligibility to enroll or certificates of attendance accompany applications for currency exchange. Students to whom this requirement applies should contact the office of International Education Services, Mitchell Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-5215, U.S.A., for assistance.

International students are eligible for merit-based financial aid only, not for need-based aid. See p5 for financial aid information.

Immigration Documents: International applicants admitted to graduate study will be issued a student visa where appropriate. Foreign students should not leave their home country before obtaining an official offer of admission from the Dean for Graduate Studies.

To enter the U.S. most foreign students will need a passport from their government and a visa from the U.S. Consulate. To apply for a visa, evidence of adequate financial support, English proficiency, all previous academic records, and evidence of a medical examination may be required. Applicants who are already in the U.S. must provide copies of the I-20, I-94 and passport visa stamp to the Office of International Education Services.

The most frequently granted visa is a Student Visa (F-1). Students coming to the U.S. specifically for the purposes of study generally apply for this type of visa. It is granted only after the presentation of a Certificate of Eligibility (form I-20). Students on this visa must enroll for a minimum of 48 graduate unit hours, or the equivalent of a full course of study. The accompanying spouse or child of an F-1 student enters the U.S. on a F-2 visa, which does not permit employment of any kind.

Another commonly-granted visa is the Exchange Visitor Visa (J-1), generally for students sponsored by agencies, foundations or their home governments. It is granted only on the presentation of a Certificate of Eligibility (form
The accompanying spouse or child enters the U.S. on a J-2 visa, which may in some circumstances permit employment with approval from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. It is important to note that in many cases, an Exchange Visitor must leave the U.S. at the conclusion of the program, may not change visa status, and may not be eligible for any other visa until a two-year home country residence has been completed.

Note: The Visitor's Visa (B-2) is not appropriate for students intending to study in the U.S. Once an individual is in the U.S. on a B-2 visa, it is difficult to change to a Student or Exchange Visitor visa unless that individual has previously discussed study plans with the U.S. Consulate and has been issued a B-2 visa designated "Prospective Student."

For further information concerning visas, please contact the U.S. Consulate in your country. For additional information, contact the International Education Services Office, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-5215 USA; (301)314-7740.