Transfer Students

Your journey starts here...

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
Step 1: Becoming a Terrapin

Transfer Admission - Requirements and Procedures

The University of Maryland, College Park seeks students who demonstrate strong academic performance with records suggesting potential for success at Maryland.

Successful transfer applicants typically meet the following standards:

- 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours (one full year of college).
- Above average grades from all schools attended. For admission purposes, a cumulative grade point average will be calculated that combines grades for all completed college-level courses.
- Good academic and judicial standing at all schools previously attended.
- Completion of an English composition class that translates as ENGL 101 (see page 7) and a college-level math course such as College Algebra, Probability and Statistics, or Pre-Calculus.

To apply for admission, please submit the following:

1) A completed application form (paper or online at www.uga.umd.edu).
2) Official transcripts of academic work completed at all colleges and universities previously attended.
3) A $45 non-refundable application fee ($65 for international applicants).
4) Students are also strongly encouraged to submit an essay describing their past academic experiences and reasons for wishing to transfer.
Deadlines

Fall Semester  March 1 (early date)
                July 1 (regular date)

Spring Semester December 1

International Students

Please refer to the application for specific instructions and deadlines. Contact the International Education Services for more information:

Phone  (301) 314-7740
Website  www.umd.edu/ies
Email  ies@deans.umd.edu

Non-degree Seeking Students

Must submit a completed application form, official transcripts of academic work completed at all colleges and universities previously attended, and the application fee. If you have already completed a bachelor’s degree, transcripts are not required. Admitted non-degree students are limited to registering on a space-available basis. Students wishing to enroll for one semester and transfer the course work back to their home institution may be admitted with an application and a letter of permission from an academic advisor or dean at the home institution.

Under 30 Credit Hours

Students who will not earn 30 semester hours before their first semester of enrollment at Maryland should submit an official high school transcript and an SAT I or ACT score report in addition to a completed application form, official transcripts of academic work completed at all colleges and universities previously attended, and the application fee.

Limited Enrollment Programs (LEPs)

Several majors have requirements beyond those necessary for regular admittance to the university. These LEPs determine their enrollment on a space-available basis. Consult the Application for Undergraduate Admission for a list of LEPs and the Undergraduate Catalog (available on-line at www.inform.umd.edu/ugradcat/) for specific gateway criteria that must be met for admission into a particular LEP major.
Step 2: Housing & Campus Life

On-campus Housing
Almost all on-campus housing spaces are taken by returning students and first-time freshmen. Openings in the residence halls are extremely limited, and no guarantees can be made that interested students will be accommodated. However, transfer students are encouraged to return their housing requests as soon as possible after admission so they can be placed on the waiting list. For more information contact Resident Life at:
  Phone (301) 314-2100
  Website www.resnet.umd.edu
  Email reslife@accmail.umd.edu

Off-campus Housing
The majority of transfer students live off-campus and commute to the university. Off-Campus Housing Services in Commuter Affairs and Community Service (CACS) assists students in locating local housing by maintaining listings of apartments, houses, and rooms in private homes. Many of the apartment complexes are serviced by Shuttle UM, a free transit system provided to students, which serves local neighborhoods, shopping centers and Metro, Amtrak, and MARC train stations. Also we have a transfer student roommate list to help transfer students meet other students in search of housing. For more information contact CACS at:
  Phone (301) 314-3645
  Website www.umd.edu/cacs
Returning Students Program
This program is designed for individuals who are 25 or over and have experienced a break in their formal education. The program consists of workshops, classes, publications, and assistance to help ease the adjustment to college life. To learn more about this program:

Barbara Goldberg & Beverly Greenfeig  (301) 314-7693

Clubs & Organizations
With over 300 organizations to choose from, students can easily find one or more that fit their interests and schedule. For more information:

Campus Programs  (301) 314-7174

Stamp Student Union
The Adele H. Stamp Student Union serves as the hub of the UMCP campus. Services in the Union include several restaurants, the University Book Center, a recreation center, a 500-seat cinema, an art center, a food co-op, student services, a ticket office, the commuter lounge, and a convenience store.

Athletics & Recreation
The Maryland Terrapins are Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) and NCAA Division I contenders in 25 men’s and women’s sports. Tickets to all sporting events are free to UMCP students. In addition, UMCP’s Campus Recreation Services provides all-day access to several fitness centers and recreation facilities on campus. The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, a state of the art facility, serves the music, theatre, and dance departments of UMCP.
Step 3: Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial Aid Office
The University of Maryland offers an array of financial aid programs. To be considered for need-based financial aid (grants, loans, and Federal Work-Study), a student must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For maximum consideration, the FAFSA processor must receive and accept the completed FAFSA by February 15 - our priority financial deadline. Do not wait to be admitted to the University of Maryland before submitting the FAFSA.

When completing the FAFSA be sure to request that a copy be sent to the University of Maryland, College Park (school code: 002103). Please respond promptly to inquiries from the Office of Student Financial Aid for additional information and quickly sign and return all documents after you have been notified of your financial award.

Phone (888) 313-2404  
Website www.umd.edu/FIN/  
Email umfinaid@umdacc.umd.edu

Scholarships
Department Merit-Based Scholarships - are often available to upper-level undergraduates. For more information, contact the college or department you are interested in applying for.

Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarships - four scholarships are awarded each year on a competitive basis to students transferring from Maryland Community Colleges. In order to be eligible, students must have a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher and have at least 56 credits (the last 30 must be from a MD community college) or have an Associate’s degree from a MD community college. Contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office for more information.

Phone (800) 422-5867 or (301) 314-8385  
Email um-admit@uga.umd.edu

For more information on our academic departments, please visit the individual colleges and schools:

College of Agriculture & Natural Resources  
1296 Symons Hall  
(301) 405-7761  
www.agnr.umd.edu

School of Architecture  
1298 Architecture Bldg.  
(301) 405-6284  
www.arch.umd.edu

College of Arts & Humanities  
1102 Francis Scott Key Hall  
(301) 405-2088  
www.arhu.umd.edu

College of Behavioral & Social Sciences  
2141 Tydings Hall  
(301) 405-1697  
www.bsos.umd.edu/deans.html

Robert H. Smith School of Business  
2140 Van Munching Hall  
(301) 405-2286  
www.rhsmith.umd.edu

College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences  
3400 A.V. Williams Bldg.  
(301) 405-2677  
www.cmps.umd.edu

College of Education  
1210 Benjamin Bldg.  
(301) 405-2344  
www.education.umd.edu
Step 4: Transfer of Credits

Transfer Credit Center

The Center provides information and assistance to transfer advisors and prospective students. Your official transcripts will be evaluated only after you have been admitted; however, you can get an idea of how your credits will transfer by using this website. You may also learn which transfer classes will fill general education requirements, required of all students regardless of major. Particularly important is making sure that you have taken a class labeled FE (fundamental English) and a class labeled FM (fundamental math), as they are required for transfer admission. Once you have been admitted, you may view your personal preliminary credit evaluation online at www.tce.umd.edu/tceval/html about 10 business days after you receive your admit letter. Generally a final determination of your credit will be made at Orientation.

Phone (301) 314-8257
Website www.tce.umd.edu
Email tccinfo@deans.umd.edu

Evaluation of Transfer Credit

Transfer credit is evaluated using the following criteria:

1) Credit must have been earned from a regionally-accredited institution.
2) The course grade must be a 2.0 or higher, although we will accept a “D” or higher from any Maryland public institution.
3) We accept a maximum of 60 credits from two-year institutions and a maximum of 90 credits from four-year institutions. The final 30 credits must be earned at Maryland in order to receive a diploma from the University.
4) Remedial, technical and vocational courses as well as internships and practica do not transfer. Military credit earned at institutions that are not regionally accredited will not transfer.
5) Only credit transfers to the University of Maryland, not grade point average. You will begin a new grade point average at Maryland.
Step 5: Choose a Major


Step 6: Still Have Questions?

Undergraduate Admissions Office

M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm  
(301) 314-8385 or (800) 422-5867

Transfer UpClose

Information sessions led by an admission counselor and followed by a student-led campus tour are offered weekly and on periodic Saturdays. For a schedule or to reserve your place visit our website at www.uga.umd.edu

Adopt-A-Student

These visits connect current prospective students with a current undergraduate student to spend a day involved in campus-life, including classes and extracurricular activities. Please call to make a reservation at least 2 weeks in advance  
(301) 314-8385 or (800) 422-5867.

T-TIP (Terrapin Transfer Information Program)
Currently enrolled students are available to answer your questions and concerns regarding the transfer process either by phone (301) 314-8385 or (800) 422-5867 or email at mdimages@deans.umd.edu. If you are interested, please contact Maryland Images in the Admissions Office to be connected with one of the volunteers.