DISCOVER Your Future

UMBC

Fast Facts

14,148
TOTAL STUDENTS

2500+
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

17:1
STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO

150+
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

25%
LOWER AVERAGE TUITION COST
(compared to D.C. area public universities)

96%
IN JOBS RELATED TO CAREER GOALS
(F1 students employed at graduation)

1200+
EMPLOYERS HIRED DEGREE RECIPIENTS
(class of 2022)

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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.
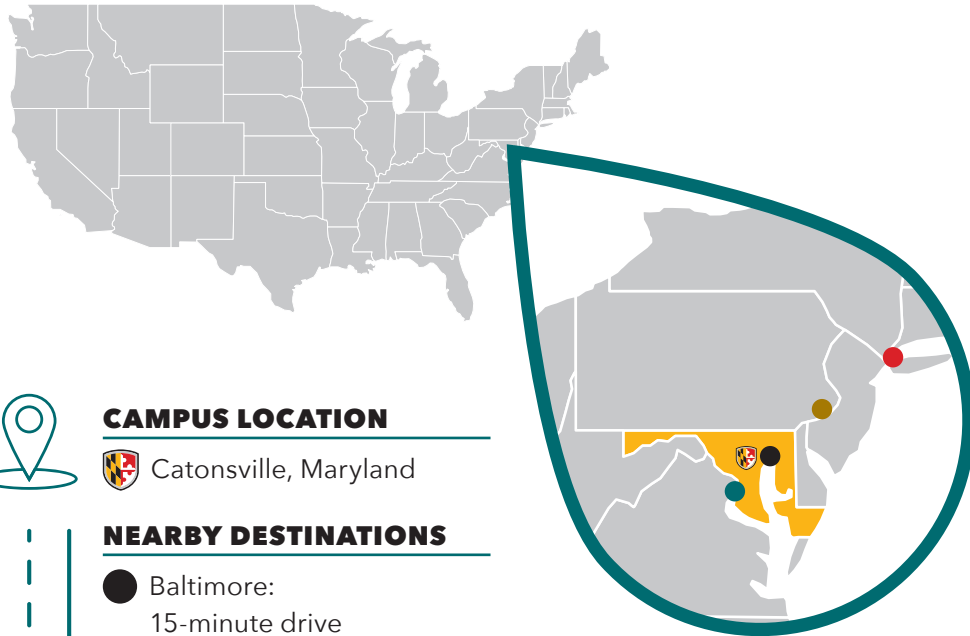
CAMPUS LOCATION

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.

RANKINGS, TEACHING, & RESEARCH

#15 Most Innovative School
(US News Best Colleges 2023 – 2024)

#12 Undergraduate Teaching
(US News Best Colleges 2023 – 2024)

R1 Carnegie Research 1 Classification
among only 146 institutions

#1 producer of Black M.D./Ph.D. degree earners among all U.S. institutions
(Association of American Medical Colleges)

#16 NASA Funding Recipient Totals
among all US institutions

Top 20 in the U.S. for Global Impact
(Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023)

"*I am an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Lee Blaney's group in the Chemical, Biochemical and Environmental Engineering department. Our project is in nutrient recovery. **I appreciate UMBC's size; we have more opportunities to be involved** in multiple aspects, ranging from leadership in student organizations, teaching, to research.*"

AN - CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (VIETNAM)

"***UMBC's commitment to developing research-oriented minds is unparalleled.** Their dedication to students is amazing, creating a climate in which academic development is valued and encouraged.*"

TARTELA - INFORMATION SYSTEMS (BANGLADESH)

"***UMBC is culturally diverse and welcoming, [has] professors who are ready to listen**, entertain questions, and provide feedback when necessary. UMBC has it all.*"

PRAISE - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (NIGERIA)

Explore what's happening on campus

Get Involved in Campus Life

CAMPUS RECREATION AND ACTIVITIES

– **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

– **Visas and immigration status**: Acquiring a visa, interview prep, and maintaining status.

– **Employment**: Accessing authorizations and opportunities (on-campus employment, CPT, OPT and STEM-OPT).

COMMUNITY BUILDING

– **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)

– On-campus residence halls and apartments.

– Amenities include: furnishings, laundry, and meal plans.

OCSS: OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICE SERVICES (OCSS.UMBC.EDU)

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

"The support and companionship from my teammates have been invaluable. **The camaraderie has provided me with some of the most meaningful friendships I've formed during my time at UMBC.**"

SOURAB – ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT (INDIA), UMBC RUGBY TEAM

270+
STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

17
NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETIC TEAMS

25+
CLUB SPORTS AND INTRAMURALS

CAREER OUTCOMES & OPPORTUNITIES

Top Employers Hire UMBC Students

EMPLOYERS INCLUDE

- Accenture
- Amazon
- Apple
- AstraZeneca
- Cisco
- Deloitte
- Google
- Intel
- Lilly
- Oracle
- Siemens
- Walmart Global Tech

Alumni Salaries

AVERAGE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION (USD)

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

*"I am driven by the thought of becoming a crucial figure in the field of Data Science and Machine Learning and **I believe that my time at UMBC has helped me gain essential skills and experience** to establish those dreams."*

UJJWAL – DATA SCIENCE, 2023 (INDIA)

92%
UNDERGRAD ALUMNI EMPLOYED AND/OR PURSUING FURTHER EDUCATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

95%
POSTGRADUATE ALUMNI EMPLOYED AND/OR PURSUING FURTHER EDUCATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF GRADUATION

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Engineering and Information Technology

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

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
– French
– German
– Russian
– Spanish
– Applied Linguistics
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

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

Management of Aging Services

School of Social Work

Social Work

Individualized Study Program

Pre-Professional Programs

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

"**Studying at UMBC gives me the sense of belonging as an international student.** *I learn from the perspectives and experiences of my peers, both international and domestic students, which gives an exchange of knowledge beyond the classroom.*"

GIOVANNA – VISUAL ARTS (BRAZIL)

Explore undergraduate programs

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Engineering and Information Technology

Chemical and Biochemical Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)*

Computer Engineering (M.S., Ph.D.)*

Computer Science (M.S.,Ph.D.)*

Cybersecurity (M.S.)*

Data Science (M.P.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

Management of Aging Studies (M.A.)

Natural Science and Mathematics

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

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

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

Explore postgraduate programs

ENGLISH LANGUAGE **INSTITUTE (ELI)**

PROGRAM DETAILS

– 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.

– Tuition: Fall and Spring: $4,600/semester, Summer: $3,450.

ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAM (AEP)

Prepares those with high-intermediate or advanced English to pursue a U.S. degree.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (IEP)

Designed for those wishing to improve their English skills for personal, professional, or academic reasons.

*"One of my most cherished experiences is participating in the ELI (English Language Institute) in my first semester. **Those sessions weren't just about honing my English skills, they were about finding my place in a vibrant community** of global learners."*

JIWON – DATA SCIENCE (SOUTH KOREA)

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

– 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

– 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

– 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

– 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

Undergraduate Scholarships and Postgraduate Assistantships

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Open to first-year undergraduates starting in the Fall semester.
- Students are automatically considered at time of application.
- Must have a 3.0 equivalent GPA or higher at time of application.
- Valued at up to $12,000/year, renewable for up to 4 years (must maintain a 3.25 GPA).

POSTGRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Opportunity to work closely with faculty, staff, and students in teaching, research, or administrative environments.
- Gain professional expertise, enhance research skills, acquire academic and administrative experience.
- May have eligibility requirements and/or not available for all programs.

Estimated Financial Requirements

Undergraduate Estimated Costs AY 24/25		Postgraduate Estimated Costs AY 24/25	
Tuition and Fees	$31,474	Tuition and Fees	$26,350
Living Expenses (min)	$14,204	Housing and Meals	$18,564
Health Insurance	$2,439	Health Insurance	$2,439
Other	$1,600	Other	$800
Estimated Total*	**$49,717**	**Estimated Total***	**$48,153**

Figures shown are approximate and before any scholarships or aid. Actual costs vary based on individual circumstances. I-20 financial requirements may differ.

Deadlines and Application Information

UNDERGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

– Competitive undergraduate applicants have the equivalent of a "B" average.

– Required Documents: Completed application submitted via the CommonApp, essay, $75 application fee, transcript(s), evidence of English proficiency.

– Optional Documents: Letters of recommendation, standardized test scores, any requirements for Scholars Programs or Visual and Performing Arts Majors.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

– Fall Priority Deadline: November 1
– Spring Priority Deadline: October 15

– Fall Final Deadline: February 1
– Spring Final Deadline: December 1

TRANSFER STUDENTS

– Fall Priority Deadline: March 1
– Spring Priority Deadline: October 15

– Fall Final Deadline: June 1
– Spring Final Deadline: December 1

– Transfer Applicant Additional Documents: official course-by-course evaluation

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY MINIMUMS (UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS)

– Duolingo: 115
– TOEFL: 80
– IELTS: 6.5

– PTE Academic: 53
– SAT (writing): 500

– English at US institution: C or better

– Cambridge: B2 first, C1 Advanced or C2 proficiency 176

POSTGRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

– Visit the Graduate School programs website for individual program deadlines and application requirements.

– Minimum 3.0 GPA (Competitive programs may require a higher minimum GPA).

– Required Documents: Completed application, letters of recommendation, goal statement, $50 application fee, transcript(s), evidence of English proficiency.

– Optional Documents: Resume, GRE (if requested), additional program specified documents.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY MINIMUMS (POSTGRADUATE: TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS)

– Duolingo: 115
– TOEFL: 80+
– IELTS: 6.5
– PTE Academic: 53

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY MINIMUMS (POSTGRADUATE: PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS)

– Duolingo: 115
– TOEFL: 90-99
– IELTS: 6.5-7.5
– PTE Academic: 61-68

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