Dear Families,

The start of your student’s UMBC journey can bring on a variety of emotions, particularly during this time when things feel so uncertain. We want to reassure you that your student’s next steps are going to be rewarding and that together with you we are here to support them.

The Retrievers Return Roadmap, available at covid19.umbc.edu, outlines the principles, assumptions, and strategies that will guide the gradual return to campus and ongoing campus operations. Our calendar of activities this year has some alterations due to current conditions and plans may need to change as the year progresses, however, whether on campus or not we’re #UMBCtogether, and we are committed to providing all the same resources and opportunities for your student.

Over the past few years, Retrievers have done amazing things, from our historic win over the University of Virginia during the NCAA Men’s Basketball March Madness Tournament to our first Rhodes Scholar, Naomi Mbura ’18, earning one of the most prestigious international scholarships. Even now, Retrievers are on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis, among them is U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams ’97, and Kizzmekia Corbett ’08, who is part of the NIH team racing to develop a vaccine.

We know that this level of success and achievement, both inside and outside the classroom, is not by happenstance. It takes the support, nurturing, and guidance of an entire community, including the support of family members.

We hope you find this guide helpful as you and your student join the UMBC community. It contains information about services at UMBC as well as some helpful hints about making the transition to our community.

Finally, as I’m sure you know, it takes much more than information to succeed – engagement is critical to student success. We invite you to become an active part of our community by joining our Family Connection. For more information about Family Connection and opportunities for families to get involved, visit familyconnection.umbc.edu or contact Fritzie Charné-Merriwether, Office for the Vice President of Student Affairs, at 410-455-2395 or families@umbc.edu.

Welcome to UMBC!

Sincerely,

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

### Academic Advising
410-455-2729  
advising.umbc.edu

### Academic Engagement and Transition Programs
410-455-6805  
aetp.umbc.edu

### Academic Success Center
410-455-2444  
academicsuccess@umbc.edu

### Admissions (Undergraduate)
410-455-2292  
undergraduate.umbc.edu

### Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation
410-455-8888  
umbcretrievers.com

### Bookstore
410-455-2665  
bookstore.umbc.edu

### Career Center
410-455-2216  
careers.umbc.edu

### Common Information Center/General Information
410-455-1000  

### Counseling Center
410-455-2472  
counseling.umbc.edu

### Dining Services
410-455-2188  
dineoncampus.com/umbc

### Education Abroad
410-455-8175  
studyabroad.umbc.edu

### Enrollment Management
410-455-2292  
enrollment.umbc.edu

### Financial Aid and Scholarships
410-455-2387  
financialaid.umbc.edu  
410-455-3813  
scholarships.umbc.edu

### Honors College
410-455-3720  
honors.umbc.edu

### Library
410-455-2232  
library.umbc.edu

### Off Campus Student Services
410-455-2770  
ocss.umbc.edu

### Office of Equity and Inclusion
410-455-2735  
oei.umbc.edu

### Parent Programs and Services
410-455-2395  
familyconnection.umbc.edu

### Parking Services
410-455-2551  
parking.umbc.edu

### Police (Emergency Only)
410-455-5555  
police.umbc.edu

### Police (Non-emergency)
410-455-3136  
police.umbc.edu

### Provost
410-455-2333  
provost.umbc.edu

### Registrar
410-455-2500  
gr registrar.umbc.edu

### Residential Life
410-455-2591  
reslife.umbc.edu

### Shriver Center
410-455-2493  
shrivercenter.umbc.edu

### Student Affairs
410-455-2393  
studentaffairs.umbc.edu

### Student Business Services
410-455-2288  
sbs.umbc.edu

### Student Disability Services
410-455-3250  
sds.umbc.edu

### Technology Support Center
410-455-3638  
doit.umbc.edu

### Transportation Services
410-455-2454  
umb.edu/transit

### University Health Services
410-455-2542  
umb.edu/uhs

### Women’s Center
410-455-2714  
womenscenter.umbc.edu
TIP: Don’t forget to have your student check welcomeweek.umbc.edu for Welcome Week updates in August to get them excited for the start of their college journey.

Welcome to UMBC and our Orientation programs!
June and July are months for planning for your student’s smooth introduction to academics and community life at UMBC as students find that learning at an honors university takes place in many different settings. In addition to Orientation, we offer a variety of opportunities to support students so their first year at UMBC is an academic and personal success. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit fye.umbc.edu.

Retrievers Return Roadmap
Visit covid19.umbc.edu for the latest updates on UMBC’s plan to gradually return to campus as we follow recommendations from the state and the University System of Maryland to keep our community safe.

Assured Access to Computing
To help ensure students are equipped for academic success and assist students in preparing for essential IT needs, the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) provides a wealth of resources and support, including minimum specifications to consider when purchasing a computer. UMBC requires all undergraduate and graduate students to be technologically self-sufficient. Minimally this requires students to have a reliable personal computer (preferably a laptop) and internet access. To learn more, visit doit.umbc.edu/students.

Important Dates
• July 5 - August 13 Dawg Days: Jumpstart
Welcome Week
Welcome Week is designed as a follow up to Orientation and a chance to connect with other students, both new and returning. Over the course of the week, your student will have the opportunity to learn more about life as a UMBC student. Encourage them to attend events and be open to opportunities and experiences as a new student and throughout their time at UMBC. To learn about Welcome Week, visit welcomeweek.umbc.edu.

Resources for Living on Campus
Students who plan to live on campus should monitor their myUMBC account and UMBC email for information and updates. Check reslife.umbc.edu for the most up-to-date information.

Resources for Commuters
Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) offers programs, academic and social support, and educational opportunities to help off-campus students successfully navigate UMBC. For more information about opportunities for new students, visit ocss.umbc.edu.

Parking On Campus
Vehicle registration for new students begins on August 15. Any vehicle parking on campus will need to be registered at umbc.nupark.com. Parking permits are not required for the fall 2020 semester.

Important Dates
- August 1: First Fall Bill Available Online
- August 13: Dawg Days: Jumpstart Ends
- August 17: Fall Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Fall Bill
- August 20: First Fall Bill Due
- August 20 - August 26: Welcome Week
- August 21 - August 26: First-Year and Transfer Move-in
- August 26: Convocation
- August 27: First Day of Classes
- August 31 - September 4: Involvement Fest

TIP: myUMBC allows students the ability to share grades, class schedules, and billing and financial information with others including family members or classmates. To learn about Profile Sharing, please visit umbc.edu/go/profilesharing.
**TIP:** Part of a successful college experience is getting involved in campus life. myUMBC is a great place for your student to connect with the nearly 300 student organizations on campus and follow the groups that interest them. Learn more at [myumbc.edu/groups/studentorgs](http://myumbc.edu/groups/studentorgs).

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**Transitioning to College Life**

Over the course of your student’s time at UMBC, they will encounter many challenges and opportunities, both academically and personally. Utilizing the many resources at UMBC will help your student successfully navigate it all and make the most of their experience. Here are just a few that stand out:

- **The Counseling Center** offers free and confidential services in the form of individual, couples, or group counseling as well as workshops, campus presentations, consultation, and self-help resources available to all registered UMBC students to assist with a variety of personal, academic, and career concerns, and to help students make the most of their time at UMBC.

- **The Mosaic Center** is dedicated to creating an environment that supports cross-cultural education and collaboration at UMBC. With a commitment to empowering all UMBC students and staff to be culturally conscious and informed members of our community, they provide a safe and inclusive space for students and staff of all backgrounds and innovative programs and initiatives that celebrate cultural diversity, equality, and social justice.

- **The Women's Center** advances gender equity from an intersectional feminist perspective through co-curricular programming, support services, and advocacy for marginalized individuals and communities, prioritizing critical social justice, and a deliberate focus on women, gender, anti-racism, and feminism. All are welcome as long as they respect women.

- **Important Dates**
  - August 31 – September 4: Involvement Fest
  - September 7: Labor Day, Campus Closed
  - September 10: Last Day to Add/Drop a Class without a Grade of "W"
  - September 23: Fall Career and Internship Fair

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TIP: There are many opportunities for your student to engage in service-learning and community engagement through well-established programs at UMBC. A great place to start and learn more is The Shriver Center, a national leader in community-based service delivery whose work addresses critical social challenges by bridging campus and community through engaged scholarship and applied learning. To learn more visit shrivercenter.umbc.edu.

UMBC Traditions: Homecoming
Held each October, Homecoming is an exciting event for students, family, and alumni to catch a big wave of UMBC spirit. Students celebrate being a Retriever by cheering for our Division I sports teams, enjoying carnival rides and food, and laughing with friends at the homecoming comedian. Learn more about homecoming dates and activities at homecoming.umbc.edu.

Important Dates
- October 1 2021 - 2022 FAFSA Available
- October 19 Spring 2021 Schedule of Classes Published Online
- October 22 Career Center Diversity Recruitment Event
**Academic Resources**

Now that your student has settled into UMBC life, they will start to experience the reality of a challenging academic environment. Get to know some of our campus academic resources and encourage your student to make use of them.

The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides centralized support services to all undergraduate students at UMBC. Through a coordinated approach, the ASC collaborates with faculty, staff, and students to offer academic success programs through Academic Learning Resources (Tutoring, The Writing Center, Supplemental Instruction (SI PASS), and more), Academic Policy, and Academic Advocacy. Talk with your student to make sure they are acclimating to their course load, staying in touch with their professors and peers, and utilizing the free services of the Academic Success Center.

The Office of Student Disability Services (SDS) ensures that UMBC students with disabilities are afforded an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the programs, services, and activities of the university through the provision of accommodations and reasonable modifications that result in equal access and full inclusion. Reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities are provided for all students qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA and ADAA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and who request and are eligible for services. Proctored exams outside of the classroom, note-taking assistance, sign language interpreters, transcription, and adaptive technology are examples of accommodations coordinated by SDS to support students with disabilities in reaching their academic goals. Although students who have disabilities are not required to register with SDS, those who wish to use accommodations must be registered. Also note that accommodations are not retroactive and begin once a UMBC SDS Disability Specialist has approved a student for accommodations and the Semester Letter of Accommodations has been sent to the faculty member.

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**Important Dates**

- **November 3**: Advanced Registration Begins for Spring 2021
- **November 4**: Internship Success Conference
- **November 11**: Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses with a Grade of “W”
- **November 26 - 28**: Fall Break

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**TIP:** Now is an especially good time to check in on your student’s academic progress and success. Ask about their favorite professors or whether they’ve joined a study group. Remind them to meet with their advisor, which is required for spring semester registration. If they missed taking an FYE class in the fall, encourage them to consider taking one in the spring.
Preparing for the End of the Semester

Although UMBC students typically excel academically, they now find themselves in a period of adjustment and transition. They are being challenged in new ways emotionally and academically. December will include your student’s final exams, end of semester projects, and final presentations, so this time is often met with increased stress and apprehension.

To ensure a positive experience during this time, UMBC is committed to providing diverse and dedicated resources and events that help students cope with the end-of-the-semester stress and workload. The Academic Success Center offers assistance with written assignments, content tutoring for most courses, and supplemental instructions (SI PASS) for traditionally challenging courses. Various campus life groups share fun ways to reduce stress and practice self-care.

TIP: Students who complete at least 15 credits per semester or, on average, 30 credits per year remain on track to complete their degrees in four years. Visit advising.umbc.edu/finish15 to learn more about the many strategies and the many benefits for completing the degree in four years, including tremendous cost savings.
**TIP:** Winter break is a chance for your student to rest, think about their first semester at UMBC, and get excited for 2021! What opportunities would they like to explore during the spring that perhaps they didn’t know about or find time for during the fall? There is a group or club at UMBC for nearly every interest or passion, and joining a student organization will deepen your student’s connection with campus. Visit [campuslife.umbc.edu](http://campuslife.umbc.edu) for a growing list of student organizations.

**Planning for Next Year: Housing, Scholarships, and Financial Aid**

Although your student may not be back in class until the end of January, now is a good time to start thinking about next year. There are a couple of important dates in the next few weeks that you don’t want to miss!

- The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) became available October 1st. Complete the FAFSA with your student before March 1st for maximum grant consideration from UMBC and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/ffas](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/ffas)
- Scholarship Retriever is an online database to help students identify additional scholarship opportunities available through UMBC departments and organizations. Scholarship Retriever is updated regularly so search often! [scholarships.umbc.edu/retriever](http://scholarships.umbc.edu/retriever)
- Check out [reslife.umbc.edu](http://reslife.umbc.edu) for housing updates and deadlines for the 2021–2022 academic year.

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**Important Dates**

- **January 3** First Spring Bill Available Online
- **January 4** Winter Session Classes Begin
- **January 18** Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Campus Closed
- **January 19** Spring Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Spring Bill
- **January 20** First Spring Bill Due
- **January 25** Last Day of Winter Session
- **January 25 - 31** Winter Welcome Week
- **January 26** Spring Classes Begin

**TIP:** Winter break is a chance for your student to rest, think about their first semester at UMBC, and get excited for 2021! What opportunities would they like to explore during the spring that perhaps they didn’t know about or find time for during the fall? There is a group or club at UMBC for nearly every interest or passion, and joining a student organization will deepen your student’s connection with campus. Visit [campuslife.umbc.edu](http://campuslife.umbc.edu) for a growing list of student organizations.
### TIP: UMBC is committed to building a student body with a global outlook and the cross-cultural skills necessary to excel in today’s world. If your student is interested in Education Abroad they should check studyabroad.umbc.edu for information and updates on opportunities they might enjoy during their time at UMBC.

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#### Financial Smarts
The transition to UMBC comes with tremendous decision-making responsibility, including making important financial choices. UMBC’s online Financial Smarts CashCourse teaches students critical money management skills such as:
- Establishing S.M.A.R.T. Money Goals
- Developing effective budgeting strategies
- Understanding the Rule of 72 (investments)
- Discerning good credit from bad credit
- Negotiating salaries
- Planning for retirement… just to name a few.

In addition to the CashCourse, UMBC’s Financial Smarts offers free tax preparation and sponsors Money Smart Week in spring. Visit financialsmarts.umbc.edu to see the array of resources available to students.

#### Important Dates
- February 5: Spring Career and Internship Fair
- February 9: Last Day to Add/Drop a Course Without a Grade of “W”
TIP: The summer months provide countless opportunities for UMBC students. Taking summer courses is a great way for your student to get ahead, boost their GPA, or focus on a difficult course. Learn more at summer.umbc.edu. Students can also get an edge through summer research and internship opportunities.

Keeping on Track
UMBC seeks to support students in their studies and lives by encouraging success and retention through a variety of initiatives. Besides staying up-to-date on their academic requirements through regular communication with their advisor, UMBC suggests your student participate in the Faculty Mentor Program. This program is based on research that students who have contact with faculty outside of class are more likely to graduate and generally are more satisfied with college. In addition, the First Year Intervention Program connects students that are identified as struggling with the appropriate academic support programs.

UMBC Extra Credit (my.umbc.edu/groups/credit) provides tips, checklists, ideas, and links to information that will keep students on track for graduation. Extra Credit communications encourage students to take full advantage of all that UMBC has to offer and be ready to move into a meaningful career after graduation. This is probably what you want, too!

Important Dates
- March 1 UMBC’s Priority Deadline for Current Student’s 2021-2022 FAFSA
- March 13-21 Spring Break
- March 22 Fall 2021 Schedule of Classes Published Online

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TIP: UMBC Traditions: Quadmania is a weekend-long event and a time-honored UMBC tradition where students cut loose to celebrate the semester and unwind. Quadmania is one of the many events where your student will be forming lifelong bonds with their fellow Retrievers.

Career Month at UMBC
Career Month offers an opportunity for current students to explore their professional options and get connected with employers through presentations, workshops, and one-on-one mentoring. In today’s economic climate it is important for students of all class rankings (even your new student) to understand graduation preparedness through internships, professional connections, and career development training. The Career Center offers parents tips on how to effectively support your student through career development timelines, campus career-related support services, and resources available to job searching students. For more information, please visit careers.umbc.edu.

Important Dates
- April 1 - 30 Career Month
- April 6 Last Day to Drop a Class with a Grade of “W”
- April 21 Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day
- April 22 - 25 Quadmania

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APRIL 2021
### TIP: Start with the end in mind.
As the spring semester winds down, students are thinking about finals, events, and their future goals. Graduation may be here before you know it, but remind your student to relieve stress with a breath of FRESH AIR! The trails of Patapsco State Park are adjacent to UMBC, and the waters of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor or the cherry blossoms of the D.C. Mall are a short ride away.

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**Our UMBC**
Graduation may seem like it’s a lifetime away, but it’s not! Your student is already preparing for graduation (and what comes after) through their coursework, research, internships, and professional relationships. Graduation will be here before you know it, so you’d better start practicing this song:

Hail alma mater! OUR UMBC,
Boldly bearing your colors, the whole world to see,
Striving together in true unity,
Black, gold forever we’re reminded of thee,
Proudly we hail to thee, OUR UMBC!

Throughout the ages, OUR UMBC,
Songs and memories still echo with true clarity,
Knowledge and wisdom and truth we found here,
Friendships we treasure that will last through the years,
Proudly we hail to thee, OUR UMBC!

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**Important Dates**
- **May 12** Last Day of Spring Classes
- **May 13** Study Day
- **May 14 - 20** Final Exams
- **May 21** Spring Commencement

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Academic Success Center

The Academic Success Center provides centralized support services to all undergraduate students at UMBC. Through a coordinated approach and an unwavering commitment to student success, the Academic Success Center fosters a welcoming environment that provides a one-stop opportunity through Academic Policy, Academic Learning Resources, and Academic Advocacy for students to achieve their academic goals and claim their future with a UMBC degree. For more information visit: academicensuccess.umbc.edu

Accessing Grades

UMBC allows students the ability to electronically share grades and class schedule information with others using myUMBC. For a student to share this information, you must have a Google or Facebook account. This feature allows the sharing of information such as grades with family members, and class schedules with study group members. To learn about profile sharing, please visit umbc.edu/go/profilesharing

Athletics

To all students who have 17 varsity sports teams that compete in the NCAA Division I and are members of the America East Conference. Sixty percent of UMBC’s student athletes were America East honor roll accolades with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average. To find schedules and all other information about Retrievers athletics, please visit umbc Retrievers.com

Baltoimmore Collegetown Network

Does your student know about the Baltimore Collegetown Network? The Baltimore Collegetown Network is a partnership of the six colleges and universities that serve over 120,000 (200,000 college students) and a resource to find things to do, transportation, internships, cross registration, and more. For more information, visit Baltimore.collegetown.org

Career Center

The Career Center offers valuable programs and resources to all students who are exploring career paths and preparing for their internship, job, and/or graduate school searches. Students can attend career-focused workshops, meet one-on-one with career specialists, and participate in programs that connect them with employers and alumni. To learn more about how the Career Center helps students explore career options and prepare for a career, please visit: careers.umbc.edu

Club Sports

Club Sports, which feature 23 teams, are an exciting option for students who want to learn a new sport or continue to test themselves in a competitive environment. Participation in the UMBC Club Sports program is open to all UMBC students. Members will not only get to engage other students, but also interact with experienced staff and coaches in settings for the removal of the classroom. The objective of the Club Sports program is the development of successful and quality teams, which focus on enhancing the college experience through teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and diversity, while supplying a healthy lifestyle. For more information, please visit: recreation.umbc.edu/club-sports

Degree Planning Tools

Detailed information about students’ degree requirements is available through their online Degree Audit, Degree Donut, and Degree Planner. Students access these tools through their myUMBC student portal and can work with advisors to develop plans for timely graduation. The “What If” degree audit allows students to see how completed and planned coursework would fit into alternate majors and degree plans. To learn more about these tools, please visit: registrar.umbc.edu/services/degree-requirements

Dining Services

Dining services at UMBC are provided by Chartwells with meal plans administered by the Campus Card Center. A wide variety of healthy options are offered at True Grit’s and various retail venues located across campus. Various meal plans are available to satisfy individual student needs and preferences. Resident halls students are required to select a mandatory meal plan; apartment and commuting students have additional voluntary plans available for selection. For more information about meal plans and campus dining locations, please visit: dinencampus.umbc.edu

Education Abroad

The Education Abroad Office at UMBC (EA) supports students throughout the process of studying, interning, or completing research abroad for credit. Located in Administration Building room 301, the office hosts events to help students find programs abroad that fit their requirements. EA can also assist with planning their experience abroad. EA also helps students apply for national and program-specific scholarships to help fund study abroad, such as the Benjamin A Gilman scholarship and the Critical Language Program scholarship. Get started by visiting their website: educationabroad.umbc.edu

Office of Equity and Inclusion

UMBC’s newly established Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) is responsible for ensuring that UMBC’s policies, initiatives, and University’s core values of inclusive excellence and equity, and will have primary responsibility for advancing UMBC’s efforts related to Title IX and civil rights issues. The office will ensure compliance with established and non-discrimination laws, regulations, and policies through prompt, fair investigations, education and training, and outreach and engagement. Visit est.umbc.edu to learn more, or to file a report.

Extra Credit

Extra Credit is a communication to highlight all of the possible ways that students can enhance their academic experience, prepare for graduation, and stand out in their chosen profession or field of study. There are a lot of opportunities to enrich the college experience, and Extra Credit is a resource for students to look beyond the classroom to internships, study abroad experiences, and more. Students can join the Extra Credit Group at my.umbc.edu/groups/credit

Family Connection Program

UMBC Family Connection is a resource for families to stay connected with their student and the UMBC community. The Family Connection Program sends a regular electronic newsletter that is packed with valuable information such as important dates, volunteer opportunities, invitations, and special announcements. It also provides information about the family’s role in the student’s transition to college life through suggested readings and helpful tips. To sign up for the newsletter or learn more about the UMBC Family Connection Program please visit: my.umbc.edu/groups/parents

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships offers a variety of both need-based and merit-based awards to assist students with their educational expenses. Students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid in an appointment back to meet with students to explore the variety of options that best meet the student’s needs. For more information please visit financialaid.umbc.edu or call 410-455-2393. FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) FERPA is a law passed by Congress that ensures and protects the privacy of students’ post-secondary educational records. It defines what information can be disclosed without a student’s permission and what information requires a student’s written consent before it can be released. All students, regardless of age, who enroll in a U.S. college or university, are covered by the rights and protection of FERPA. For information about what is and is not covered by FERPA and how to release student records, please visit registrar.umbc.edu/services/records/privacy-and-the-release-of-education-records

Fitness

Fitness at UMBC is committed to students receiving a holistic college experience, there are a lot of opportunities to enrich the college experience, and Extra Credit is a resource for students to look beyond the classroom to internships, study abroad experiences, and more. Students can join the Extra Credit Group at my.umbc.edu/groups/credit

Welcome to the UMBC Family: A Resource Guide from A to Z
Giving
UMBC is fortunate to receive generous support from parents like you. We invest donations into The Parent’s Fund into areas that serve the academic and professional development needs of our students such as the Alumni O. Kuhn Library, Student Disability Services, The Shriver Center, and the Academic Success Center. Many parents also contribute to the department of their student’s major, athletics, and specific scholarships programs. To make your gift or learn more about other giving opportunities please visit umbc.givecorps.com.

You can also support a variety of student organizations, athletic teams, and special projects by visiting the university’s crowdfunding site at umbc.givecorps.com.

Health Services
University Health Services provides convenient primary and urgent health care and health education to UMBC students. Professional staff members include board-certified physicians, certified nurse practitioners, and health educators. University Health Services charges for its services. The Office of the University’s Health Services offers a number of health education programs, and provides health education information. If you have a health insurance provider, please be sure to check with your insurance company about coverage for your student away from home. For more information about services, contact the Health Services Office at 410-455-2567.

Residential Life
UMBC’s 28 residence halls are home to over 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The residence halls are competently provided to support the academic success of UMBC students. The residence halls are designed to cultivate the student’s social responsibility and civic literacy. For more information about Residential Life initiatives and how to get involved, please visit shrivercenter.umbc.edu.

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
This office provides leadership and direction for the Division of Student Affairs. The Division of Student Affairs facilitates learning and prepares students for success by providing and coordinating programs, services, systems, facilities, and safe environments that foster learning and personal development. This office provides leadership for quality of campus life for students through administrative cooperation with Student Affairs, Residential Life, Student Life, The Mosiac: Culture and Diversity Center, University Health Services, the Career Center, The Counseling Center, Off-Campus Student Services, The Commons, Transportation Services, Dining Services, Athletics, and Student Judicial Programs. Students who are unable to find the answers to questions, need to be pointed in the right direction, are having trouble navigating through the University, or wish to become involved in student leadership opportunities can call, write, or stop by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, or visit umbc.edu/saf.

Student Business Services
Student Business Services bills students for tuition and fees and other university-related charges, issues student refunds, administers the Monthly Payment Plan, processes the Perkins Loan program, processes pre-paid tuition trust payments, and manages agency payments. To learn more about how students receive bills, how to pay bills, monthly payment plans, and more, please visit sbs.umbc.edu.

Living Learning Communities
Living Learning Communities (LLCs) connect students with shared interests in culture, academics, and community service. LLCs are programs that involve students who live together in a residential community and participate in academic and co-curricular programming especially designed for them. Some LLCs include: STEM, Honors College, and Center for Women in Technology. For more information about LLCs please call 410-455-2591 or visit reslife.umbc.edu.

Mind Spa
The Mind Spa is a resource with tools to help students with relaxation, improving concentration and memory, and their overall success as a student. The Mind Spa is located in ADW Library 321 and operates on Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. This is an important campus resource as it is a space equipped for practice of mindfulness, meditation, relaxation, and overall self-care. To use the service, you can call the Counseling Center (410-455-2472) to reserve a space or just walk in.

myUMBC
myUMBC is an electronic gateway to information, services, records, and online campus. Students and members of the community, including parents, use myUMBC to find out what is happening on campus, degree audits, the hours of the library or the RAC, and so much more. You can participate in key discussions, join myUMBC “groups” of interest to you, and check class schedules any time of day or night. For more information about viewing your student’s academic record, please visit my.umbc.edu.

Inter-Departmental Enrollment
UMBC students may enroll in selected courses at other USM campuses and pay tuition at their home institution. For more information visit registrar.umbc.edu/services/inter-departmental.

Immunizations
See Health Services

Scholarships
See Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Shriver Center
The Shriver Center connects students to applied learning opportunities enriching their education with meaningful experiences in public sector agencies, schools and nonprofit, community-based organizations to cultivate their social responsibility and civic literacy. For more information about Shriver Center initiatives and how to get involved, please visit shrivercenter.umbc.edu.

Student Organizations and Greek Life
Student Organizations and Greek Life at UMBC provide opportunities to pursue interpersonal and social service and action, the arts, academics, cultural issues and celebrations, religion and spirituality, career preparation, fraternities and sororities, and much more. For a complete list of student organizations and clubs, please visit campusservice.umbc.edu.

Student Disability Services
Student Disability Services (SDS) is designed for students with documented disabilities, who are low-income, or are first generation students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds who have a need for academic and other support services in order to successfully complete their college education. To learn more about these resources, please visit sds.umbc.edu.

Transfer Student Services
UMBC recognizes the challenges transfer students have in transitioning into a new institution, but also celebrates the unique experiences transfer students bring to the academic community. To help ease the transition UMBC has developed a web presence as a guide to the resources and programs available to transfer students at UMBC. To learn more about successful transitions for transfer students, please visit umbc.edu/transfer.

Transit Services
UMBC Transit provides safe, reliable, responsive shuttle and charter bus services to meet the transportation needs of the UMBC community. Shuttle routes cover residential communities near campus, as well as shopping areas surrounding UMBC. To learn more, please visit umbc.edu/transit.

Veterans
UMBC welcomes all veterans, active duty military, and dependents. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experience and service to assist you in achieving your academic and personal goals. To learn more about on campus veterans services, please visit veterans.umbc.edu.

Women’s Center
The Women’s Center at UMBC is a campus-based office charged with supporting gender equity and advancing inclusive excellence. Students of all genders are invited to participate in various workshops, events, discussion-based groups and/or receive individualized support from professional staff members. To learn more about how the Women’s Center can support you during the year, visit womenscenter.umbc.edu.
Cross-listed Courses
A single course offered by more than one department, for instance MLL 190 and ENGL 190. The course material is the same regardless of which department the student is registered under.

Degree Audit
A summation of university, general education, and major and minor requirements that displays which courses completed and in progress fulfill each type of requirement and whether the requirement has been "satisfied." Each UMBC student can access an individual degree audit through myUMBC under the topic "Advising and Student Support."

Discussion
Many courses meet for a one-hour mandatory discussion class in addition to the three hours per week of lecture. Generally, the discussion hour is with a smaller group of students, allowing students to discuss any questions, as well as apply information learned in the lecture.

Electives
Electives are courses you choose to take that do not fulfill the basic requirements of your academic program. For many students, elective credits make up the difference between the number of courses required for your major and general education program and the 120 minimum credits required for graduation. Electives provide an opportunity to take classes for personal enrichment or to develop a new skill.

Excess Credit
In order to enroll in more than 19.5 credits during a fall or spring semester, more than 8 credits in a summer session, or more than 4.5 credits in a winter session, you must submit a request to enroll in excess credits, signed by your major advisor, to the Office for Academic and Pre-Professional Advising.

First Year Intervention Program (FYI)
FYI is designed to identify students who are struggling with their courses, to alert them before the final withdrawal date, and to direct them to resources which will help them succeed.

Full Time/Part Time
Full-time status for undergraduates is defined as 12 or more credits. Part-time status is fewer than 12 credits.

Good Academic Standing
All undergraduates with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher are considered to be in good academic standing and are academically eligible to return for subsequent semesters.

Grade Point Average (GPA)
UMBC calculates GPA by assigning numerical values to letter grades (A=4 quality points; B=3 quality points; C=2 quality points; D=1 quality point; F=0 quality points). The semester GPA is determined by multiplying the credit value of each course by the quality point value and then summing the quality points. Then, divide total quality points by total credit hours attempted to produce the semester GPA. The same method is used to compute cumulative GPA.

Pass/Fail Grading
Students may choose this grading option for an academic course after they have earned 30 or more credits at UMBC if they are in good academic standing. One academic course per semester for a maximum of 12 credits toward graduation may be taken pass/fail. A grade of “P” is not included in the GPA; however a grade of “F” is included in the GPA calculation. Courses completed on a pass/fail basis are not applicable to major or general education courses.

Permission Required
Courses designated as "Permission Required" in the schedule of classes require the instructor to grant permission for the student to register for the course. Students allowed to enroll in these courses will be given electronic permission in the registration system.

Prerequisite
Course requirement that needs to be completed before enrolling in another course.

Registration Hold
A hold prohibits a student from registering. An advising hold may be placed on a student’s registration until the student has met with an advisor; it may also occur if immunizations are not current, or if the student has a financial obligation to UMBC or other administrative obstacles to future registration.

Teaching Assistant (TA)
The teaching assistant is usually a graduate student who helps the professor in conducting discussion and laboratory sessions as well as grading. The TA usually has office hours during the week when they are available to assist students.

UMBC Administered Departmental Exams
Students may request consideration for competency-based education credit through UMBC Administered Departmental Exams. UMBC Administered Departmental Exams are subject to availability as determined by the appropriate academic department. More information about UMBC Administered Departmental Exams is available in the Undergraduate Catalog, which can be found at catalog.umbc.edu.

Waitlist
When a course you are interested in taking is full, you can add yourself to the waitlist through the myUMBC registration system. If a seat in the course becomes available, the student who entered the waitlist first will be automatically enrolled in the course. Not all courses offer a waitlist.

Withdraw “W”
Classes dropped after the second week of classes will be recorded on the student’s transcript with a grade of “W.” A grade of “W” has no effect on the GPA, but may have other repercussions, particularly if you are receiving financial aid or scholarships. You may be responsible for a portion of the tuition and fees associated with the course. Please refer to sbs.umbc.edu/drop-and-withdrawal for more details.
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DEFINITELY:
- Complete Alcohol-Wise
- Submit insurance waivers
- Submit your Immunization Forms
- Check your UMBC e-mail account

For the rest of the checklist, go to familyconnection.umbc.edu

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