



UMBC

Family Calendar and Handbook
2021 - 2022



Dear Families,

The start of your student's UMBC journey can bring on a variety of emotions, particularly when things continue to 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.

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 Rhodes Scholars, Naomi Mburu '18 and Sam Patterson '21, earning one of the most prestigious international scholarships. Retrievers are also on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis—among them, Kizzmekia Corbett '08, who lead the NIH team in developing a vaccine.

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.

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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 Charne-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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Our Ongoing Response to Covid-19

Throughout the coming year, we'll continue to focus on the health and safety of our community, so our calendar of activities is subject to change, but we remain committed to providing all the same resources and opportunities for your student. Visit covid19.umbc.edu for our Retriever Ready: Covid-19 Response for the latest campus information.

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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

Campus Life

410-455-3462
campuslife.umbc.edu

Commons 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

FinancialSmarts

410-455-5739
financialsmarts.umbc.edu

Honors College

410-455-3720
honors.umbc.edu

Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging (i3b)

410-455-2686
i3b.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
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

410-455-3838
doit.umbc.edu

Transportation Services

410-455-2454
umbc.edu/transit

University Health Services

410-455-2542
uhs.umbc.edu

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.

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pride Month Begins • Enrollment for Fall Payment Plan Begins • Financial Smarts Cash Course Available <i>Participants Eligible for \$100, \$300, and \$500 Drawing!</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 • Campus Closed for Juneteenth	19 Juneteenth
20 First Day of Summer Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 • Campus Closed for Independence Day	6	7	8	9	10
11 • Dawg Days: Jumpstart Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 • Last Day to Enroll in Fall Payment Plan 4-Pay	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 **aetp.umbc.edu/first-year-experience**.

Retriever Ready: Covid-19 Response
Visit **covid19.umbc.edu** for the latest updates on our 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 11 - August 19 **Dawg Days: Jumpstart**



photo by Colleen Humel



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**.

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 • First Fall Bill Available Online	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 • Parking Permits Available for New Fall Students	16	17	18	19 • Dawg Days: Jumpstart Ends • Last Day to Enroll in Fall Payment Plan 3-Pay	20 • First Fall Bill Due	21
22	23 • Fall Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Fall Bill	24	25	26	27	28 • Welcome Week • First-Year and Transfer Move-in Begins Subject to change, check reslife.umbc.edu for updates.
29 • Welcome Week	30	31 • First Day of Classes				

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**.

Important Dates

- August 2 **First Fall Bill Available Online**
- August 19 **Dawg Days: Jumpstart Ends**
- August 20 **First Fall Bill Due**
- August 23 **Fall Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Fall Bill**
- August 28 – September 4 **Welcome Week**
- August 28 **First-Year and Transfer Move-in Begins**
- August 31 **First Day of Classes**



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.

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.

Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging (i3b) 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 28 – September 4 **Welcome Week**
- September 6 **Labor Day, Campus Closed**
- September 6 – 10 **Involvement Fest**
- September 14 **Last Day to Add/Drop a Class without a Grade of “W”**
- September 24 **Fall Career and Internship Fair**

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 • Welcome Week	2	3	4
5	6 • Involvement Fest • Labor Day, Campus Closed	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 • Academic Success Center Tutoring Begins	14 • Last Day to Add/ Drop a Class without a Grade of “W”	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 • FinancialSmarts CashCourse Drawing <small>Participants Eligible for \$100, \$300 and \$500 Drawing!</small>	17	18
19 • Last Day to Enroll in Fall Payment Plan 2-Pay	20	21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 • Fall Career and Internship Fair	25
26	27 • Fall Academic Alert Notifications Begin	28	29	30		



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**.

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 National Disability Awareness Month Begins • 2022-2023 FAFSA Available	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 • Spring 2022 Schedule of Classes Published Online	19	20 • The MAJOR Event • Last Payment on Fall Payment Plan Due	21 • Career Center Diversity Recruitment Event	22	23
24	25	26 • Fall Academic Alert Notifications End	27	28	29	30
31						

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 **2022 - 2023 FAFSA Available**
- October 18 **Spring 2022 Schedule of Classes Published Online**
- October 20 **The MAJOR Event**
- October 21 **Career Center Diversity Recruitment Event**



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.

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.

Important Dates

- November 1 – 5 **Intern Success Week**
- November 2 **Advanced Registration Begins for Spring 2021**
- November 10 **Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses with a Grade of “W”**
- November 25 – 28 **Fall Break**

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 • Internship Success Week National Native American Heritage Month begins • Enrollment for Spring Payment Plan Begins	2 • Advanced Registration Begins for Spring 2022	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Ends	8	9	10 • Last Day to Withdraw from Individual Courses with a Grade of “W”	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 • Residential Life 8-Month Communities Close for Fall Break at 8 pm	25 • Fall Break Thanksgiving Day	26 Native American Heritage Day	27
28 • Fall Break	29	30				



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.

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day of Fall Classes• Last Day for Tutoring Through the Academic Success Center	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study Day	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Exams	16	17	18
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Day to Enroll in Spring Payment Plan 4-Pay	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Exams	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">First Day of Winter• Residential Life 8-Month Communities Close for Winter Break at 8 p.m.	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter Commencement	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none">New Year's Eve	

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.



Important Dates

- December 13 **Last Day of Fall Classes**
- December 14 **Study Day**
- December 15 – 21 **Final Exams**
- December 22 **Winter Commencement**



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** for a growing list of student organizations.

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

- 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 2022-2023 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/fafsa**
 - 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**
 - Check out **reslife.umbc.edu** for housing updates and deadlines for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Important Dates

- January 3 **First Spring Bill Available Online**
- January 3 **Winter Session Classes Begin**
- January 17 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Campus Closed**
- January 20 **First Spring Bill Due**
- January 21 **Spring Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Spring Bill**
- January 28 **Last Day of Winter Session**
- January 31 – February 6 **Winter Welcome Week**
- January 31 **Spring Classes Begin**

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 • Winter Session Classes Begin • First Spring Bill Available Online	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 • Parking Permits Available for New Spring Students
16	17 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Campus Closed	18	19 • Last Day to Enroll in Spring Payment Plan 3-Pay	20 • First Spring Bill Due	21 • Spring Financial Aid and Scholarships Applied to Spring Bill	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 • Last Day of Winter Session	29
30	31 • Winter Welcome Week • Spring Classes Begin					



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.

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 • Winter Welcome Week Black History Month Begins	2	3	4 • Spring Career and Internship Fair (date dependent on Varsity Basketball schedule)	5
6 • Winter Welcome Week	7	8	9	10	11 • Last Day to Add/Drop a Course Without a Grade of "W"	12
13	14 • Academic Success Center Tutoring Begins	15	16	17	18	19 • Last Day to Enroll in Spring Payment Plan 2-Pay
20	21 Presidents' Day (Classes in Session)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 • Spring Academic Alert Notifications Begin					

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

- January 31 – February 6 **Winter Welcome Week**
- February 4 **Spring Career and Internship Fair**
- February 11 **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.

Financial**Smarts**

The transition to UMBC comes with tremendous decision-making responsibility, including making important financial choices.

Financial**Smarts** offers timely and highly engaging programming for students at all stages of their college career, such as:

- CashCourse: self paced course to learn the basics in 8 financial categories
- CashCoach: meet savings goals with a personal savings trainer
- VITA-volunteer to prepare tax returns
- Money Smart Week: over 20 events offered in April, ranging from budgeting to home buying

Visit financialsmarts.umbc.edu and ask your student about their Financial**Smarts**!



Important Dates

- March 1 **UMBC's Priority Deadline for Current Students' 2022-2023 FAFSA**
- March 20 -27 **Spring Break**
- March 29 **Fall 2022 Schedule of Classes Published Online**

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 National Women's History Month Begins • UMBC's Priority Deadline for Current Students' 2022-2023 FAFSA	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16	17	18 • Residential Life 8-Month Communities Close for Spring Break at 8 p.m.	19 • Spring Break
20 • Spring Break First Day of Spring • Last Payment on Spring Payment Plan Due	21	22	23	24	25 • Summer Payment Plan Enrollment Begins	26
27 • Spring Break	28	29 • Spring Academic Alert Notifications End • Fall 2022 Schedule of Classes Published Online	30	31		



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. Visit seb.umbc.edu for dates and details.

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Career Month Begins	2
3	4 • Money Smart Week • Last Day to Drop a Class w/ a Grade of "W"	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 • Last Day to Enroll in Summer Payment Plan 3-Pay	20 • Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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 - 29 **Career Month**
- April 6 **Last Day to Drop a Class with a Grade of "W"**
- April 21 **Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Day**



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.

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 course work, 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!*



- Important Dates**
- May 17 **Last Day of Spring Classes**
 - May 18 **Study Day**
 - May 19 – 25 **Final Exams**
 - May 26 **Spring Commencement**

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Begins	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother’s Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Mother’s Day	16	17 • Last Day of Spring Classes • Last Day for Tutoring Through the Academic Success Center	18 • Study Day • Last Day to Enroll in Summer Payment Plan 2-Pay	19 • Final Exams	20	21
22 • Final Exams Mother’s Day	23	24	25 • All Residential Life Communities Close for Spring Semester at 8 p.m.	26 • Spring Commencement	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	26	27	28	29

Welcome to the UMBC Family: A Resource Guide from A to Z



Academic Advising

The Office for Academic and Pre-Professional Advising provides assistance in a wide variety of topics pertaining to academic life—such as course registration, choosing a major, and identifying academic resources. Students will work with an advisor in this office or their major department beginning with course selection during Orientation and throughout each semester to monitor academic and degree progress. For more information about Advising services, please visit advising.umbc.edu.

Academic Engagement and Transition Programs

Academic Engagement & Transition Programs serve students in all colleges at UMBC with first-year experiences, support for undergraduate research, programs for transfer students, and academic policy administration. To learn more about these programs, please visit aetp.umbc.edu.

Academic Integrity

Integrity lies at the heart of the academic endeavor. The Undergraduate Student Academic Conduct Policy defines and strives to ensure academic integrity at UMBC. The underlying philosophy of this Policy is that members of the university community view academic integrity as a serious institutional value and that academic misconduct incidents should be resolved by faculty members and students in a cooperative manner. All members of the UMBC community, including your student, are expected to make a commitment to academic honesty in their own actions and with others.

For the complete Undergraduate Student Academic Conduct Policy, please visit umbc.edu/policies.

For more information on the topic of Academic Integrity, please visit academicconduct.umbc.edu.

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: academicsuccess.umbc.edu.

Accessing Grades

UMBC allows students the ability to electronically share grades and class schedule information with others via *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

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



Baltimore Collegetown Network

Does your student know about the Baltimore Collegetown Network? The network is a partnership of the area colleges and universities (that's more than 120,000 college students) and a resource to find things to do, transportation, internships, cross-registration for eligible students, and what's hot in Baltimore. Tell your student to check out baltimorecollegetown.org.

Bookstore

Located in The Commons, the UMBC Bookstore is the official source of course materials for UMBC classes. Textbooks are available for rent and for purchase in digital, used, and new conditions. In addition to course materials, UMBC Bookstore carries study aids, reference materials, school, office, and art supplies, lab equipment, and UMBC apparel and gift items. True Bits Tech Ctr located on the first floor of the Bookstore is a full service Apple Authorized Campus Store with a full line of educationally discounted computers, tablets, and software. The Bookstore has partnered with DSR Technology Specialists for all your computer repair needs, which offers convenient, fast turnaround for both warranty and out of warranty computer repairs. The Bookstore also operates a convenience store, The Yum Shoppe, located on the ground floor of The Commons. To learn more and shop online, please visit bookstore.umbc.edu.



Campus Card

The Campus Card allows access to various services on campus such as the library, health services and the RAC, permitted residential buildings, participation in meal plans, and also serves to establish UMBC identity. In addition, the card can be used in debit application, through Retriever Dollars, a quick and easy way to pay for goods and services on campus without carrying cash. The Campus Card Center is also home to University Postal Services, which provides a full range of postal service offerings. The Campus Card Center is located in the University Center, on the first floor. For more information about getting a card and specific uses, please visit campuscard.umbc.edu.

Campus Life Office

The Campus Life Office is UMBC's central resource for students hoping to get involved and try something new. Educational opportunities for UMBC undergraduates extend well beyond the classroom to encompass a wide variety of experiences. To learn more about how UMBC is committed to students receiving a holistic college experience, please visit campuslife.umbc.edu.



Career Center

The Career Center offers valuable programs and resources to all students who are exploring potential career paths and preparing for their internship, job, and/or graduate school search. 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 features 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 far removed from 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 supporting a healthy lifestyle. For more information, please visit recreation.umbc.edu/club-sports.

Consumer Information for Students and Employees

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, UMBC makes available to students important disclosure information, including information regarding student financial assistance, health and safety, student outcomes, and the privacy of student education records (Notification of Rights under FERPA).

Counseling Center

The UMBC Counseling Center is located in the Student Development and Success Center. The center provides free and confidential short-term individual and group counseling for personal, emotional, relationship, substance abuse and vocational concerns. Psychiatric services are available for students engaged in counseling at the Center. Referral assistance is provided for students who require services beyond those available at the Center. If your student is currently receiving mental health services and will need assistance arranging for ongoing mental health care, contact the Counseling Center prior to the start of school. In addition, the Center offers workshops on a variety of topics including: healthy relationships, how to help a friend you are concerned about, stress management, time management, procrastination, test anxiety, motivation, and preparing for finals.

Counseling Center staff recognize the impact of emotions and stress on academic performance and college adjustment. Download the mobile app for families that provides tips and resources to better support your student. For more information and online resources, please visit counseling.umbc.edu.



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 Hall 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 plan options and campus dining locations, please visit dineoncampus.com/umbc.



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 support their majors, minors, and career goals as well as prepare for 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: studyabroad.umbc.edu.

Office of Equity and Inclusion

UMBC's newly established Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) is responsible for promoting and coordinating the University's core values of inclusive excellence and equity, and will have primary responsibility for managing UMBC's efforts related to Title IX and civil rights issues. The office will ensure compliance with sexual misconduct and non-discrimination laws, regulations, and policies through prompt, fair investigations, education and training, and outreach and engagement. Visit oei.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, 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 familyconnection.umbc.edu. Any questions or concerns can be directed to families@umbc.edu or call 410-455-2393.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 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.

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. Our financial aid counselors are available on an appointment basis 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 and scholarships.umbc.edu.

FinancialSmarts@UMBC

FinancialSmarts@UMBC provides students with the tools necessary to make informed and effective decisions about their finances. Managing money is an important part of students' daily lives and we encourage our students to be well-versed in this critical life skill that many find challenging. Visit financialsmarts.umbc.edu.

First-Year Experience Courses

First-Year Experience courses are seminar-style classes taught in an active-learning environment in which students connect with each other as they investigate thought provoking topics. These opportunities are open to all students in their first year at UMBC, including new transfer students, as courses help to facilitate an understanding of UMBC's academic expectations while supporting students in developing a connection to the University. The goal is to prepare students for an undergraduate experience characterized by academic, personal, and professional success. For more information about the breadth of these opportunities, please visit aetp.umbc.edu/first-year-experience.



Giving

UMBC is fortunate to receive generous support from parents like you. We invest donations to The Parents Fund into areas that serve the academic and professional development needs of our students such as the Albin 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 scholars programs. To make your gift or learn more about other giving opportunities, please visit **giving.umbc.edu**.

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 is a participating provider with most major health insurance providers. Please be sure to check with your insurance company about coverage for your student away from home. For more information about services, required immunizations, and the health/immunization form (which must be signed by a healthcare provider in order for students to be eligible to register for classes), please visit **uhs.umbc.edu**.

Housing

See *Residential Life*



Information Technology

The Division of Information Technology (DoIT) provides a variety of services to the UMBC community, including computer labs for instructional and public access; audio/video, multi-media, and a foreign language resource center; instructional support; for the Blackboard course management system; network services for wireless computing; central email and web services to the campus; centralized help desk support; and administrative self-service applications such as registration, grades, and billing through our *myUMBC* portal. For more information on DoIT and student computing requirements, please visit **doit.umbc.edu**.

Identity, Inclusion & Belonging (i3b)

UMBC is one of the most diverse campuses in the nation, and we value the richness that such diversity brings to campus life. The Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging creates opportunities for students to build their awareness and knowledge of diverse people, cultures, and belief systems. Through facilitated discussions, informal gatherings, educational engagements, presentations, and campus-wide events, individual students, student organizations, and classes learn the skills to create inclusive, just, and mutually respectful communities at UMBC and beyond. For more information on i3b, please visit **i3b.umbc.edu**.

Residential Life

Enjoy student life beyond the classroom! Over 80% of our residents would recommend living on campus to new students and not only because of convenience to classes, late night dining, the library, and RAC. Living on campus means building a network of classmates that become lifelong friends. Safe and secure housing is connected to WiFi and streaming services. Living on campus also means access to over 250 clubs and student organizations, with opportunities for leadership positions in Residential Life. Explore Living Learning Communities offering specialized housing options with academic and co-curricular focus. On-campus housing is competitively priced to provide an economical choice for housing and meals – financial aid and monthly payment plans make housing on campus easy on the budget! For more information about on campus housing please call 410-455-2591 or visit **reslife.umbc.edu**.



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**.

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 co-creating 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 coordination of Residential Life, Student Life, Initiatives for Identity, Inclusion & Belonging (i3b), 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 maneuvering through the University, or wish to become involved in student life or leadership opportunities, can call, write, or stop by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, or visit **studentaffairs.umbc.edu**.

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, monitors 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**.

Immunizations

See *Health Services*

Inter-Institutional 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/special-enrollment**.



Living Learning Communities

Residential Life offers a number of Living Learning Communities (LLCs) that 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 AOK Library 367 and Patapsco 163 and is open 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 visit, you can call the Counseling Center (410-455-2472) to reserve a resource or just walk in.

myUMBC

myUMBC is an electronic gateway to information, services, records, and online campus. Students and members of the campus 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 lively discussions, join *myUMBC* “groups” of interest to you, and check class schedules any time of day or night. See “Accessing Grades” for more information about viewing your student’s academic records. To learn more, please visit **my.umbc.edu**.



Off Campus Student Services

Students living off campus receive special attention through the Office of Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS). Students can stop by the OCSS resource center for assistance with off-campus housing services, transportation schedules and parking information, educational and social programs, or to meet other commuting students. First year off-campus students will immediately connect at the First Year Commuter Retreat sponsored by OCSS. To learn more about OCSS and how they support commuter students throughout the year, please visit **occs.umbc.edu**.

Student Organizations and Greek Life

Students have created more than 250 clubs and organizations to pursue interests encompassing service and social action, the arts, academics, cultural issues and celebrations, religion and spirituality, career preparation, fraternities and sororities, and much more. For a complete listing of student organizations and clubs, please visit **campuslife.umbc.edu**.

Student Disability Services

Student Disability Services (SDS) is designed for students with documented disabilities, who are low-income, or are first generation college 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 **aetp.umbc.edu/transfer**.



Parking Services

Parking Services manages all the parking needs and enforces the parking rules and regulations for the UMBC campus community and guests. To obtain a parking permit, review UMBC parking rules and regulations, and to pay parking violations, please visit **parking.umbc.edu**.

Police

The UMBC Police Department provides police services 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the calendar year. Personnel include the chief of police, deputy chief of police, and 24 sworn police officer positions. UMBC police officers are certified by the Maryland Police Training Commissions and are vested with full police/arrest powers. Other staff positions include administrative civilian staff, security officers, police communications operators, and student marshals. To learn more about the department, and view crime reports and statistics, please visit **police.umbc.edu**.

Postal Services (Mailing and Shipping)

See *Campus Card Center*



Recreation and Fitness

The UMBC Recreation Program promotes participation in varied opportunities which foster healthy, active lifestyles through involvement in and/or use of recreational facilities, programs, and services. Our comprehensive program offerings include fitness & wellness, aquatics, intramural sports, open recreation, and club sports. UMBC Recreation provides students with seven-day-a-week access to indoor and outdoor facilities for open recreation. The facilities include the 120,000 sq. ft. Retriever Activities Center (RAC), with three indoor multipurpose courts, a weight room, cardio-balcony, and fitness studio. The Aquatic Center (indoor 25-yard pool and an Olympic sized 50-meter outdoor pool) and indoor track (1/10 mile) are also located in the RAC. Six lighted tennis courts are adjacent to the RAC for usage by all. Recreation sponsors numerous intramural events throughout the year as well. Teams or individuals may sign up to compete in such events as soccer, flag football, full court basketball, 5K runs, and many more. For additional information about schedules, programs, and events please visit **recreation.umbc.edu**.

Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar provides the UMBC community with high quality services related to academic programs, registration, records, transfer credit, and graduation. The registrar maintains student records, the undergraduate course catalog and is the final clearinghouse for graduation. For more information about student records please visit **registrar.umbc.edu**.

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 veteran 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**.



Academic Terms

Students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.50 through 3.74, while completing 12 or more academic credit hours, will receive a "Semester Academic Honors" transcript notation. Students who earn a GPA of 3.75 through 3.99 will receive a "Dean's List" notation, while students with a 4.0 GPA receive the "President's List" notation.

Advance Registration

Continuing UMBC students may register during each semester for the next semester's courses. Advance registration eligibility dates are assigned based on the number of credits earned.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Students who take college-level courses while in high school and demonstrate their mastery of the material by earning high scores on AP exams may be awarded academic credit by UMBC. AP scores may also result in fulfillment of a requirement (such as the foreign language general education requirement) or a higher initial placement in a course sequence. Students must have an official score report sent to UMBC from the College Board. Similar credit may be awarded for high scores on International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations.

Audit

Attending a course without receiving academic credit or a grade. A student might do this for self-enrichment or academic exploration.

Classification of Students

Undergraduate students are classified based on total credits earned toward graduation, including credits earned at UMBC plus AP/IB/CLEP and transfer credits awarded by UMBC. Any credits earned through Advanced Placement or similar tests are also included in the total. The classifications are: Freshmen, 0-29 credits completed; Sophomores, 30-59 credits completed; Juniors, 60-89 credits completed; Seniors, 90 or more credits completed.

Course Repeat Policy

Students may not register for a course more than two times. Students are considered registered for a course if they are enrolled after the end of the schedule adjustment period. Students may petition the Academic Standards and Policy Administration (ASPA) for a third and final attempt of a course taken at UMBC or another institution. An attempt is defined as enrollment in a UMBC course (or its equivalent at another institution) in which the student has received a grade or an official withdrawal noted on the transcript.

Credit Hour

This is the unit used to measure course credits. Courses generally meet one hour per week for each credit hour.

Credit for Competency-Based Education

Students may pursue competency-based education credit through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP) Program, or International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. More information about CLEP, AP, and IB examinations is available in the Undergraduate Catalog, which can be found at catalog.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 summary 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 class 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.



UMBC Family Connection

SUMMER ORIENTATION

FAMILY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER: CONNECTING PARENTS
AND FAMILIES TO THE UMBC COMMUNITY

STAY CONNECTED

UMBC encourages parents, guardians, family members and partners to become part of UMBC's campus life. By subscribing to the Family Connection newsletter, you will receive updates for items such as: campus events, academic calendar, academic policies and deadlines, art and culture events, financial updates, residential hall openings and closings.

SCAN CODE to Subscribe to the Newsletter



HOW CAN YOU REACH OR FIND INFORMATION?

The Family Connection website highlights many services and resources in one convenient location to ease your search for information: familyconnection.umbc.edu.

Do you have a question, comment, or suggestion? If so, please take advantage of our quick-response e-mail address: families@umbc.edu. Questions can always be addressed to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office at 410-455-2393.

RETRIEVERCHECKLIST

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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QUICK LINKS

UMBC News
news.umbc.edu

Residential Life
reslife.umbc.edu

Campus Life
campuslife.umbc.edu

Meal Plan
dineoncampus.com/UMBC

University Health Services
uhs.umbc.edu

Career Services Center
careers.umbc.edu

Counseling Center
counseling.umbc.edu

Off Campus Student Services
ocss.umbc.edu

Athletics
umbcretrievers.com

Transit
transit.umbc.edu

Parent Fund
giving.umbc.edu



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FREQUENT DESTINATIONS

Admissions, Graduate, 2nd Floor Administration Bldg (5)
Admissions, Undergraduate, Ground Floor facing Pond
Alan O. Kuhn Library & Gallery (1)
Black Box Theatre, 127 Performing Arts & Humanities Bldg (14)
Bookstore, The Commons (1)
bwtch@UMBC North (107)
bwtch@UMBC South (107)
Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture, 105 Fine Arts Bldg (14)
Earl and Danielle Lindegarth Concert Hall, 235 Performing Arts & Humanities Bldg (14)
Music Box, 131 Performing Arts & Humanities Bldg (14)
Parking Services, 100 Facilities Management Bldg (15)
Piscineum Theatre, 101 Performing Arts & Humanities Bldg (14)
University Center Ballroom, 301 University Center (15)

BUILDINGS

Administration Building (15)
Alumni House (15)
Apartment Community Center (15)
Army ROTC (10)
Biological Sciences Building (15)
Central Plant (10)
The Commons (1)
Engineering Building (14/15)
Facilities Management Building (10/15)
Fine Arts Building (14)
Greenhouse (14)
Information Technology/Engineering Building (17/15)
Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building (15)
Library & Gallery, Alan O. Kuhn (1)
Mathematics & Psychology Building (15)
Meyerhoff Chemistry Building (15)
Naval ROTC (10)

STUDENT HOUSING

Performing Arts and Humanities Building (14)
Physics Building (1)
Preached Center (17)
Public Policy Building (1)
Retriever Activities Center (RAC) (14)
Satellite Utility Plant (10/15)
Sherman Hall (15)
Sonheim Hall (15)
Student Development & Success Center (10/15)
Technology Research Center (TRC) (10/15)
Tech 2 Building (14)
True Grit's (15)
University Center (15)
UMBC Student Complex (15)
UMBC Event Center (15)
Warehouse (15)

VISITOR PARKING

Administration Drive Garage (15)
Commons Drive Garage (17)
Walker Avenue Garage (15)
Lot 7 (15)
Lot 9 (15)

EVENT PARKING

Administration Drive Garage (15)
Lot 8 (15)
Lot 9 (15)

GENERAL INFORMATION

For more information call 410-455-4000
For Campus Police call 410-455-5555

LEGEND

Visitor Parking
Event Parking
Accessible Parking
Information Desk/Vehicular Kiosk
Dining Locations
ATM
University Health Services
Emergency Phone

MTA Bus Stop Only

MTA and UMBC Shuttle Bus Stop
UMBC Shuttle Bus Stop Only
Taxi Pickup Area
Bike Rack
Bicycle Repair Station
Zip Car
EV Charging Station