



UMBC

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Welcome,
International Students!

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Welcome to UMBC!

We're excited that you're considering UMBC as an international graduate student. No matter where you're from or what you plan to study, you're bound to find your home here. We pride ourselves in preparing international students for success in their careers, and helping them navigate life in Maryland and the U.S. We offer a wide variety of resources to F-1 status students, including...



Career Preparation & Development

UMBC's location in the Baltimore-Washington area provides access to many well-known employers, and some offices and departments on campus offer graduate assistantships as well. [UMBC Career Services](#) can assist you with all aspects of career development, including CV writing and interview preparation; in fact, their work with international students earned them a Best Practices Award from NAFSA last year. For more information on graduate assistantships, visit [the Graduate School's website](#).



Visa, CPT, & OPT Assistance

Our [PIE Award-nominated](#) International Education Services staff are dedicated to helping you navigate the U.S. visa process, and the immigration rules and opportunities available to you while you are a student at UMBC and beyond. This includes CPT work permission for paid internship, OPT and STEM OPT Extension work permission after graduation, H-1b education, and more. [Click here](#) to learn more about IES and the services they provide.



Diversity & Inclusion

Our students come from 48 U.S. states and over 100 different countries, and we offer a variety of cultural programming and student groups to get involved with. Additional resources can be found through the [Graduate Student Association](#) or the [Mosaic Center](#).

We're Ranked for a Reason

We know the decision to attend school abroad is an important one, and with thousands of colleges and universities out there, you want to know that you're making the right choice. UMBC has [consistently been ranked](#) not only one of the best schools in the U.S., but one of the best in the world.

In the past year alone, we've been named...



...one of the best graduate schools for the sciences, engineering, information technology, and more by [U.S. News and World Report](#)

...#3 in the country for social and economic impact per the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals](#)



...[one of the world's top 3.5 percent](#) of universities by the Center for World University Rankings

[...and that's not all!](#)

Find Your Home Here

UMBC's main campus is located between the towns of Catonsville and Arbutus, just outside the Baltimore city limits. You can get to a lot of places from here: we're just a 15-minute drive from BWI Airport, a 45-minute drive from Washington, D.C., and a 3-hour drive from New York City. There's plenty to explore in central Maryland and beyond!



Catonsville's historic Main Street.



Food Truck Wednesday in Arbutus.



Springtime in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Cost of Living Comparison*

	Monthly Rent (Two-Bedroom Apartment)	Gasoline (One Gallon)	Dozen Eggs	Movie Ticket
Baltimore	\$1,588	\$2.13	\$2.80	\$11.17
Washington, D.C.	\$2,111	\$2.16	\$2.99	\$13.50
New York City	\$4,088	\$2.26	\$3.14	\$15.00

*Source: NerdWallet.com; all calculations as of October 2018

Our Programs

Program	Degrees Offered	Coordinator	Email
Applied Developmental Psychology	Ph.D.	Beverly McDougall	bev2@umbc.edu
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Applied Molecular Biology	M.S.	Brandy Darcey	bdarcey@umbc.edu
Applied Sociology	M.A.	Emily Byrne	ebyrne@umbc.edu
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