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The Universities

AT SHADY GROVE



GRIT. It's an attitude, defined by courage, resolve, and strength of character, which embodies the indomitable spirit of UMBC. The UMBC mascot, True Grit—an aptly named Chesapeake Bay Retriever—represents the values of our university: academics, community, wellness and civic agency. The spirit and values of UMBC are reflected here at UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove too. Our students show grit every day while working hard toward their degrees.



WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF GRIT

We are **EXPLORERS**, driven by curiosity and the need to push beyond the expected. We are **MAKERS**, brimming with creativity and building the future. We are **SOLVERS**, confronting problems in our communities and working to eliminate them. We are **UNITERS**, making connections and building networks that better the world. We are **THINKERS**, with minds full of big ideas and the resolve to make them happen.

The House of Grit is full of amazing people. People like you.

Ours is an incredible and diverse community, but what makes it unique is the way everyone comes together to learn, solve problems—and just have fun. Because no matter who you are, in the end, we are all **RETRIEVERS**.

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THE MAKERS



“My time at UMBC-Shady Grove has helped me grow into a more mature, outgoing, and involved student. It has taught me how to seek out opportunities and to take initiative.”

— Nicole Nashwinter,
Psychology

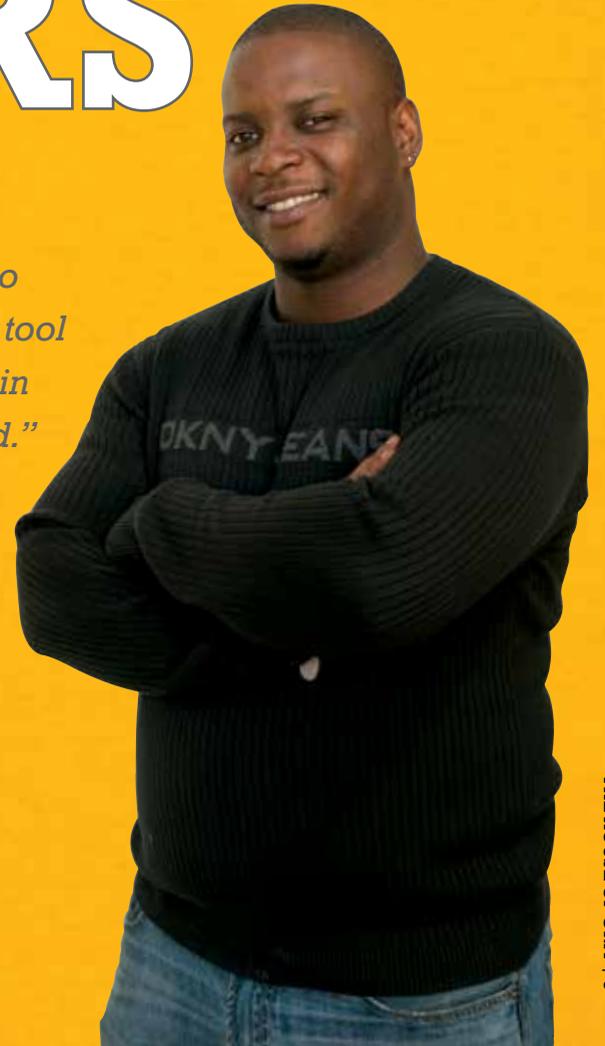
UMBC-Shady Grove students make things happen. Our Makers take advantage of opportunities to develop and exercise their talents, abilities, and gifts. Some, like Nicole, make an active effort to integrate what they learn in the classroom with efforts to assist peers outside of the classroom environment. As a Guided Study Session Leader, Nicole creates lesson plans for quiz reviews and hosts study sessions with her fellow classmates, offering a great opportunity to review and prepare for course exams together. Following graduation from UMBC, Nicole will pursue her Master of Professional Studies degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology at UMBC-Shady Grove.

THE SOLVERS

Solvers help make our world a better place. For Beya, this includes reaching outside of our country's borders. As a political science major and a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Beya understands the importance of bridging cultural, linguistic, economic, and political divides in the hopes of promoting understanding and opportunity. After completing his degree at UMBC-Shady Grove, Beya hopes to study international development as a means to help underprivileged individuals around the world who may not have access to the same opportunities we have in the United States. While pursuing this goal, Beya hopes to improve the lives of others along the way.

“Being at UMBC-Shady Grove has taught me that there are no limits to learning, and that education is the tool needed to make a positive impact in the community as well as the world.”

— Beya Tshimuna,
Political Science



THE EXPLORERS



“By joining different organizations after my first semester, I was able to step out of my comfort zone and really get to know myself. Being an Orientation Peer Advisor as well as a member of the Peer Advisory Team, Student Council, and Social Work Student Association has raised my consciousness as to what leadership is and what I can do to help my community.”

**— Julie Rivera,
Social Work**

Explorers have a thirst for learning. Our students are curious, hands-on people who aren't afraid to try new things. The result is well-rounded students who have the confidence to challenge ideas, and the skills to change the world. For Julie, advocating for immigrant rights is a social justice concern about which she is particularly passionate. She has traveled across Maryland and attended national conferences supporting immigration reform and rights. Julie has applied to Master of Social Work programs and after earning her graduate degree, hopes to work with at-risk adolescents.

THE UNITERS

Uniters embrace connections and the challenge of finding common ground between different viewpoints, experiences, and opinions. Students at UMBC-Shady Grove stretch themselves to raise their awareness as well as examine issues and the world surrounding them from different perspectives. Faith enjoys working and collaborating with others and is very involved with various clubs and organizations at The Universities at Shady Grove and specifically, UMBC-Shady Grove. She recently began a knitting club on campus for fellow, interested students. Following graduation, Faith plans to pursue her passion in connecting with and helping others by applying to the Peace Corps.

“What makes UMBC-Shady Grove stand out from the crowd is the staff that are dedicated and committed to helping students succeed in their chosen career path. So far every professor I’ve encountered has been influential in shaping my professional pathway.”

— Nyenpu “Faith” Kamei,
Psychology & Social Work



THE THINKERS



“Both the campus and my coursework have helped to promote a sense of cultural awareness, open mindedness, and critical thinking. I value the diversity of the student body, which has allowed me to interact with fellow students of various creeds, cultures, and age groups.”

**– Patrick Burke,
History**

It's one thing to study hard, and quite another to figure out how to take what you learn out of the classroom and into the real world. UMBC-Shady Grove's Thinkers do this every day, harnessing the power of knowledge to break barriers and encourage new forms of understanding. Patrick is driven to connect and engage with the field of history in "personable" and fun ways. As a history major and public history minor, Patrick is currently interning at the Catoctin Furnace Historical Society in Thurmont, Maryland and is in the process of developing and creating an entire tour outline from "scratch" of the Catoctin Furnace grounds. Following graduation, Patrick is strongly considering pursuing a certification to teach history in a public school setting at the secondary level and hopes to share his enthusiasm surrounding history with his future students.

UMBC-SHADY GROVE IN BRIEF

UMBC AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE (USG)

USG is a consortium of nine universities within the University System of Maryland. UMBC, a public honors university, is among the institutions at USG. Like students on UMBC's main campus, students at UMBC-Shady Grove benefit from small class sizes, close faculty-student collaborations, and a diverse student population. USG is conveniently located in Montgomery County, a Washington D.C. suburb close to many government agencies, non-profits, national museums and historic sites as well as major healthcare and behavioral health organizations.

UMBC PROGRAMS AT USG:

- » Undergraduate Programs offered specifically for transfer students: History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Translational Life Science Technology (TLST)
- » Graduate M.P.S. Programs: Biotechnology, Cybersecurity, Data Science, Geographic Information Systems, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and Technical Management

CONVENIENT SERVICES:

- » Pre-Transfer Advising: On-site academic advising is available for all students to assist with course planning prior to transfer. Please contact 301-738-6081 to schedule an appointment.
- » Internship and Career Services: Students at UMBC-Shady Grove are encouraged to go beyond the classroom and experience the real world by participating in internship and research opportunities. On-site resume reviews, mock interviews, and placement assistance are available to all students.
- » The Shriver Center: The Shriver Center, a national leader in civic engagement and community service-learning programs, offers UMBC-Shady Grove students opportunities to foster community development and leadership skills through service-learning placements.
- » In addition, USG offers many more onsite services, including: Financial Aid & Scholarships, Library and Bookstore, state of-the-art Computer Labs and Facilities, Course Sharing between USG Institutions, Veteran Student Services, Student Clubs and Organizations, Support Services and Accommodations, and Health and Wellness Initiatives.

FAST FACTS

88%
of USG graduates are working
locally in the region

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG)



2069 undergraduate students
+ 949 graduate students

3018 students



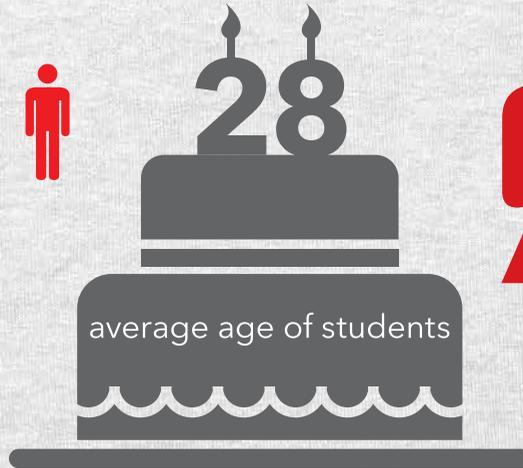
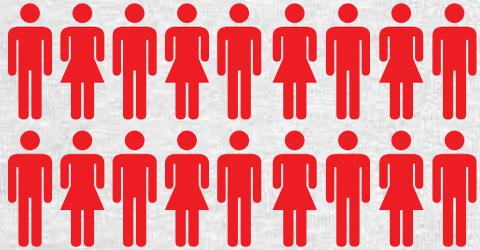
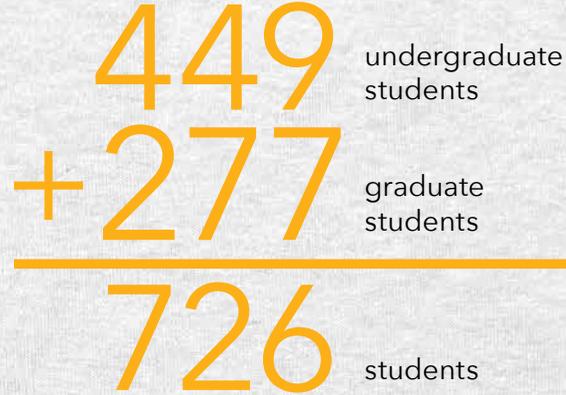
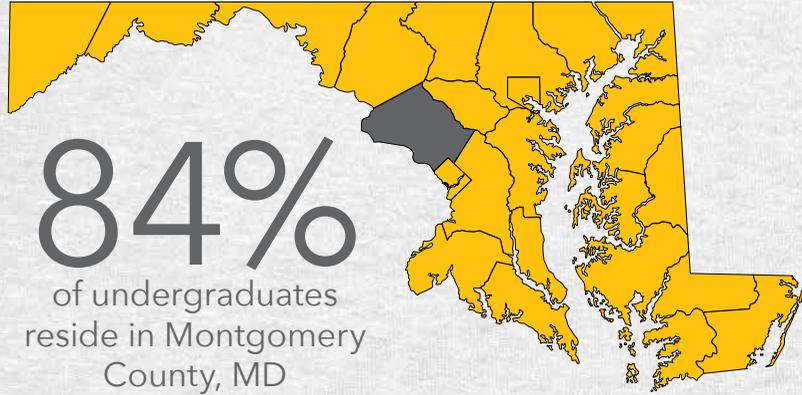
63 USG student organizations (approximately)

572 USG scholarships awarded to students totaling \$1,173,217.00 (2017-18)

9 universities within the University System of Maryland on one campus

100% transfer students

UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove (UMBC-Shady Grove)



THE BUZZ ABOUT UMBC

UMBC offers academically talented students a strong undergraduate liberal arts foundation that prepares them for graduate and professional study, entry into the workforce, and community service and leadership.

- » UMBC was named #1 in up-and-coming national universities for six years in a row by *U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges Guide*.
- » The 2017 *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* guide ranks UMBC in the top five on its closely-watched Most Innovative Schools list, joining Stanford, MIT, ASU-Tempe, and Georgia State. UMBC is also featured on the *U.S. News* list of top 20 national universities with a particularly strong commitment to undergraduate teaching, alongside Princeton, Yale, Dartmouth, and UC Berkeley, among others.

» *The Princeton Review* notes that "UMBC attracts creative and motivated students and rewards them with the resources and attention they need to succeed."

» "Continue[s] to deliver a great education at prices that put private schools to shame." – Kiplinger's "Best Values in Public Colleges"

» UMBC "has earned a reputation as one of the most innovative schools in the country." – CBS "60 Minutes"

HISTORY



MEET THE DIRECTOR

“Here at UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove, engaged, experienced, and talented history professors provide you with a broad overview of the human past by leading you in explorations of how different peoples have built worlds and made sense of them over time. In addition, your instructors will help you acquire several practical and eminently marketable skills that will open doors to a variety of careers: how to read analytically, how to write clearly, and how to think critically. Our students can also complete a minor in Public History, a field that engages historians and broader audiences in productive conversations about their shared past. Students will take classes and complete an internship that give them experience in such fields as historical preservation, oral history, museum studies, and digital history.”

— DR. ANDREW NOLAN
History Program Director

TEACHING STYLE: Will do what is necessary to help students learn. Students will practice how to read, think, and write; they won't just learn history, they will learn to make history.

PROFESSIONAL PAST: Worked as a desktop publisher, telecommunications consultant, and journalist before returning to school, earning his M.A. from the University of Maryland and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. Prior to coming to UMBC, taught at institutions including the University of Nevada, Reno and Binghamton University.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS: Modern U.S. history, cultural and constitutional history, history of science and religion, writing and research methods.

INTERESTING FACT: Currently exploring and conducting research on popular representation of human evolution—and dinosaurs—in U.S. culture.

UMBC'S B.A. IN HISTORY

With an emphasis on international historical perspectives, **UMBC's B.A. in History** at the Universities at Shady Grove is designed to provide a broad overview of the human past by exploring how different peoples have built their worlds and made sense of them over time. UMBC History alumni have enjoyed success in business, government, education, law, and public policy—and as entrepreneurs.

The History Program also offers a **Minor in Public History**, a field which brings historians together with partners and audiences to engage in productive conversations about the value and usefulness of the past. The public history minor introduces students to a wide breadth of practices, including historic sites documentation, cultural resources management, historic preservation planning, oral history, museum studies, and digital history

RECOMMENDED TRANSFER COURSEWORK:

- 3 history classes at the 100- or 200-level, with at least one in U.S. history and at least one in non-U.S. history*
- English Composition *
- 3 Arts and Humanities courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- 3 Social Science courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- College Algebra or Statistics
- 2 Science courses (at least one must have a lab component)
- World Language 201-Level (consult advisor about exceptions)

Note: Courses marked with * are strongly recommended prior to transfer. Please consult ARTSYS (see page 24) for more information on course transferability.

Questions about the History Program?

Contact Dr. Andrew Nolan, Program Director, at nolan@umbc.edu or 301-738-6182.



POLITICAL SCIENCE



MEET THE DIRECTOR

“UMBC’s program in Political Science at the Universities at Shady Grove offers students a way to understand, analyze, and contribute to political life. We offer courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs and help students develop innovative, engaging, and rewarding careers based upon political science training.”

— DR. SUNIL DASGUPTA
Political Science Program Director

TEACHING STYLE: Intensive, substantive, and skills-driven.

PROFESSIONAL PAST: Served as a news reporter covering national security and military affairs. Ph.D. University of Illinois.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS: Local politics, community organizing, public policy, and political economy.

INTERESTING FACT: Hosts “Wednesday Wipeout,” a discussion group through which students and faculty meet weekly on the USG campus to discuss current events. This group is open to all staff, faculty, and students, including interested prospective students. In addition, Dr. Dasgupta enjoys traveling and will travel anywhere.

UMBC'S B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

UMBC's B.A. in Political Science provides the framework to understand the business of the Washington D.C. region: politics. The program offers students a wide range of courses and internship opportunities in pre-law, public policy, and international affairs with the objective of developing careers that are innovative, engaging, and rewarding. Alumni work for federal, state, and local governments, NGOs and international agencies. In addition, many alumni have attended prestigious law and graduate schools while other graduates have started their own businesses and not-for-profits.

RECOMMENDED TRANSFER COURSEWORK:

- American Government *
- Two 200-level Political Science Courses *
- English Composition *
- 3 Arts and Humanities courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- 3 Social Science courses (two additional Political Science courses and one other discipline)
- College Algebra or Statistics
- 2 Science courses (at least one must have a lab component)
- World Language 201-Level (consult advisor about exceptions)

Note: Courses marked with * are strongly recommended prior to transfer. Please consult ARTSYS (see page 24) for more information on course transferability.

Questions about the Political Science Program?

Contact Dr. Sunil Dasgupta, Program Director, at sunildasgupta@umbc.edu or 301-738-6313.



PSYCHOLOGY



MEET THE DIRECTOR

“The UMBC Psychology Program at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers a large variety of pathways of study along with the opportunity for students to individualize their academic plan. While the degree program provides breadth within the six domains specified by the American Psychology Association (APA), it also offers depth into more specific areas of interest. Students in the program have the opportunity to engage in research and participate in internships.”

— DR. DIANE ALONSO
Psychology Program Director

TEACHING STYLE: Uses a combination of teaching styles depending upon the needs of the class. These include, but are not limited to, lecture, seminar-style, active learning, problem-based, and team-based learning.

PROFESSIONAL PAST: Has over 10 years of experience working in industry both for IBM’s Federal Systems Division and for Computer Sciences Corporation’s Health and Human Services Division.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS:
Cognitive psychology.

INTERESTING FACT: Has performed locally in community and professional theaters in the D.C. metro area for over 15 years.

UMBC'S B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY

UMBC's B.A. in Psychology offers students a variety of career options in psychology, social services and other public sector professions. In addition to research opportunities, students work hand-in-hand with faculty who are professionals in the field. Psychology is often a first step toward graduate school, professional school, careers in advertising, business, civil services, human relations, public relations or any other field that includes extensive work with people.

RECOMMENDED TRANSFER COURSEWORK:

- Introduction to Psychology * (counts as one of three Social Science courses - see below)
- Statistics *
- English Composition *
- 3 Arts and Humanities courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- 3 Social Science courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- 2 Science courses (at least one must have a lab component)
- World Language 201-Level (consult advisor about exceptions)

Note: Courses marked with * are strongly recommended prior to transfer. Please consult ARTSYS (see page 24) for more information on course transferability.

Questions about the Psychology Program?

Contact Dr. Diane Alonso, Program Director, at dalonso@umbc.edu or 301-738-6318.



SOCIAL WORK



MEET THE DIRECTOR

“One of the strengths of UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove Social Work Program is the integration of coursework and the field placement. This placement coincides with theory-based courses, which allow you to learn skills and have the opportunity to practice those skills in a setting with support from a social worker. The field placement provides amazing experiences; it builds your resume and can lead to job opportunities. There is collaboration and support throughout students’ endeavor at UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove. We invite you to visit and learn more about our social work program.”

— MS. KATIE MORRIS, LCSW-C
Social Work Program Director

TEACHING STYLE: Provides an engaging, collaborative classroom that encourages students to develop their written and oral communication skills.

PROFESSIONAL PAST: Provided cognitive behavioral and motivational enhancement therapy to individuals with substance dependence and individuals with persistent mental illness.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS: Enhancing student writing and student success.

INTERESTING FACT: Currently enrolled in UMBC’s Language, Literacy, and Culture Doctoral Program. Has received funding to support the development of a Bilingual Writing Mentor Program in collaboration with USG’s Center for Academic Success.

UMBC'S B.A. IN SOCIAL WORK

UMBC's B.A. in Social Work offers a unique environment of small class sizes, close faculty and student collaboration, and a diverse student population. Our fully accredited program is responsible for preparing social work professionals in beginning generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities through a hands-on field placement. More than 80 percent of graduates go on to graduate and professional schools.

RECOMMENDED TRANSFER COURSEWORK:

- **Minimum GPA 2.5 * (Required)**
- Introduction to Sociology *
- Introduction to Psychology *
- General or Human Biology (with lab) *
- English Composition *
- 3 Arts and Humanities courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- Political Science or Economics course
- Statistics
- Non-lab science course
- World Language 201-Level (consult advisor about exceptions)

Note: Courses marked with * are strongly recommended prior to transfer. Please note that a 2.5 cumulative GPA is **required** for admission into the Social Work Program at UMBC-Shady Grove. Please consult ARTSYS (see page 24) for more information on course transferability.

Questions about the Social Work Program?

Contact Ms. Katie Morris, LCSW-C, Program Director, at kath@umbc.edu or 301-738-6312.



TRANSLATIONAL LIFE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY (TLST)



MEET THE DIRECTOR

“Do you want a career where you can directly work on innovative solutions to complex health issues like cancer or Alzheimer’s disease? In the TLST program you will learn about the process of turning scientific discoveries into these and other biotechnology solutions. Students will expand their fundamental biology and chemistry knowledge by seeing its application in interdisciplinary areas relevant to the drug discovery and development process. The TLST program aligns with my career-long interest in translating innovative science to life-saving solutions that would serve society. So I’m privileged to now have the chance to prepare students for a career in this fascinating and impactful area.”

— DR. ANNICA WAYMAN
Associate Dean

TEACHING STYLE: Active learning through hands-on labs and small group activities that build the confidence of students in science and engineering. Also included are discussions of real world application of the course material in the biotechnology industry.

PROFESSIONAL PAST: Worked in product development and advanced technologies at Becton, Dickinson & Co. (BD). Also worked at Hewlett Packard and Black and Decker. For the past 8 years, worked in federal government at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), creating and managing scientific research programs to address global development challenges.

ACADEMIC AREAS OF FOCUS: Research utilization and scale, product development, national/global scientific capacity building.

INTERESTING FACT: Was an engineering student at UMBC; has traveled to over 25 countries.

UMBC'S B.S. IN TLST

UMBC's B.S. in TLST is a unique degree designed for students who want to be competitive in the biotechnology industry. This degree program combines the theory of a traditional life science degree with hands-on, real-world application of the processes that turn scientific discoveries into life-saving solutions. Specifically, the TLST degree is for students looking to apply their skills and interest in the life sciences to create innovative biotechnology solutions that will ultimately transform the health, agriculture, and environment sectors. Students will master critical skills such as analytical thinking, data analysis, and the ability to work in a team. These skills, combined with the knowledge of science gained in the TLST program, will provide students with the tools necessary to succeed in the modern era of life sciences where scientific discoveries are translated from "bench-to-bedside."

RECOMMENDED TRANSFER COURSEWORK:

- Principles of Biology I*
- Principles of Biology II*
- Principles of Chemistry I & Introductory Chemistry Lab*
- Principles of Genetics*
- Elementary Applied Calculus I or Calculus for Life Science I or Calculus I*
- English Composition*
- Principles of Chemistry II
- Organic Chemistry I and Lab
- Microbiology
- Introductory Physics
- 3 Arts and Humanities courses (from at least two different disciplines)
- 3 Social Science courses
- World Language 201-Level (consult advisor about exceptions)

Note: Courses marked with * are **strongly recommended** prior to transfer. Please consult ARTSYS (see page 24) for more information on course transferability.

Questions about the TLST Program?

Contact Dr. Annica Wayman, Associate Dean, at awayman@umbc.edu or 301-738-6092.





TRANSFER STUDENT ALLIANCE

Open to any student currently pursuing an associate degree at a Maryland community college who intends to earn their bachelor's degree at UMBC upon transfer.

Upon successful completion of program requirements, UMBC-Shady Grove TSA participants receive guaranteed transfer admission to UMBC-Shady Grove with an application fee waiver and a \$1,500 merit scholarship for each of two years of study.

UMBC is known for attracting highly motivated students - eager learners who get involved in their own education. The Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) offers eligible students who intend to earn their bachelor's degree at UMBC (at the main campus in Baltimore, MD or the Shady Grove campus in Rockville, MD) the opportunity to benefit from joint programmatic efforts, shared resources and other privileges while still enrolled at the partner institution. Upon successful completion of program requirements and initiation of transfer to UMBC, eligible students will be guaranteed admission with a scholarship. For additional information on TSA at UMBC-Shady Grove, please visit undergraduate.umbc.edu/apply/tsa.php.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- » Completion of an associate degree with a minimum cumulative 3.5 composite-GPA within four years of initial TSA program qualification.
- » Enrollment at UMBC within one year of completion of the associate degree without attending another 4-year institution.
- » Submit a final transcript indicating an earned associate degree from a Maryland community college.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

In addition to **guaranteed transfer admission** to UMBC-Shady Grove with an **application fee waiver** and a **merit scholarship** upon successful completion of TSA program requirements, UMBC-Shady Grove TSA participants also receive the following benefits prior to enrollment:

- » Priority access to Pre-Transfer Advising.
- » Priority advising and registration at New Student Orientation.
- » Concurrent enrollment at a 25 percent tuition discount for one UMBC course per semester (not to exceed a total of 3 discounted courses).
- » Access to UMBC-Shady Grove facilities, including the library and computer laboratories.

HOW TO APPLY:

- » Students who have successfully passed and completed between 12-35 credits and have maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher at a Maryland community college are eligible to apply.

Visit undergraduate.umbc.edu/apply/tsa.php to apply to TSA.

The image features three large, stylized characters: a purple 'R', a black '2', and a yellow 'R'. The 'R's have a distinctive shape with a pointed top and a wide base. The '2' is a simple, bold, sans-serif numeral. The background is white with a vertical purple and yellow stripe on the right side.

R2R

RAPTOR TO RETRIEVER

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Raptor To Retriever (R2R) Transfer Access Program

Raptor to Retriever (R2R) is a transfer access program designed to streamline the transfer process between Montgomery College and UMBC-Shady Grove. The program offers students a structured pathway for attaining an associate degree and a baccalaureate degree.

Program Benefits

Upon acceptance into one of UMBC's programs at USG, students who complete all R2R program requirements will receive the following benefits:

- UMBC admissions application fee waiver
- Priority UMBC-Shady Grove new student orientation program registration
- Priority UMBC-Shady Grove pre-orientation advising and first semester course registration
- Membership in the R2R Peer Network
- Purple and gold graduation cords to wear at UMBC graduation
- Student-focused and success-driven programming and applied learning opportunities

Note: Students must adhere to all UMBC admissions procedures and UMBC-Shady Grove program specific requirements.

R2R Admission Requirements

- **Fall deadline: June 15 | Spring deadline: November 15**
- Minimum 2.0 MC GPA
- Interest in one of UMBC-Shady Grove's four undergraduate programs: History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and/or Translational Life Science Technology (TLST)
- Earned 12-36 credits by the end of the semester of application to R2R

* Additional selection criteria will be considered in the application process

Questions about R2R? Contact us at R2R@umbc.edu

APPLY TO R2R
shadygrove.umbc.edu/r2r

ADMISSIONS/FINANCIALS

How to Apply:

- » Complete the online UMBC Application for Undergraduate Admission through the Common Application and indicate your interest in UMBC-Shady Grove within the "Questions" tab under the "Program Materials" section. You may apply online at shadygrove.umbc.edu. Click on "Apply" and then "Apply as an Undergraduate Student." Please contact 301-738-6281 with any questions.
- » Send all official transcript(s) from each college or university previously attended to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. UMBC accepts credits only from regionally accredited institutions. Generally, courses passed with a grade of "C" or better are considered for transfer.
- » Submit the nonrefundable application fee. If you are a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, your application fee may be waived by submitting a copy of your certificate to the UMBC Office of Undergraduate Admissions in addition to noting your PTK participation under the school-specific fee waiver eligibility question within the Common App. Please note that the application fee may also be waived for Raptor to Retriever (R2R) and Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) members by noting participation in one of these two programs under the school-specific fee waiver eligibility question within the Common App.

- » Review admission deadlines:
Fall Admission: Priority (for full scholarship consideration): March 1; Regular: June 1.
Spring Admission: Priority (for full scholarship consideration): Oct. 15; Regular: Dec. 1.
- » **The Transfer Student Alliance (TSA):** UMBC is known for attracting **highly motivated** students—eager learners who get involved in their own education. **The Transfer Student Alliance (TSA)** offers eligible students who intend to earn their bachelor's degree at UMBC (at the main campus in Baltimore, MD or the Shady Grove campus in Rockville, MD) the opportunity to benefit from joint programmatic efforts, shared resources and other privileges while still enrolled at a Maryland community college. Upon successful completion of program requirements and initiation of transfer to UMBC, eligible students will be guaranteed admission with a scholarship. See pages 20-21 for more details.

ABOUT ARTSYS:

- » ARTSYS is the University System of Maryland Articulation System that facilitates the transfer of students from one institution of higher education to another. ARTSYS allows students to input transcript or course information from any Maryland community college, select a receiving institution (UMBC) and program of study, and receive an unofficial evaluation of how the Maryland community college credit could apply to the selected degree program. Although this is not an official evaluation, it can help students choose courses to take at a community college that will transfer over to your UMBC program with ease. artsys.usmd.edu.

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION:

- » For current tuition and fees, please visit: sbs.umbc.edu. Students attending UMBC's academic programs offered at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) receive the same quality education that they would if attending our main campus. Therefore, students also pay the same tuition. However, because the facilities and services available to students differ between the two locations, students attending USG have a different fee structure than our main campus.

- » To estimate UMBC charges, financial aid, and out-of-pocket expenses, you may use the interactive Undergraduate Cost Calculator found via financialaid.umbc.edu/cost-calculators.
- » At UMBC, several types of financial aid are available, including grants, scholarships and loans. Visit umbc.edu/financialaid to learn more.
- » FAFSA Code: 002105
- » FAFSA Priority Deadline: February 14
- » A monthly payment plan (MPP) is also offered through Student Business Services. Visit sbs.umbc.edu/payment-plan to learn more.

UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE (USG) SCHOLARSHIPS:

- » In addition to federal aid, private scholarships are available to Universities at Shady Grove (USG) students through generous donations provided by the USG Board of Advisors, local businesses, foundations, community organizations and individual donors. Visit shadygrove.umd.edu/admissions-aid/scholarships to access the scholarship application and to learn more.



VISIT US!

The best way to discover all that UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove has to offer is to visit our campus.

UMBC-Shady Grove provides various events throughout the year that provide prospective students an opportunity to visit campus and meet current students, staff, faculty, and Program Directors. Visitors will learn more about the admissions and transfer process and receive an up-close and personal glimpse into their program(s) of interest. Go to shadygrove.umbc.edu and click on "Visit" to view a list of upcoming undergraduate events and to schedule a visit to take advantage of opportunities such as these:

- » **Pre-transfer Advising**
- » **Common App Bash Sessions**
- » **Undergraduate Program Director Open Houses**
- » **Undergraduate Preview Night** (fall only)
- » **Grit in Action** (spring only)

QUESTIONS?

Contact UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove at shadygrove@umbc.edu or 301-738-6081.

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