Information for Students

A. University	**University of Maryland** *(commonly referred to as UMD)* http://www.umd.edu/ | Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
B. Location	College Park, Maryland, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange. Modules approved in the past may not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your SEP. Please check the latest course offerings at the host university while you develop your Study Plan.
ii) Academic Calendar	**Semester 1 (Fall):** August to December **Semester 2 (Spring):** January to May http://www.provost.umd.edu/calendar/
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	Undergraduate exchange students at UMD must take a minimum of 12 credits per semester, which is typically the equivalent of 4 courses. Generally, UMD students do not take more than 2 or 3 classes within their major discipline of study during the semester. Exchange students should plan to take a few elective classes as well as 2 or 3 classes in their major discipline of study. Students are expected to select their first choice classes and an alternative class list with your application. UMD cannot guarantee that you will be able to register for particular classes for your exchange.
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.75 out of 5.0 (equivalent to 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA), with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English
viii) Modules Compatibility	UMD is suitable for **FASS**, **FoS** and **SoC*** students. *Please note SoC modules are limited at UMD. Students should plan to take two, possibly three CS modules, but have plenty of back-ups in mind.

Exchange students can select from thousands of course offerings over 10 colleges. A complete list of current course offerings can be found on the UMD Schedule of Classes. See details on how to register in the UMD registration guide.

Course Levels

Course numbers at UMD have a 4-letter academic department code followed by a three-digit course number. The course numbers indicate the following:

- 000-099: Non-credit courses.
- 100-199: Primarily freshman undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students)
- 200-299: Primarily sophomore undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students)
- 300-399: Junior and senior undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students)
- 400-499: Junior and senior undergraduate courses (acceptable for graduate students; however, the number of such credits is limited based on Graduate School policies)
- 600-898: Courses restricted to graduate students

Limited Enrollment Programs

Students are expected to select their first choice classes and an alternative class list with their application. We cannot guarantee that students will be able to register for particular classes at UMD.

The following departments or schools have high enrollment demand and limited space in classes. Consequently, students will need to have maximum flexibility in course choices from these departments.

- Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, & Environmental Sciences and Policy-Biodiversity and Conservation
- Communication
- Computer Science *(priority is given to students who are Computer Science majors at their home institution. Students cannot enroll for more than two, maybe 3 CS classes per semester)*
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Economics *(priority is given to students who are Economics majors at their home institutions)*
- Government & Politics
- Information Studies
- Journalism
- Psychology

ix)	**Module restrictions and pre-requisites**	In addition to restrictions you may encounter in the Limited Enrollment programs, exchange students do not have access to the following programs: • Business • Engineering • College Park Scholars • Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program • Global Communities (BSGC) • Hinman CEOs • Honors College • Quest Honors Program

D. Application

i)	**Procedures**	All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university. The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint. Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint. For more information on UMD's application process, please refer here: https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/apply
ii)	**Deadlines**	All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university. Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

E. Accommodation

i)	**University Accommodation**	For information on the cost of housing and dining plans available please visit the Department of Residence Life (link is external) and Dining Services (link is external) websites. You can also view the estimated cost of attendance (link is external) as an exchange student at UMD.

F. Visa

	Consular/Visa Regulation	Once admitted to UMD, exchange students will request a DS-2019 Form using the International Student and Scholar Services office (ISSS) online portal, iTerp. The DS-2019 form is the immigration document required to apply for a J-1 Visa. Proof of Financial Support You will need to submit Proof of Financial Support to iTerp. The anticipated proof of finance amount that students need to show for the 2017-2018 academic year is:

- $15,750 minimum for students studying at UMD for the full year
- $7,000 minimum for students studying at UMD for one semester only.

You can demonstrate proof of financial support in the following ways:

- A bank statement on bank letter head signed by a bank official with the applicant's full name listed as the account holder (first and last name).
- If the bank statement is not in the matriculating student's name, a letter of support must be submitted and signed by a sponsor stating that the sponsor is accepting full financial responsibility for the applicant accompanied by a bank statement on bank letter head signed by a bank official with the sponsor's full name listed as the account holder.
- A scholarship letter from the sponsoring organization listing the amount of the award and the student's full name (first and last name).

Bank statements or letters must be dated within 6 months of the date the application is submitted. You cannot submit statements from investment accounts or loan agencies. It must to be a regular checking or savings account from which applicants or sponsors can withdraw money at any time.

For more information, please refer here:
https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/visa-requirements

G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/ Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a supplemental travel insurance to ensure they are adequately covered during their exchange semester. In addition, students will be required to enrol in the compulsory health insurance policy or scheme at their SEP host university. ***You are required to have health insurance while you are in the US per your J-1 visa. All incoming exchange students will automatically be enrolled in the UMD Student Health Insurance Policy (SHIP) (link is external). The UMD SHIP insurance meets the J-1 visa minimums for insurance. It is accepted at the Health Center on campus as well as by many providers in the US.***

	All incoming students are required to complete an immunization form, which will be available once you are accepted. The form needs to be completed and turned into the UMD Health Center during orientation week. You have the option of getting required immunizations (mumps, measles, rubella and TB skin test) after you arrive at the Health Center or at local facilities for a fee.
ii) **Emergency Number at host university**	https://studentaffairs.umd.edu/safety-security
H. Cost of Living	
i) **Estimated Monthly Living Expenses**	Tuition fees are waived for exchange students. For more information on the cost of attending UMD for a semester, please refer to the following: https://www.financialaid.umd.edu/award_process/cost_of_attendance.html

Information correct as of July 2021. Please refer to the UMD links for the most up-to-date information.