



# LIVING ON CAMPUS

## GET A HEAD START IN CAMPUS HOUSING

We hope you consider joining our residential community. To be eligible for housing you must be a full-time (12+ credits) enrolled undergraduate student. If you haven't yet applied – that is the first step to obtaining an on campus space: [www.umbc.edu/reslife](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife). Demand for on-campus housing is high, so the earlier you apply the better! (There are a limited number of spaces for graduate students).

**FRESHMEN** If you paid your deposit and signed your Housing License by the May 1st deadline you are guaranteed a space on campus. If you missed the May 1st deadline you must first apply for housing to be placed on the housing wait list.

**TRANSFERS** Make sure you apply for housing to get placed on the housing wait list. Priority will be given to students who live the furthest from campus.

**HOUSING WAIT LIST** Refer to our webpage, [www.umbc.edu/reslife/apply/availability.html](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife/apply/availability.html), to get complete details about housing availability and updates on the wait list. As cancellations come in students are offered housing from the wait list.

Students in the lower priority groups should consider a rental close to campus, if not able to commute from home. For more information and assistance contact Off-Campus Student Services, [www.umbc.edu/ocss](http://www.umbc.edu/ocss).



## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

When you choose to become part of the UMBC community, you choose to take advantage of a great opportunity! By choosing to live on campus, you will benefit by learning things about yourself and others that might not have been discovered elsewhere. With your choice comes a responsibility: to live your life in a way that helps everyone get the most out of their experience. We believe that living successfully on campus requires everyone to understand and act from a set of community living principles that shows respect for that responsibility.

- Live and study with integrity
- Seek to understand others
- Cooperate and compromise
- Take action to improve your community

## TO MOVE-IN YOU MUST

**YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE INTO YOUR ROOM WITHOUT MENINGITIS INFORMATION ON FILE AT UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES!**

We would love to let you move in, but Maryland Law requires that ALL residential students either be vaccinated against meningitis OR sign a waiver indicating that they are not being vaccinated but have been made aware of the option to be vaccinated and the risks associated with meningitis before we can issue you your key. Refer to the following web site for details: [www.umbc.edu/uhs](http://www.umbc.edu/uhs). **Deadline August 12, 2011**

## ROOMMATE INFORMATION

We'll use information obtained on your housing application to assist in assigning you a roommate. While most students prefer to let us assign their roommate, if you have a specific roommate request it can be submitted on-line from your Housing Selection Account. Only mutual requests will be considered. We'll do our best to accommodate requests that are received by **July 6th**.

Room assignment information, including contact information for your roommate(s) will be available on-line from your Housing Selection Account and mailed to your permanent address the first week of August. Additional information will include your designated move-in time, unloading and parking guidelines, a campus map, and other important logistics.

When you arrive on campus your Resident Assistant (RA) will assist you in completing a Roommate Agreement. This tool will help you and your roommate(s) establish living expectations for the year.

## PERSONALIZE YOUR LIVING SPACE

You may want to start planning for items to bring to make your room on campus feel like home!

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMPUS ARE:

- Extra-long twin sheets (36" by 80") except in Walker Avenue apartments where beds are full-sized
- Wall saver removable poster putty
- Emergency supplies
- If you'd like to rent a microwave/refrigerator combination unit called a Microfridge (residence halls only) contact our vendor [myfridgeverinal.com](http://myfridgeverinal.com) at 1-301-758-7967 or email: [myfridge@verizon.net](mailto:myfridge@verizon.net).
- If you'd like to rent a loft for your bed (residence halls only) contact our vendor BedLoft at [www.bedloft.com](http://www.bedloft.com)

### SOME ITEMS NOT TO BRING:

- Microwaves (unless a Microfridge unit mentioned above)
- Candles/incense/oil lamps
- Electric heaters
- Halogen lamps or bulbs
- Weapons

For a **full list of items** to bring and items to leave at home check out the webpage: [www.umbc.edu/reslife/living/opening\\_fall.html](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife/living/opening_fall.html)

## SHAPE YOUR LIVING EXPERIENCE

UMBC is a vibrant campus where students connect with each other 24/7.

**RESIDENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (RSA)** is a student-run organization that works on behalf of resident students to sponsor events, advise residential policy, and advocate student concerns. RSA's **Community Action Boards (CAB)** sponsor programs and advocate student concerns for their individual community. In addition, through the **National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)**, you will have the opportunity to get involved with service. These groups are the vehicle to shape the community where you live.

Experience your community at College.be, [be.umbc.edu](http://be.umbc.edu). College.Be is an on-line community and social sharing site for you to stream in all the great stuff you are doing every day at UMBC.



## STAFF ARE READY TO ASSIST!

**COMMUNITY DIRECTORS (CD)** are full-time professional staff members who live in each community. They supervise the Resident Assistants, advise the Community Action Board (CAB), work with other staff and faculty, and assist residents in their transition to college.

**RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RA)** are assigned to your hall, floor or apartment building. They are there to assist you with personal, academic, or social concerns, organizing events in your community, and responding to emergencies.

**MAINTENANCE ASSISTANTS (MA)** are trained to repair certain things in your room.

**DESK MANAGERS (DM)** manage overall service desk operations and supervise the desk staff.

**DESK STAFF** work at the service desk in your community.

## COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

All official communication between Residential Life and you is done via email to your official UMBC email address. It is critical that you read your UMBC email regularly to ensure that you do not miss important deadlines.

### CONTACT RESIDENTIAL LIFE

- **Phone:** 410-455-2591
- **Email:** go to MyUMBC and send us a request by clicking "help"
- **Web:** [www.umbc.edu/reslife](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife)

### YOUR ON-CAMPUS MAILING ADDRESS

- Your Name
- Hall/Apartment Community Name, Room/Apartment #
- UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle
- Baltimore, MD 21250



## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>JULY 6</b>             | • Deadline to request a roommate  |
| <b>JULY 10</b>            | • Last day to change your meal plan and edit your on-line housing application (meal plan changes after this date must be sent to Campus Card through myUMBC "help" tab) |
| <b>1ST WEEK OF AUGUST</b> | • Room assignment available online and information mailed home about move-in day  |
| <b>AUGUST 12</b>          | • Meningitis compliance deadline for residents.   |
| <b>AUGUST 27</b>          | • New Student Move-In<br>• Welcome Week Begins*<br>• Mandatory Floor Meeting<br>• Play Fair   |
| <b>AUGUST 28</b>          | • RESPECT, Find out What it Means at UMBC<br>• Outdoor Movie  |
| <b>AUGUST 29</b>          | • Public Service Announcements<br>• Mandatory Book Discussion <a href="#">Outcast United</a>  |
| <b>AUGUST 30</b>          | • Convocation<br>• UMBC Campus Community Picnic<br>• Big Crazy Fun Night  |
| <b>AUGUST 31</b>          | • Classes begin   |

\* Review the Welcome Week calendar for a complete list of activities to prepare you for an exciting year at UMBC!

## ROOM & BOARD COSTS

Below are estimated 2011-2012 room and board costs for Residential Life (RL) managed housing for the academic year. Walker Avenue Apartment costs can be found on their website: [www.walkeravenueapts.com](http://www.walkeravenueapts.com).

### ROOM

- Residence Hall Double Room \$6065
- Residence Hall Triple Room \$4275
- Apartments and 9-month Suites in Harbor Hall \$6282

\* Apartment residents are also responsible for a monthly utility charge that is billed at the end of each semester and divided among apartment residents.

### BOARD – MEAL PLANS

- The Ultimate Meal Plan \$3872
- Fab 14 Meal Plan \$3606
- Flexible 14 Meal Plan \$4234
- Super 200 Block Meal Plan \$3274
- Terrific 10 Meal Plan \$3114
- Flexible 10 Meal Plan \$3562
- Advantage 5 Meal Plan (apartment residents only) \$1734
- Mega 50 Block Meal Plan (apartment residents only) \$818
- Mini 25 Block Meal Plan (apartment residents only) \$410

\* Potomac and Harbor Hall nine-month suites are also required to select a Winter Meal Plan option. Information will be sent to these residents during Fall Semester by The Campus Card Office.

### COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FEE

- Residence Halls & Apartments \$360
- \* *Reminder: An interest-free payment plan is available that divides your semester bill into manageable monthly payments. Contact Student Business Services for questions about the payment plan: [www.umbc.edu/sbs](http://www.umbc.edu/sbs). You can also reach them via email at [sbs@umbc.edu](mailto:sbs@umbc.edu).*

## IF YOUR PLANS HAVE CHANGED

If you are thinking of canceling your housing prior to moving in be advised that cancellation fees will apply and you'll forfeit your housing deposit. Once you pick up your key at move-in you will be held to the terms of your housing license for the entire 2011-2012 academic year. Remember you must be a full-time student (12+ credits) in order to maintain your campus housing eligibility throughout the year.

If you would like to cancel your housing for the 2011-2012 academic year go to MyUMBC and send us the information by clicking the "help" tab. Remember to include your full name and campus ID number.

If you have any questions about these procedures, refer to the Housing License or contact us by calling 410-455-8832.

## SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

While the residential facilities at UMBC are largely safe and secure places, crime and accidents can occur. Personal safety is largely dependent on your own prevention and precaution. Residential Life staff work with University Police, Student Health Services and other campus offices to help ensure student health and safety. Services Include:

- E2 Campus – UMBC's cell phone and text emergency alert system
- 24-hour service desk in all residence halls
- 24-hour Residential Life professional staff on-call
- 24-hour Campus Police foot and bike patrols
- 24-hour escort service
- Additional nighttime patrols of residential areas
- Emergency "blue light" phones located throughout campus

Students are reminded that doors should be locked at all times. We also strongly recommend that students purchase property insurance prior to arrival. Two companies that specialize in property insurance for students in college are:

- [www.nssi.com](http://www.nssi.com)
- [www.collegestudentinsurance.com](http://www.collegestudentinsurance.com)