



# PREPARE FOR YOUR MOVE-IN

UMBC 2008-2009

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>1st WEEK OF AUGUST</b>	▪ Room assignment available online
<b>AUGUST 13</b>	▪ Meningitis compliance deadline for residents
<b>AUGUST 18</b>	▪ Online Check-in Available
<b>AUGUST 23</b>	▪ New Student Move-In
<b>AUGUST 26</b>	▪ Convocation ▪ UMBC Community Picnic
<b>AUGUST 27</b>	▪ Classes begin

\* Check our website for continuous updates, [www.umbc.edu/reslife](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife).

## YOUR ROOMMATE AND ASSIGNMENT

Your Room Assignment letter includes the following:

- Building Community
- Room Number
- Type of Room (double, triple or suite)
- Names and contact information for your roommate(s)
- Your designated move-in time
- Your Meningitis compliance as of July 25, 2008

You are encouraged to contact your roommate before move-in. This will help you coordinate the items you plan to bring. Contact information is provided with your assignment information.

When you arrive on campus your Resident Assistant (RA) will assist you and your assigned roommate to complete a Roommate Agreement at the start of the semester. This is a tool to help you and your roommate establish living expectations for the year.

You may view your room assignment information on-line to confirm your assignment prior to move-in at the Residential Life web site during the first week of August 2008.

While we make every effort to minimize changes, your room assignment is subject to change as we continue to house students. We will send you a new assignment letter or email if your assignment has changed.

## ROOM SET UP

The rooms in most of the residence hall communities are set up as standard suites with double or triple rooms connected by a bathroom. Two of our newer communities have suites with two double rooms connected by a small living room and a bathroom. Our residence apartment communities have four individual bedrooms, a shared living room, dining room, kitchen, and bathroom. All residential communities are carpeted, have semi-private bathrooms, and have individually-controlled heat and air-conditioning. Your room offers local phone service, voicemail, cable and internet connection. It is furnished with the following: desk, chair, bed, and a wardrobe or dresser. Check our virtual tour at [www.umbc.edu/reslife](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife) for more information.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO MOVE-IN

### NECESSITIES TO BRING AT CHECK-IN

- Extra-Long Twin Linens/Blankets (36" x 80")
- Pillow
- Towels
- Clothing hangers
- Alarm clock
- Power Strip
- Ethernet Cord
- Heavy gauge, UL-approved extension cord
- Co-axial cable for cable TV
- Laundry supplies
- Toiletries
- Desk lamp
- School supplies i.e. pens, pencils, paper, etc.
- Small wastebasket
- Wall saver removable poster putty or strips/blue painter's tape
- Cleaning supplies
- Hand-held or mini-vacuum
- Flashlight
- Emergency Supplies (Visit: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for information. The UMBC Bookstore also sells emergency supply kits).

### MICROFRIDGE RENTALS

- If you wish to rent a MicroFridge unit, you may contact our vendor, King MicroFridge via email, web site or phone: [kingfridge@aol.com](mailto:kingfridge@aol.com), [www.kingfridge.com](http://www.kingfridge.com), or (301) 565-8035. For your convenience, we have included an order form in this mailing. \*\*\*

### DO NOT BRING

- Hot pots/plates
- Outdoor grills
- Landline phones or answering machines (will not work)
- Weights
- Pets
- Microwave ovens\*
- Toasters/toaster ovens\*\*
- George Foreman counter-top grills\*\*
- Coffeepots without auto-shutoff feature
- Immersion heaters
- Candles/incense/oil lamps
- Heat lamps/sun lamps
- Halogen lamps or bulbs
- Electric blankets
- Electric heaters
- Kerosene heaters
- Picture hangers/nails/double backed stick ups
- Air guns, toy guns, BB/pellet guns, paint guns or water pistols
- Weapons including any knife that is not designed and typically used for kitchen applications.
- Drums
- Amplifier or amplified musical devices without headphones
- Refrigerators more than 4.3 cubic ft.\*\*\*

\* Microwaves are allowed only in apartment kitchens unless part of a Micro Fridge unit.

\*\* Toaster ovens and George Foreman grills are allowed only in apartment kitchens.

\*\*\* Small refrigerators or microfridge units not permitted in the apartments.



## ON-LINE CHECK-IN

You will be able to complete your Resident Registration Sheet (RRS) starting **August 18th**. This form is a critical part of UMBC's Emergency Preparedness Plan. In addition to your cell phone and other information, you will fill out emergency relocation information. We hope you will complete this on-line form with your family or friend's assistance before you arrive to campus. Filling this form out on-line will save you time at check-in. If you do not have access to on-line check-in, you will complete these forms on move-in day.

## GET INVOLVED!

Getting involved is a great way to meet people, build leadership skills and shape your own college experience at UMBC. Take advantage of the opportunities at UMBC and those in Baltimore and Washington D.C.

- **Resident Student Association (RSA)** - This is the student governing body for all residential students. RSA plans large scale programs, shapes policy and provides funding for the Community Action Boards (CAB).
- **Community Action Board (CAB)** - Each community has a CAB that plans community-wide events and works with staff to address residential student concerns.
- **Campus Organizations** - Visit the Student Life website, [sta.umbc.edu](http://sta.umbc.edu), and click "Get Involved" for a complete list of student organizations.
- **Baltimore College Network** - The close proximity of UMBC to the city of Baltimore offers unique historical, cultural, social and service opportunities. UMBC is a member of a 15-school organization called the Baltimore College Network: [www.baltimorecollegetown.org](http://www.baltimorecollegetown.org), which offers special student discounts and events just for students that can connect you with other students in the area.

## MEAL PLAN CHANGES

Changes and additions have been made to your meal plan options for the 2008-2009 Academic Year. If you would like to change your meal plan selection you may do so through **August 17** on-line at [www.umbc.edu/reslife](http://www.umbc.edu/reslife).

## YOUR BILL

### E-BILLING

Your E-Bill should be available on-line during the first week of August. You will be billed on a semester basis for room, board and fees. For more details on E-billing at UMBC refer to the following secure web site: [www.umbc.edu/ebilling](http://www.umbc.edu/ebilling).

### 2008-2009 ANNUAL ROOM AND BOARD COSTS

#### Room Costs (estimated)

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| ▪ Residence Halls                                         | \$5,500 |
| ▪ Apartment & Harbor Hall nine-month suites               | \$5,700 |
| 1. Nine-month facilities are open during break periods.   |         |
| 2. Apartment residents also pay their share of utilities. |         |

#### Board Costs

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| ▪ Ultimate Meal Plan                                        | \$3,460 |
| ▪ 14 Meals/Week Plan                                        | \$3,220 |
| ▪ 200 Block Meal Plan                                       | \$3,220 |
| ▪ 10 Meals/Week Plan                                        | \$2,782 |
| ▪ 5 Meals/Week w/\$60 Flex (apartment residents only)       | \$1,554 |
| ▪ 25 Block Meal Plan w/no Flex (apartment residents only)   | \$350   |
| ▪ 50 Block Meal Plan w/\$25 Flex (apartment residents only) | \$700   |

\* 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 Dining Services.

<b>Residential Communication Fee</b>	<b>\$320</b>
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\* Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other University publication, the University reserves the right to make changes in tuition, fees, and other charges at any time such changes are deemed necessary by the University and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

## PROPERTY INSURANCE

We endorse no one company, but provide the contacts below and the pamphlets included in this mailing as a service and a reminder to make sure your property is covered from theft, fire, flood or other loss before you arrive. The state carries no insurance that covers your personal belongings as stated in your contract and can't reimburse you for damage or loss.

You may contact your current insurance provider to be added to your family's plan or you may contact National Student Services Inc. at the following web site: [www.nssi.com](http://www.nssi.com) or call (800) 256-6774 or CSI Insurance at [www.CollegeStudentInsurance.com](http://www.CollegeStudentInsurance.com) or email [info@csi-protection.com](mailto:info@csi-protection.com) or call (888) 411-4911.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



With another strong hurricane season expected and concern from health officials related to the possibility of pandemic flu, residential staff are asking you and your family to discuss and create emergency communication and evacuation plans prior to your arrival on campus. In response to the concern related to Avian flu, the Center for Disease Control is recommending that all residents also be prepared to shelter in place or to evacuate campus if necessary. Therefore, we are also asking that you bring the emergency supplies (water, food, medical supplies, etc.) you might need to shelter in place or to evacuate campus if necessary.

Because recommendations are changing as new information develops, we strongly suggest that you refer to the Center for Disease Control guidelines and advice on actions one should take to prepare for health emergencies at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.pandemicflu.gov/planguide/checklist.html](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/planguide/checklist.html). The Red Cross also offers excellent information for family emergency planning at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). At resident check-in you will be asked to complete a Resident Registration Sheet that provides us with emergency contact information and basic information such as where you would go and how you would plan to depart campus if the University would be required to close for any period. This summer you will also be able to fill this sheet out on-line to save time at check-in. In any emergency situation, UMBC staff will work with local agencies to implement emergency plans to secure your safety – your advance preparation will help us to do so.

UMBC has an Emergency Preparedness Council whose responsibility it is to develop and implement emergency plans. Plans are in place for a variety of potential instances on campus including weather events, security breaches, fires, domestic threats, etc. Plans are always evolving; they are not published for security reasons, however information is available online through the UMBC Police department and Residential Life websites. Educational programs are also offered so that the campus community may be prepared in such emergencies. UMBC follows a layered approach in emergency notification. We have a notification system available to which you can subscribe that will send messages to you through your cell phone. In addition, the campus siren system, campus emails, campus voice mails and other systems will be utilized to communicate in case of an emergency. If a situation occurs on campus the quickest way to gather information would be to visit [www.umbc.edu](http://www.umbc.edu) – information will be posted on the front page as soon as accurate details are available. Local media will also be contacted once accurate facts are available for release.

## CONTACT US

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