

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY:

## UMBC AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE



*Our Reputation,*  
**Your Backyard.**

UMBC's Bachelor of Arts in History program at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers students an opportunity to develop analytical and communication skills and serves to broaden perspectives on the past. With an emphasis on public history, policy history and international historical perspectives, UMBC's program is designed to encourage the development of good writing and research skills in conjunction with innovative and critical thinking. The program is excellent preparation for careers in law, government service, education, communications and management, public history, research, as well as for entry into graduate programs.

Students are encouraged to engage in active learning experiences such as internships and in-depth research at the undergraduate level. Students obtain internships through the History department and UMBC's Shriver Center.

*"If small class sizes, a superb learning environment, and helpful faculty and staff are what you're looking for in a university, the History program at UMBC-Shady Grove is for you."*

**Jessica Kean, 2011**  
**History, B.A.**

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### GUIDE TO SUCCESS:

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##### STEP ONE: PLAN AHEAD

Plan early and plan often. Come to an information session as soon as you are considering UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove so we can help you decide which courses to take while you are still at community college. Register for an upcoming information session at [umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://umbc.edu/shadygrove).

##### Prerequisites for Admission:

- Three history survey courses: One in U.S. History (either HS201 or HS202), one in the History of Western Civilization (either HS151 or HS161), and one in World History or East Asian History (one of HS114, HS116, HS117, HS207, or HS208).
- English Composition: EN 102 or EN 109.

##### Recommended Coursework:

- **Arts and Humanities:** Three courses, at least two in the same discipline.
- **Social Science:** Three courses from at least two different disciplines. The required history surveys listed above (see "Prerequisites for Admission") will fulfill two of these courses.
- **Mathematics:** MA110 will qualify if you complete your A.A. degree. Taking a course in Statistics (MA116) is also a good idea as it will form an excellent foundation for your major-level coursework and many careers.
- **Science:** Two courses, at least one of which must have a laboratory component. These could be biology, chemistry, physics, nutrition, or several others.
- **Physical Education:** Take two activity courses in physical education. There are certain exceptions to this, so check with an advisor.
- **Language and Culture:** You must meet the equivalent of the 201 level in a foreign language and take at least one other culture class. This requirement can be complicated, so see an advisor at UMBC to find out how you can fulfill this requirement.

**NOTE:** Course designations are for Montgomery College only. Please consult ARTSYS (<http://artweb.usmd.edu>) to determine transferability of other courses from other institutions. This information does not indicate a comprehensive listing of all degree requirements. Additional information about academic rules and general education requirements can be found in the UMBC Undergraduate Catalog. Students should always consult with an advisor to ensure appropriate course selection.

## STEP TWO: APPLY

Applications are available at [umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://umbc.edu/shadygrove). For additional information, contact the UMBC Enrollment Specialist at 301-738-6081 or via e-mail at [shadygrove@umbc.edu](mailto:shadygrove@umbc.edu).

Submit your application and official transcripts to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
UMBC  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Baltimore, MD 21250

### **Fall Admission Deadlines:**

Priority: March 15  
Final: May 31

### **Spring Admission Deadlines:**

Priority: November 1  
Final: December 15

After the final deadline, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis. To be considered for academic scholarships, you must apply by the priority deadline.

## STEP THREE: ATTEND

If you are admitted to UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove, you will attend an orientation session before you start classes. The orientation session gives you a chance to meet your classmates, learn about UMBC and The Universities at Shady Grove services, and register for classes. We look forward to working with you as you reach your goals. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the UMBC Enrollment Specialist at **301-738-6081** or via e-mail at [shadygrove@umbc.edu](mailto:shadygrove@umbc.edu).

## UMBC AT SHADY GROVE

Through community college partnerships, UMBC offers B.A. programs in Aging Services, History, Political Science, Psychology and Social Work. A dynamic mix of talented, engaged and experienced professors teach students in small classroom-sized settings. UMBC also offers graduate programs focusing on Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Geographic Information Systems.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

UMBC awards transfer scholarships to academically talented community college students. To be considered for academic scholarships, you must apply by the priority deadline and meet minimum GPA requirements. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year for each of two years of study.

## FINANCIAL AID

Approximately 55% of undergraduate students at UMBC receive some form of aid: grants, work study, and loans. To apply for financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) listing UMBC's Federal School Code 002105. The required FAFSA form is available on the Web at: [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov), at the Office of Student Services at Shady Grove, or at your community college's financial aid office. For maximum consideration of need-based funding, valid FAFSA results (SAR) should be on file with the Federal Processor by February 14 prior to the upcoming academic year.

In order to estimate your educational expenses, please refer to our interactive cost calculator at [umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://umbc.edu/shadygrove) (see "Cost Calculator" under "Financial Aid").

## ADMISSIONS

By attending UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove, you will benefit from having small class sizes and personal relationships with faculty, staff, and your fellow students. The UMBC programs offered at The Universities at Shady Grove have the same requirements as those offered on campus at UMBC. Program and graduation requirements, admission criteria, faculty and academic policies are the same; however, only UMBC's upper level courses are available at The Universities at Shady Grove. You must complete the lower-level course requirements at a local community college or at UMBC in suburban Baltimore. The admissions committee will evaluate your application on the basis of academic achievements at previous institutions. Cumulative grade point average, academic performance trends, strength of curriculum and performance in courses related to the intended area of study are also considered.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the programs UMBC offers at The Universities at Shady Grove, visit us online at [umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://umbc.edu/shadygrove), call us by phone at **301-738-6081**, or e-mail [shadygrove@umbc.edu](mailto:shadygrove@umbc.edu)

