

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK:

## UMBC AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE



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

The UMBC Baccalaureate Social Work Program at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers a unique environment of small class sizes, close faculty-student collaboration, and a diverse student population. The fully accredited program is responsible for preparing the baccalaureate-level social work professional in beginning generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities. More than 80 percent of graduates go on to graduate and professional schools.

An integral part of the curriculum is a year-long, hands-on field placement, where students actively participate in the delivery of social work services. Social work field placements occur in a variety of agencies and organizations such as child welfare, health care, addictions, mental health, and corrections.

*UMBC truly is #1! The diverse faculty and student body at The Universities at Shady Grove creates a learning environment that is second to none. The campus is close to my home and environmentally-friendly, making it a great addition to the Montgomery County community. My experience in the Social Work program at UMBC-Shady Grove changed my life.*

**Andrew Darby, 2011**  
**Social Work, B.A.**

### GUIDE TO SUCCESS: BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

#### 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 that we can help you decide which courses to take while you are still at community college. Register for an upcoming information session at [www.umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://www.umbc.edu/shadygrove).

#### **Prerequisites for Admission:**

- English Composition (EN 102 or EN 109)
- Introduction to Sociology (SO 101)
- General Psychology (PY 102)
- Human Biology (BI 101 with lab or BI 107 with lab)
- Minimum 2.5 GPA

#### **Recommended Coursework:**

- **Arts and Humanities:** Three courses, at least two in the same discipline.
- **Social Science:** The Social Work major requires completion of either an Economics course or a Political Science course.
- **Mathematics:** MA 116 is required for all Social Work majors and fulfills the general education requirement as well.
- **Science:** One non-lab (in addition to the prerequisite Human Biology with a lab).
- **Physical Education:** 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 foreign language and take at least one other culture course. This requirement may 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.

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**STEP TWO: APPLY**

Applications are available at [www.umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://www.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 Management of 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: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.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 [www.umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://www.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 [www.umbc.edu/shadygrove](http://www.umbc.edu/shadygrove), call us by phone at **301-738-6081**, or e-mail [shadygrove@umbc.edu](mailto:shadygrove@umbc.edu)

