

UMBC

AN HONORS UNIVERSITY IN MARYLAND

The Honors College at UMBC is a special option for students seeking a community of exceptional people for whom the quest for knowledge is its own reward. Admission to the Honors College is reserved for students of superior ability and abiding curiosity.

The Honors College at UMBC

The Honors College is for students who seek exceptional intellectual stimulation and challenge. Students have the opportunity to obtain a rich undergraduate experience through honors classes, interactions with visiting scholars, internships, study abroad and study-travel programs, and other extracurricular opportunities. One of the hallmarks of the program is specialized attention. Each semester, students receive advising from Honors College staff who are also available for consultation throughout the year. Membership in the Honors College is intentionally kept small. Limited to an enrollment of 500, the college seeks to have a maximum of 125 new freshmen matriculate each fall.

Academic Requirements

Honors College students take a series of six honors courses in different disciplines, Honors Forum and a college-level English composition course. Of the six honors courses, at least three must be seminars completed with a grade of A or B. Incoming freshmen are required to take Honors 100-Honors Forum, a two-credit introduction to the resources of UMBC and to life

at a research university. Transfer students and students who apply to the Honors College as current UMBC students are not required to take Honors Forum. In addition, all honors students must complete an applied learning experience, such as an internship, a service-learning project or study abroad. Students must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA each year. All Honors College students who meet these requirements will be granted a Certificate of General Honors upon graduation.

How to Apply

To apply for admission to the Honors College, complete the application on the back of this page and submit it, along with the required documentation, to the Honors College. Students must also submit an application for undergraduate admission to UMBC.

Fall Deadlines:

Freshman –
January 15 (for scholarship consideration)

March 15 (final deadline)

Transfer and Current UMBC Students –

May 31 (final deadline)

Spring Deadlines:

December 1 – all applicants

Evaluation Standards

In reviewing applications, the Honors College places special emphasis on the written material submitted. The strength of the high school curriculum, grade point average (GPA) and standardized test scores are also very important. Students who wish to apply to the Honors College should have a strong high school GPA (3.5 or better) and good standardized test scores (SAT combined of 2100 or better, ACT of 31 or better).

Scholarships

All incoming Honors College applicants whose applications are postmarked by January 15 are eligible for consideration for the following Honors College scholarships:

The Honors College Fellows

Awarded to Honors College applicants who demonstrate the highest degree of achievement and academic curiosity. These awards range in amounts up to \$22,000 per year.

The Honors College Scholarships

Awarded to outstanding freshmen and transfers, these scholarships provide \$1,000 per year.

Invitation to Visit

Choosing a program of study is an important and difficult process. By visiting UMBC and meeting Honors College members and staff as well as faculty who teach honors courses, students can bring themselves closer to a sense of how their college education might begin—and why the Honors College might be the place to make that beginning. To schedule a visit or simply to receive more information, please call or write:

Dr. Anna Shields
Director of the Honors College
410-455-3720

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The Honors College
1000 Hilltop Circle
Albin O. Kuhn Library, room 216
Baltimore, MD 21250

E-mail: honors@umbc.edu
Web: www.umbc.edu/honors



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Personal Information

Grid for Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Grid for Home Address

Home Address

Grid for City, State, ZIP Code

City State ZIP Code

Grid for Area Code/Telephone Number, Social Security Number, Date of Birth

Area Code/Telephone Number Social Security Number Date of Birth

E-mail Address

Current High School/College

Please check applicable status:

- Freshman
Transfer
Current UMBC Student

Please check applicable semester:

- Fall 20
Spring 20

The following items are required to complete your application to the Honors College:

Writing Sample

An essay of approximately 600 words on one of the following topics:

- 1) The global environment will be the single most important issue for humankind in the 21st century. Do you agree or disagree with this assertion?
2) Please describe a work of art you have experienced that deeply impressed you.

Interests and Activities

A full paragraph for each of the following questions:

- 1. What are your principal areas of academic interest? What are your career goals?
2. What are your areas of interest and involvement in and outside of school?
3. What service and leadership experience have you engaged through school or the community?

For helpful hints on preparing your application, visit www.umbc.edu/honors.

Signature Date

Please return your completed application, writing sample and answers to questions to: UMBC Honors College, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Albin O. Kuhn Library, room 216, Baltimore, MD 21250

Office Use Only: Action Taken, Date

Visiting the Campus

To arrange for a tour of UMBC, visit www.umbc.edu/undergraduate/experience/visit or simply call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 410-455-2291 or 800-UMBC-4U2. Regularly scheduled group tours are offered on most weekdays and some Saturdays in the fall. Student tour guides will show you campus facilities and answer your questions. In addition to the walking tour, visitors have a chance to discuss admission requirements and other matters with an admissions counselor.

Transfer applicants may attend one of the weekly transfer workshops to discuss their specific interests and questions. Please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for more details.

International students on a non-immigrant visa or students with transcripts from overseas may schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor by calling the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

UMBC Visit Days

Visit Day Programs are scheduled for high school seniors and transfer students. These open house programs enable students to learn about:

- Admission
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Residential Life
- Honors College
- Student Activities
- Student-Guided tours

Special visit opportunities are also available for high school sophomores and juniors.

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Getting Here

UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

From the north, take Interstate 95 to Route 166 (Exit 47 B, Catonsville) or take Interstate 83 to the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and then take Exit 12 C (Wilkins Avenue, West); follow signs to UMBC.

From the south, take Interstate 95 to Route 166 (Exit 47 B, Catonsville); follow signs to UMBC.

As you enter campus, proceed to parking lot 10 off Administration Drive. Parking for admissions visitors is reserved here. The plaza on Administration

Drive forms an entrance to the academic corridor. Follow the sidewalk straight ahead to the Library; the Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid and Scholarship Offices are adjacent to the pond. Register your vehicle with the admissions office.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport is only 10 minutes away. Bus service is available from downtown Baltimore. Two Amtrak stations also serve Baltimore: at BWI and downtown.



