

Information for Students

A. University	University of Maryland <i>(commonly referred to as UMD)</i> http://www.umd.edu/ Webpage for Incoming Exchange Students
B. Location	College Park, Maryland, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May http://www.provost.umd.edu/calendar/
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	http://www.registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/Full-Time%20Status.html
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	English
viii) Modules Compatibility	<p>UMD is a comprehensive university that is suitable for FASS, FoS, FoE and SoC students.</p> <p>Exchange students must take a minimum of 12 credits per semester, which is typically the equivalent of 4 courses. Generally, UMD students do not take more than 2 or 3 classes within their major discipline of study during the semester. Exchange students should plan to take a few elective classes as well as 2 or 3 classes in their major discipline of study. You are expected to select your first choice classes and an alternative class list with your</p>

	<p>application. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to register for particular classes at UMD.</p> <p>Course numbers at UMD have a 4-letter academic department code followed by a three-digit course number. The course numbers indicate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 000-099: Non-credit courses. • 100-199: Primarily freshman undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students) • 200-299: Primarily sophomore undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students) • 300-399: Junior and senior undergraduate courses (not acceptable for graduate students) • 400-499: Junior and senior undergraduate courses (acceptable for graduate students; however, the number of such credits is limited based on Graduate School policies) • 600-898: Courses restricted to graduate students
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>The following departments or schools have high enrollment demand and limited space in classes. Consequently, students will need to have maximum flexibility in course choices from these departments. The UMD Exchange Team will make every effort to place students in classes within the following departments; however, we cannot guarantee registration. These departments are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry, & Environmental Sciences and Policy-Biodiversity and Conservation • Business (only business majors from institutions that have a specific exchange agreement with the Smith School of Business may pre-register for business classes) • Communication • Computer Science (priority is given to students who are Computer Science majors at their home institution. Students cannot enroll for more than two (2) CS classes per semester) • Criminology & Criminal Justice • Economics (priority is given to students who are Economics majors at their home institutions) • Engineering (only engineering majors from institutions that have a specific exchange agreement with the A. James Clark School of Engineering may take engineering classes) • Government & Politics • Journalism • Psychology

	<p>In addition to the Limited Enrollment programs, there are a number of specialty programs which exchange students do not have access, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Park Scholars • Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program • Global Communities (BSGC) • Hinman CEOs • Honors College (only students from institutions that have a specific exchange agreement with the Honors College may take Honors courses) • Quest Honors Program
D. Application	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
E. Accommodation	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>For information on the cost of housing and dining plans available please visit the Department of Residence Life (link is external) and Dining Services (link is external) websites. You can also view the estimated cost of attendance (link is external) as an exchange student at UMD.</p>
F. Visa	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>Once admitted to UMD, exchange students will request a DS-2019 Form using the International Student and Scholar Services office (ISSS) online portal, iTerp. The DS-2019 form is the immigration document required to apply for a J-1 Visa.</p> <p>Proof of Financial Support</p>

	<p>You will need to submit Proof of Financial Support to iTerp. The anticipated proof of finance amount that students need to show for the 2017-2018 academic year is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15,750 minimum for students studying at UMD for the full year • \$7,000 minimum for students studying at UMD for one semester only. <p><i>You can demonstrate proof of financial support in the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bank statement on bank letter head signed by a bank official with the applicant's full name listed as the account holder (first and last name). • If the bank statement is not in the matriculating student's name, a letter of support must be submitted and signed by a sponsor stating that the sponsor is accepting full financial responsibility for the applicant accompanied by a bank statement on bank letter head signed by a bank official with the sponsor's full name listed as the account holder. • A scholarship letter from the sponsoring organization listing the amount of the award and the student's full name (first and last name). <p>Bank statements or letters must be dated within 6 months of the date the application is submitted. You cannot submit statements from investment accounts or loan agencies. It must to be a regular checking or savings account from which applicants or sponsors can withdraw money at any time.</p> <p>J-1 (Exchange Visitor) Visa</p> <p>Exchange students should apply for a J-1 visa. The J-1 visa (link is external) is used for educational and cultural exchange programs at the University of Maryland. Students on J-1 visa typically come to the United States to study for a shorter period of time - one to two semesters. Exchange students should apply for a J-1 visa. When applying for the J-1 visa, you will be required to pay a SEVIS fee of \$180.</p> <p>Source: https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/visa-requirements</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</p>

	<p>For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf</p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p> <p><i>You are required to have health insurance while you are in the US per your J-1 visa. All incoming exchange students will automatically be enrolled in the UMD Student Health Insurance Policy (SHIP) (link is external). The UMD SHIP insurance meets the J-1 visa minimums for insurance. It is accepted at the Health Center on campus as well as by many providers in the US.</i></p> <p><i>All incoming students are required to complete an immunization form, which will be available once you are accepted. The form needs to be completed and turned into the UMD Health Center during orientation week. You have the option of getting required immunizations (mumps, measles, rubella and TB skin test) after you arrive at the Health Center or at local facilities for a fee.</i></p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>https://studentaffairs.umd.edu/safety-security</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>Tuition fees are waived for exchange students. For more information on the cost of attending UMD for a semester, please refer to the following: https://www.financialaid.umd.edu/award_process/cost_of_attendance.html</p>