Welcome, students!

As the executive board of the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) in UMD's College of Education, we have gathered resources and organizations that might be helpful for you as you navigate life on campus and as a part of UMD’s community. Each resource has been organized into four overarching categories: academic services, well-being, research and professional development, and student life and community.

For additional organizations and resources that may have been missed in this resource guide, please visit TerpLink.

Cheers,
Your GSO Executive Board
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AAP’s on-campus programs provide: academic support, academic coaching and advising, skill enhancement, tutoring and counseling. AAP is composed of 7 different programs, these include the Summer Transitional Program (STP), Student Support Services / Intensive Educational Development (SSS/IED), Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), and the Educational Talent Search Programs (ETS) North and Central.

Our community based program, EOC, provides college admissions and financial aid counseling / advising assistance, academic and college placement assistance, and college career alignment coaching. Our Educational Talent Search Programs (ETS) North and Central each provide small group tutoring, academic advising and counseling, comprehensive college prep, and career exploration at select high schools. Please explore the services available to you through our seven programs.

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The mission of CHSE GSA is to provide opportunities for CHSE students across all three divisions (COPE, EDSP, HESI) to meet, collaborate, and have fun. The GSA also works to increase communication between students and faculty/staff and resolve concerns. All CHSE students are automatically "members" of GSA.

Upcoming Events:
- The CHSE GSA Executive Board will organize monthly events during the school year! Stay tuned via our monthly email newsletters, Groupme and social media messages.

Department of Teaching & Learning, Policy & Leadership — Graduate Studies

TLPL hopes to make your graduate experience rewarding and fun as you engage in thoughtful and responsive explorations of education policies, practices and related social issues. For specific questions about your graduate program.

Contact:
- Graduate Coordinator, Kay Moon at kmoon@umd.edu
- Graduate Director, Andy Elby at elby@umd.edu
Education Abroad

umd.edu/studyabroad

Fearless Terps think outside their borders! Education Abroad provides international, academically-based experiences in support of students’ personal, professional, and intellectual development. UMD offers 400+ exciting and extraordinary learning opportunities around the globe - a study abroad journey for every student to fulfill academic, personal and professional goals.

Learn how to incorporate international education into your four-year plan through in-person and virtual programs with partners across the world!

educationabroad@umd.edu
(301) 314-7746

Events and Opportunities:
- More information on upcoming events can be found on our website, on the calendar of events
- Visit here for global opportunities for graduate students.

For general information from UMD Education Abroad, check out this video

Graduate School

https://gradschool.umd.edu/

The Graduate School encompasses all graduate programs at the University of Maryland and provides visionary and strategic leadership for graduate education. Our mission is to advance graduate education and enhance the graduate student experience. In addition to overseeing policies and standards, the Graduate School offers support to students through a series of workshops, seminars, and symposiums that cover a wide range of topics including career and professional development, funding, writing and a whole lot more! This Graduate School Resource Guide will get you started in learning about all the Graduate School has to offer.

Contact:
Gradschool@umd.edu
Graduate School Writing Center
https://gradschool.umd.edu/graduate-school-writing-center

At the Center, we enact the Graduate School mission, “Advancing graduate education. Enhancing the graduate student experience,” by providing opportunities for conversations about writing and oral communication across the graduate community. We offer support for graduate students at every stage of their development as academic and professional communicators who can, in turn, fulfill the university’s mission of sharing research, educational, cultural, and technological strengths with the broader community.

Services:
- Writing and oral communication consultations (see our consultation policies, find the right consultant for you, pick a type of consultation, and schedule through our online system)
- A variety of workshop and weekly write-ins
- Writing Groups
- English editing for international graduate students

Human Development Graduate Student Organizations (HDGSO)

HDGSO is a student group at the University of Maryland in the Human Development department that works to build community within the department and advocate for issues relevant to graduate students. Our mission is to engage graduate students in the program and to encourage involvement within the University and neighboring community as a whole.

Contact:
- Josh Medrano at jmed7@umd.edu
The National Scholarships Office provides undergraduates (and in some cases, graduate students) with the best possible information, guidance, and support as they learn about and apply for national scholarships. We strive to make learning about and applying for national scholarships an enlightening and transformative experience that can help students achieve their academic and professional goals.

Events:
- Year-round advising
- Workshops
- Learn about upcoming information sessions here!

Resources:
- View this narrated powerpoint for more information about the Critical Language Scholarship.
- View this narrated powerpoint for more information about the Fulbright Program.

If you are looking for funding opportunities through fellowships and awards, see the link above. Opportunities include: recruitment fellowships, dissertation fellowships and awards, research fellowships, awards for excellence and academic achievement, and travel awards!
Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership Graduate Student Association (TLPL GSA)

TLPL GSA provides a voice to all graduate students in TLPL, promotes community amongst graduate students, and facilitates communication between graduate students, administration, and faculty. TLPL GSA provides a formal communication link, professional development support, and social outlet among graduate students, graduate faculty, and university administration. The primary responsibility of the TLPL GSA is to center the interests and concerns of graduate students and aid in addressing issues that are of primary concern to the TLPL, its students, faculty, and administration.

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  - Blake Turner bclark37@umd.edu
  - Margaret Walton mwalton@umd.edu

University Libraries

https://lib.guides.umd.edu/education

UMD Libraries introduces students to research and library resources. You can find space to study quietly or work in groups, get help with any phase of your research project, and borrow laptops or textbooks!

Events:
- Learn more about upcoming Research Commons sessions here! Session topics include research organization, statistical and geospatial analysis, data visualization, and media production.

Opportunities:
- Ask librarians to visit your classes! They can offer general guidance to students and help with individual research and citation management needs.
Well-Being

Care Office

https://health.umd.edu/CARE

The CARE Office provides free, confidential advocacy and therapy services to primary and secondary survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and sexual harassment, while simultaneously empowering the campus community to prevent power-based violence through educational presentations, events, and outreach activities.

Contact:
● 24/7 Crisis Line: (301) 741-3442
● Office Phone: (301) 314-2222
● Office Email: uhc-care@umd.edu

Counseling Center

www.counseling.umd.edu
Phone: (301) 314-7651

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@umdcounseling
@UMDCounselingCenter
@umdcounseling

The Counseling Center - comprised of four divisions: Counseling Service, Accessibility and Disability Service, Research Unit and Testing Office - provides free and confidential services for students. They help foster students’ academic, emotional, social, and career development through evidence-based workshops, group and individual counseling, career assessment, academic accommodations, case management, and outreach programs. Call or come in to schedule an appointment to connect with these services. Learn more about Counseling Center services by watching this video!
Resources:
- Call the Counseling Center to schedule an appointment! **Services** include the following for undergraduate and graduate students:
  - Workshops
  - Individual and group counseling
  - Assessment
  - Disability accommodations
  - Referral services
  - Outreach programming
- The Counseling Center also has resources available throughout their website and within their **Common Student Concerns pages**. Visit [here](#) for more information, coping strategies, resources, and campus services to address a wide range of common concerns!
- Visit this link for information about **Accessibility and Disability Service (ADS)**

Events:
- A weekly **Wellness Workshop series** will be held Monday-Thursday (4-5pm) on topics such as coping skills, academic success, resilience, and relationships. See [here](#) for more details!
Do Better UMD

http://www.dobetterumd.org/

@DoBetterUMD

Do Better is a newly founded, student-led organization dedicated to promoting personal growth, community service, and peer mentorship. Chartered in 2013, at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, to address the needs of the student body and inspire like-minded individuals to become agents of change, Do Better now seeks to bring its core values of self-improvement, service, and commitment to excellence to Maryland’s flagship university.

The late poet and author, Dr. Maya Angelou, once said “I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.” At Do Better, we aspire to emulate Dr. Angelou’s words as we work tirelessly towards developing new models for civic engagement and building a community of selfless action.

**General Body Meetings:** Follow social media accounts for upcoming meetings and events.

Contact:
- dobetterumd@gmail.com

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**Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct**

https://ocrsm.umd.edu/

The mission of the Office of Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Compliance is to support the University's commitment to learning and working environment free from sexual discrimination, misconduct, and harassment for all faculty, staff, students, and guests.
University Health Center

https://health.umd.edu/

HEAL Line: (301) 405-4325 (HEAL)
Appointments: (301) 314-8184
After-Hours Nurse Line: (877) 924-7758

The University Health Center was founded in 1901. We continue to be proudly accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care for over 30 years. The Human Rights Campaign has also designated the University Health Center as a Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality, and are Green Office Silver level certified.

Our 50,000 square foot facility is home to clinical, behavioral health, sexual misconduct resources, complementary and alternative medicine, health promotion and wellness, and ancillary services including pharmacy, x-ray, physical therapy, and lab, among other services and programs.

The University Health Center is staffed by over 100 diverse college health and wellness professionals who serve a myriad of student, staff and faculty needs.

University Recreation & Wellness (RecWell)

www.recwell.umd.edu

RecWell enriches the educational experience and encourages personal growth by inspiring the University community to be active and live well. Recwell offers fitness classes, equipment rentals, and rockwall climbing!

Events:

- RecWell looks forward to welcoming students back! They believe that being physically active is a crucial component of success in and out of the classroom, and are dedicated to creating a culture of wellness where all members of the university community thrive. Adjustments have been made at the facilities to promote your health and safety. When you visit their facilities, you will notice reduced capacity and that some spaces have been “repurposed” to physically distanced weight room and cardio equipment spaces. In order to prevent overcrowding, you will be required to make a reservation prior to arrival. Click here to see RecWell’s
in-person fitness class schedule for Fall 2021, and they will also continue to offer virtual fitness, intramural, and adventure activities throughout the fall semester for those that are unable to join in person. Please click here to see Recwell’s COVID-19 policies as they change throughout the year.

Opportunities:

- In addition to providing a wide range of programs, services, and state of the art facilities, RecWell is the largest student employer on campus! If you are interested in getting a job at RecWell, please contact recwell@umd.edu or visit their webpage at www.recwell.umd.edu/about-us/student-employment.
Research and Professional Development

Black Graduate Student Union (BGSU)

https://go.umd.edu/bgsu
bgsu@umd@gmail.com
@UMDBGSU
@blackGradterp

The purpose of BGSU is to create a professional network for Black graduate and doctoral students at the University of Maryland, College Park. BGSU provides personal and professional development workshops along with networking and social opportunities for those who self-identify as being a part of the African Diaspora. BGSU also promotes opportunities for leadership on campus and community engagement. BGSU organizes undergraduate mentoring and foster overall community building amongst Black students on campus.

Center for Science and Technology Education

https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/cste
@UMDCSTE
@SciTechEdUMD
The Center for Science and Technology Education’s mission is to advance knowledge and understanding in science education and educational learning technologies for researchers and other constituencies. CSTE hopes to develop educational leaders who will inform policy, improve practice, and address pressing social concerns with innovations in science education and educational technology.

Events:
- Stay tuned for talks by both established academics and students whose work has been recognized as excellent from across the country.
- Stay tuned for an interactive workshop on creating a personal website to further students’ professional goals.

Resources:
- CSTE offers multiple opportunities annually to attend talks by leaders in the fields of science and technology education, as well as workshops on utilizing technology to enhance student learning and professionalism.
- Check out their lending library of tech-focused learning tools including robots (e.g., Sphero, Makeblock) and programming platforms (e.g., Kano, Codapiller, Micro:bit)!
Center for Early Childhood Education and Intervention (CECEI)

https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/cecei

The mission of CECEI is to conduct high quality research on early childhood education and early intervention programs in order to inform State and Federal policy, to translate research into scalable education programs and best practices, to build capacity in schools and communities, and to promote family engagement in their children’s education. To learn more about their projects visit here!

Opportunities:
● Learn about Student Research Assistant Positions here!

Center for Educational Innovation and Improvement

www.education.umd.edu/ceii

CEII brings together the shared expertise of research and practice to develop leadership, improve schools, and advance equity. They foster collaborative partnerships for the purpose of promoting advancements in professional education, developing innovative solutions for current thorny problems of practice in education, and supporting collaborative research in public schools.

Opportunities:
● Graduate Assistantships
● Research partnerships
● Training and professional learning
● View CEii’s brochure here.
Center for Math Education (CfME)
https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/cfme/

The Center for Math Education is a nationally prominent center for research and teaching addressing the improvement of mathematics education in K-16 and informal settings. We promote innovation in teacher preparation programs and focused outreach efforts to local urban schools. The promotion of access and participation of underrepresented minorities in mathematics education is a tangible CFME commitment.

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- CfME assistant director and outreach coordinator: Dr. Beatriz Quintos bquintos@umd.edu
- CfME graduate admissions coordinator: Dr. Andrew Brantlinger amb@umd.edu

Center for Young Children (CYC)
https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/cyc

As a laboratory school under the College of Education since 1948, CYC has provided a sound early childhood program for children from 3 to 6 years of age. Our program is grounded in the philosophy of John Dewey who believed in the ability of children to learn from high-quality firsthand experiences. Children study their world by questioning, hypothesizing, and summarizing information on how the world works. The University community is a rich primary source of discovery for the children.

The Center for Young Children is an inclusive laboratory and demonstration school at the University of Maryland, whose mission is to:

1. Educate and care for young children in a developmentally appropriate manner.
2. Prepare and train university students for careers in education and other related professions focused on children.
3. Support and facilitate research on child development and related fields by serving as a research and observation facility.
What are you going to do with your doctorate? Career services for doctoral students are provided by The Graduate School in partnership with the University Career Center as well as career services offices in the Clark School of Engineering, Smith School of Business and School of Public policy. All offices support doc students at all stages of their training with 1) career planning, 2) exploring academic, industry, and government careers and 3) finding internships and jobs.

Contact:
- Dr. Susan Martin at smarti18@umd.edu

Graduate students are presented with rigorous and innovative experiences with the opportunity to learn from and work with world-renowned faculty leaders in their respective fields. Classroom experiences and research opportunities are interwoven, assuring our students develop their skills as future practitioners, faculty, and researchers. Throughout the programs, students investigate the characteristics of learners, contextual influences, instructional practices, and policy issues that affect the teaching, learning, and development of children, youth, and adults.

Institute for the Study of Exceptional Children and Youth (ISECY)

The Institute for the Study of Exceptional Children and Youth was established in 1981 as a research, development and service organization designed to address a broad array of issues in special education. It is a problem-centered organization that allows university faculty the opportunity to work together on serious issues and problems affecting the lives of individuals with disabilities.
Kappa Delta Pi is an international education honors society dedicated "to prepare all learners for future challenges."

Once your application is accepted, all members are welcomed to attend meetings, fundraising opportunities, and other events hosted by the chapter. There are also a variety of leadership positions within the chapter.

Contact:
● kdp.umd@gmail.com

Language and Literacy Research Center (LLRC)
https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/llrc

The Language and Literacy Research Center (LLRC) is an interdisciplinary center within the College of Education that brings together faculty and students from different perspectives. The mission of the Language and Literacy Research Center is to create long-term, productive partnerships amongst researchers, students, and educators in order to further develop our understanding and support of language and literacy development and instruction across the lifespan.

Contact:
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Maryland Assessment Research Center (MARC)
https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/marc

The Maryland Assessment Research Center (MARC) provides support to the range of assessment activities in the State, the region and nation by conducting basic and applied research to enhance the quality of assessment practice and knowledge. MARC is a project of the Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation (EDMS) program in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology in the College of Education at the University of Maryland.
Opportunities:

- Research opportunities
  - MARC hopes to expand its support base to include businesses, local and federal government agencies, and foundations in order to accommodate a wide range of projects within its scope. Staffing will include a tenured professor as director, non-tenure-track, doctoral-level appointments (including post-doctoral positions), affiliate and adjunct EDMS faculty appointments, and graduate assistants. MARC will also employ additional people with specialized skills whenever they are needed.
  - View current MARC research projects [here](#).

The Maryland Assessment Research Center (MARC) provides support to the range of assessment activities in the State, the region and nation by conducting methodological and applied research to enhance the quality of assessment practice and knowledge. MARC is a project of the Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation (EDMS) program in the Department of Human Development and Quantitative Methodology in the College of Education at the University of Maryland.

MARC provides advice to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the Maryland State Legislature and local Maryland education agencies on technical and practical issues as well as conduct research and evaluation studies that will inform state and local decision making.

MARC has provided consultation to different agencies including testing companies, local education agencies such as counties, and national and international organizations.
Multilingual Resource Center (MRC)

https://education.umd.edu/research/centers/mrc

MRC is housed within the Department of Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership (TLPL). They promote research and outreach related to multilingualism, multilingual communities, and the education of multilingual populations.

One of MRC’s strategic goals is to improve the quality of programs for English and world language learners in the state, and the quality of related teacher education programs. The MRC has been engaged in two specific interrelated outreach projects to advance these goals: English Learner Teacher Development in Maryland and Teacher Development Activities Related to Chinese Teacher Certification.

Resources:
- Speaker series
- Research projects
- View more information about MRC on their brochure here.

Student Empowerment Project (STEP)

@UMDSTEP

The Student Empowerment Project (STEP) is a student-led networking and advocacy organization that is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and professional success of its members and the larger Maryland campus community. It is the core belief of STEP that every student at the University of Maryland can and should achieve academically, and that it is every student’s individual responsibility to STEP UP to academic and social challenges presented by college life. STEP seeks to educate the Maryland campus community by partnering with several campus organizations such as the Black Student Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and several campus fraternities to co-sponsor academically driven programming. However, most importantly, STEP seeks to raise the consciousness of its members by bringing student, faculty, administrative, and alumni leaders together to teach its members and any other Maryland student the secrets to their academic and professional success.

Contact:
- UMDSTEP@gmail.com
The TLTC supports all UMD instructors (including graduate student instructors and TAs) in their teaching and learning needs.

Resources:

- The TLTC inspires and supports effective, engaging, efficient, and equitable teaching innovations among the University's instructors and assistants. Our team provides faculty, students, and staff with training, resources, professional development activities, and individualized consultation to transform their classrooms and careers. Together as a campus learning community we can all enhance our teaching, improve student outcomes, and advance Maryland as an international leader in evidence-based education.

- Resources include regular webinars and events around various aspects of teaching, such as ongoing professional development programs (like the University Teaching & Learning Program) and one-time programs like Graduate Student Teaching Orientations, workshops, and department-specific presentations.

Click [here](#) to see all of TLTC’s upcoming events.

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The Association of Minority Future Educators

@amfe_umdumcounselingctr

@AssociationOfFutureMinorityEducators

The Association of Minority Future Educators will strive to provide a support network for minority students at the University of Maryland, College Park that are planning to pursue education professionally. By doing so, AMFE will promote diversity for future generations of educators by assisting UMDCP minority students throughout their undergraduate semesters. This will be achieved through providing opportunities for members to create networks, involve themselves with
children/teachers around the area and to better themselves as educators through community service, socials, forums, etc. – while also encouraging future educators/members through engagement and inspiration.

**General Body Meetings:** AMFE usually meets every other Tuesday at 5:30pm in Room 1105 Tawes Hall - and also meets regularly outside of this time for service events.

**Contact:**
- amfe.umd@gmail.com

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**Terrapin Teachers**

Terrapin Teachers (TT) offers science and math majors a career option they may not have considered and provides them with various pathways to teaching certification, such as the opportunity to complete a **double major in a STEM field plus secondary education** (grades 7-12) with certification in **four years**, or complete an **undergraduate STEM major and a masters degree certification** program in **five years**. In addition, under the guidance of our highly experienced Master Teachers (Lecturers), students receive early immersive field experiences in local public schools.

**Contact:**
- tt@umd.edu
Dr. Anisha Campbell, Associate Director, amcamp10@umd.edu, 301-405-0094

**What Terrapin Teachers Offers:**
- An integrated degree program - students will receive a bachelor's degree in science or math along with a teacher certification.
- Opportunities for students to teach science or math lessons in elementary and middle schools.
- A strong focus on research-based strategies that provides opportunities for students to engage in scientific research.
- Personal guidance from experienced school teachers and faculty from the university.
Terrapin Teachers (TT) Initiative
Inspire the Next Generation of Scientists and Mathematicians

What is TT?
A pathway for STEM majors to explore a teaching career
Two pathways to certification:
Undergraduate double major in STEM field and Secondary Education (grades 7-12) completed in 4 years

- OR -
Integrated 5th year Master’s program allows you to take some education courses while seeking your STEM degree, then continue on for a one-year Master’s of Education

Register for TLPL 101
A fun and interactive course!
Hear from our instructors
Small class size: < 25
No permission code, application, or pre-requisites needed, and no obligation to continue to the next course
Teach science or math lessons using virtual technology
$150 scholarship for a “B” or better
TLPL 101 + TLPL 102* = scholarship in practice general education credits
*can not be taken concurrently

Why Teach?
High demand for STEM teachers across Maryland and throughout the nation
Loan forgiveness programs and scholarships for science and math teachers
Average starting teacher salaries in Maryland are $50,000-$60,000 for a 10-month contract

For more information, please contact: Dr. Anisha Campbell, TT Associate Director
John S. Toll Physics Building, room 1104C; (web) tt.umd.edu; (e): tt@umd.edu; (p): 301-405-0094

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Teacher Education Association of Maryland Students (TEAMS)

TEAMS is an MSEA/NEA Student Program designed to involve students in the field of education, help with professional advancement, and strengthen the teaching profession.

Contact:
● teams-education@umd.edu

U.PASS

U.PASS is a graduate student organization that provides programming, support, and collaboration for students interested in quantitative methods, human development, and education

Contact:
● edms.upass@gmail.com
Student Life and Community

Black Student Union (BSU)

www.blackterp.org

@BlackTerp

@BlackStudentUnion

The Black Student Union serves the purpose of organizing to represent the interests of the Black undergraduate students at UMCP. We are primarily an organization geared towards communicating the particular needs and concerns of Black Students to the administration and general university community, as well as to provide the university with programming and information relevant to the Black experience. We work among ourselves and with various other organizations to develop programs in the interest of Black students. We aim to enrich student life at the university culturally, intellectually, and socially; to ensure full ongoing administrative commitment to fair and equitable policies; and to strengthen and support the bonds of community between Black UMCP students and the larger College Park community.

General Body Meetings: Every other Monday at 5pm at the Nyumburu Cultural Center Multipurpose Room

Contact:
• umdbsu@gmail.com

Campus Assessment Working Group (CAWG)

The Campus Assessment Working Group (CAWG) was created in 1996 and is a deliberate blending of the assessment and quality agendas. CAWG is charged with developing a campus "Culture of Evidence" in which data and assessment play a key role in campus decision making.

CAWG responds to the need to regularly gather and exchange information about the student, staff, and faculty experience at the university. The data can feed directly into program and campus improvement efforts. Departments and administrators take advantage of these data collection efforts
to ask questions that are important for their own improvement efforts. CAWG works on developing strategies for the sustainable data collection needed to continue moving the University of Maryland forward in its status as the flagship campus.

Mission:

- Connecting and facilitating access to the existing data
- Coordinating the ability to assess experiences over time by asking the same questions on multiple surveys
- Maximizing collaboration opportunities and resources within the community
- Analyzing, interpreting, and disseminating data to campus decision-makers

Contact:
cawg@umd.edu

Department of Transportation Services (DOTS)

You're going places! We'll help you get there!

www.transportation.umd.edu
@DOTS_UMD
@dots_umd
@dotsumd

DOTS is a one-stop resource for all your transportation needs. Their website provides campus maps, information about the UMD shuttles, bikes, electric scooters, safety and more!

Events:
- October is Bike Safety Month! Stay tuned for upcoming events, including a bike sale and group rides. Learn more about upcoming events here!
Graduate School Ombuds Office
https://gradschool.umd.edu/about-us/ombuds-office

The Ombuds Office helps to informally resolve conflicts between graduate students and UMD faculty, staff, students, or University offices. The university is a large and complex institution; misunderstandings and conflicts can occur easily. The Office is available to all students with questions or concerns related to their graduate experience. The Ombuds Office provides confidential assistance in resolving these conflicts and promotes fair and equitable treatment within the university.

Graduate Student Government
https://www.gsgumd.org/

We Listen * We Connect * We Serve * We Lead * We Advocate * We Celebrate Graduate Students

The Graduate Student Government (GSG) is the official representative body for graduate students at the University of Maryland, College Park and is charged with securing and protecting the welfare, rights, and interests of all graduate students at this institution.
The Graduate Student Legal Aid Office (GLAO) provides a wide range of free and confidential legal services to the University of Maryland graduate students who are currently enrolled and pay the graduate student activity fee. GLAO is funded by graduate student fees allocated by the Graduate Student Government. Their mission is to meet the critical legal needs of our diverse graduate student population in a culturally competent, compassionate, and supportive setting. Join the listserv and stay updated on legal services, workshops, events, immigration policy updates and more here!

Events:

- Weekly Gradulting workshops start soon! Workshops are virtual, free, and held Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30pm. Click here to see the workshops as they get added to the calendar!

Contact:

- glao@umd.edu

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Graduate Student Life

Graduate Student Life's mission is to foster a sense of community and connection among graduate students through meaningful, fun, diverse programs.
Opportunities:
Come join GSL programs and events throughout the year to meet other students across campus. Every week, there will be an opportunity for grad students to be in community with each other through events. They have discussions on social activism, health and wellness, and other topics important to GradTerps. They also host general social events where you can just get to know one another and have fun. These look like game nights, craft nights, book club, and much more!

Contact:
- gradstudentlife@umd.edu
- GSL Community Calendar: stamp.umd.edu/gslcal

Latinx Student Associations
https://stamp.umd.edu/mica/student_involvement_areas/latinx_student_involvement/latinx_student_organizations

The UMCP Latinx community has many different cultural, social, and professional interests that are represented by the diverse types of organizations here at the University of Maryland. At-large organizations are open to the public and offer a variety of social, cultural, and political programs and opportunities. Fraternities and Sororities are organizations that follow college Greek systems and have their own areas of interest. For more information regarding the organizations at UMD, visit the link above.
LGBT Equity Center

https://lgbt.umd.edu/

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The LGBTQ+ Equity Center is a professionally staffed office at the University of Maryland, College Park. We envision the University of Maryland as a fully equitable community that empowers innovators and agents of social justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. The LGBTQ+ Equity Center serves University of Maryland students, staff, faculty, and alumni of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Contact:
- lgbtq@umd.edu
- 301.405.8720

Maryland Mentor Corps

https://stamp.umd.edu/about_us/support_stamp/maryland_mentor_corps

Maryland Mentor Corps, a partnership between the University of Maryland and Prince George’s County Public Schools, provides a high quality mentoring program that enriches learning opportunities for both college and elementary school students.
Memorial Chapel and the Garden of Reflection and Remembrance

www.chapel.umd.edu

The Chapel and Garden represent a place of calm and peace on our busy campus. Fourteen chaplains, representing Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, and Christian faiths, are available to all students for pastoral care, conversation, and study. The Garden provides a meditative labyrinth set in an idyllic landscape and journals for community writing.

Contact:
- Office hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
- For more information on religious life and worship times: stamp.umd.edu/centers/memorial_chapel/chaplains
- Denise McHugh, Manager
  - (301) 314-9866
  - chapel@umd.edu

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Multicultural Involvement Community Advocacy

https://stamp.umd.edu/mica/multicultural_involvement_community_advocacy

We in the Office of Multicultural Involvement & Community Advocacy [MICA], a unit within the Adele H. Stamp Student Union and the Division of Student Affairs, stand firmly in our role to empower students through education on issues of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion and their intersections. In support of our campus' commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice, we advance a purposeful campus climate that capitalizes on the educational benefits of diversity, through student-centered advising, advocacy, programs, research, and practices. Our collective work results in positive student outcomes observable in their learning, identity development, involvement, and leadership.
GET INVOLVED...STAY CONNECTED!

Learn about MICA’s programs and services for students at the University of Maryland. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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**Off-Campus Housing Services**

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www.och.umd.edu

The Off-Campus Housing Services office provides resources to students and the University Community to educate them on off-campus housing topics and assist them in finding off-campus housing.
Office of Graduate Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Maryland is committed to fostering a supportive environment for all graduate students, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, age, religion, language, sexual orientation, disability, or academic discipline. UMD recognizes that the unique and varied identities and experiences of our graduate students enrich the campus community as a whole.

Working closely with campus graduate programs, the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Diversity and Inclusion (OGDI) recruits the best and brightest students to the vibrant campus graduate community, including those from historically underserved and underrepresented populations. Learn more about OGDI's Diversity Recruitment Working Group Team and The Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board by clicking on the links below. OGDI also develops programs and initiatives to support, retain, and graduate these talented students, and fosters a strong inclusive community by providing opportunities for intellectual and social interaction. OGDI not only supports graduate students in their academic, professional, and personal endeavors, but also educates the campus community about the importance of diversity in the laboratory, the classroom, the workplace, and the community at large.

As a result of these efforts, minority students comprise about 20 percent of the graduate student population, international students comprise about 31 percent, and female students comprise close to 50 percent. Furthermore, UMD ranked first among the Association of American Universities in the number of doctoral degrees conferred to African-American students in 2013.

Learn more about UMD’s strategic plan, educational programs, and campus resources related to diversity. Explore other campus-wide units, such as the LGBT Equity Center, and programs, such as ADVANCE, Interfaith, and CRGE to see how they too are working to foster connection and collaboration across UMD’s vibrant and diverse campus community.