

1. How do I get started?

To start the process, you can visit the customized CACI-UMUC landing page at www.umuc.edu/caci to access the online application and information about enrollment and the tuition discount.

2. How will I pay for this?

UMUC offers an array of easy payment options:

- Make a payment by cash (at Largo only), check, money order, or credit card.
- Enroll in an interest-free, monthly payment plan, so you can spread out your tuition payments.
- Receive employer-provided tuition assistance, if your employer participates.
- Take part in a federal work-study program.
- Get tax benefits through a federal credit program.
- See http://www.umuc.edu/payment_options.cfm for more information.

3. How do I receive credit for work experience?

UMUC offers a prior learning program that can save you time and money as you pursue your bachelor's degree. You can earn up to 30 credits for a single semester's work through a course challenge or portfolio assessment. The course challenge allows you to earn full credit for a course by completing the equivalent of a final exam. The Portfolio Assessment enables you to earn credit for learning that you document in a portfolio that is reviewed by faculty experts.

For more detailed information about the Prior Learning Program, please visit <http://www.umuc.edu/spotlight/priorlearning.cfm>.

4. Do courses taken from community colleges and other educational institutions transfer into UMUC?

Yes, UMUC accepts up to 70 credits from community college coursework to be applied to a bachelor's degree and up to 90 credits from 4 year institutions. UMUC may also accept transfer credits from military and other non-traditional sources after evaluation by our faculty advisors. For more information about credit transfers, please visit: <http://www.umuc.edu/students/admissions/transfer/policies.cfm>

5. How do I choose between the cybersecurity programs?

UMUC offers three graduate cybersecurity certificates and two graduate cybersecurity masters degrees.

- a. The Foundations of Cybersecurity certificate is 12 credits and provides an overview of cybersecurity. This certificate examines strategies for enterprise level responses to cybersecurity threats.
- b. The Cybersecurity Policy certificate is 18 credits and provides a more policy-focused, analytical program. Students will focus on strategies for societal responses to cybersecurity threats at enterprise and national levels. This certificate equips students to contribute in areas such as cybersecurity analysis, state and local government, law enforcement, and legislation drafting.
- c. The Cybersecurity Technology certificate is 18 credits and is the most technical of the three programs. This certificate focuses on coherent solutions, including the effectiveness of integrated and coordinated security measures as well as multi-level and multi-aspect controls. The Cybersecurity Technology certificate equips students to contribute in areas such as cybersecurity management, operations analysis, and cybersecurity and software assurance engineering.

And for the 2 Graduate Degrees:

- d. The Master of Science in Cybersecurity and the Master of Science in Cybersecurity Policy are both 36 credits. The MS in Cybersecurity builds on the skills learned in the Cybersecurity Technology certificate and has a more technical focus. The MS in Cybersecurity Policy builds on the skills learned in the Cybersecurity Policy certificate and has a more policy-based, analytical focus.

6. Are there any technical prerequisites for the graduate cybersecurity programs?

There are no technical prerequisites for the cybersecurity certificates or degrees. The courses do cover technical topics, but all of the technical information that you need will be covered in the courses. Additionally, there are background readings in the first course to accommodate those students who have minimal prior experience in networking, telecommunications, and cybersecurity. Additionally, supporting online tutorials are available on the topics of internet security, software and application security, malware, and the history of cyberspace in the United States.

7. Do I need a background in computer science or cybersecurity to successfully complete the Cybersecurity programs?

The cybersecurity courses cover many technical topics but do not assume any previous experience in cybersecurity, networking, telecommunications or software development.

8. Does UMUC require entrance exams?

There are no testing requirements for admission to the undergraduate or the graduate school. At the graduate level, we require a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university. At the undergraduate level, you must have graduated from high school with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. To verify these requirements, you must submit transcripts during your first semester at UMUC.

9. Is UMUC accredited and if so by whom?

University of Maryland University College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, one of the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. UMUC is governed by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents and certified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

10. Does UMUC offer online or face-to-face classes? Are the online courses self-paced?

UMUC's courses are asynchronous, which means that students do not have to log into the class at a particular time. Course materials will be posted weekly in WebTycho and students should work on them throughout the week. Although students can access the class and materials at any time that is convenient for them, UMUC courses are not self-paced. Students must follow the course schedule and submit assignments by their due dates. All course requirements will be in the course syllabus.

11. Are there any special benefits for Military/Veterans?

UMUC provides special military tuition rates and special advising for active duty military and their spouses. For Veterans, the standard UMUC rates apply. However, you may be eligible for tuition assistance through the GI Bill.

Please visit <http://www.umuc.edu/military/veteran/> for more information about Military/Veterans benefits.