



**In-State Community College Students  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**ADMISSION**

**Q: How do I participate in the UMUC Alliance?**

**A:** You must complete the online application at [www.umuc.edu/admissions](http://www.umuc.edu/admissions). No SAT or ACT is required for admission. UMUC academic requirements for admission are:

- Graduation from a regionally accredited or state approved high school or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) examination with a total score of 2250 and no score below 410 on any of the five tests. If you completed the exam prior to January 2002, you must have scored a minimum of 40 on each of the five tests, with a total score of at least 225.
- Cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on all college-level work attempted at other regionally accredited colleges and universities

A completed and signed application and payment of the \$50 admission fee (Graduates of U.S. colleges or universities automatically qualify for admission.)

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**Q: If I am admitted to the community college, am I automatically admitted to UMUC?**

**A:** No, you must complete the [UMUC Admission Application](#). Once you are admitted to UMUC, you may be dually enrolled at both UMUC and the community college.

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**Q: If I am admitted to UMUC through the Alliance, am I also admitted to other University System of Maryland (USM) institutions?**

**A:** No. The admission applies to UMUC only. Other USM institutions require a separate application for admission.

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**REGISTRATION**

**Q: Where do I register for classes?**

**A:** You will register through the registration system of the institution offering the course in which you are enrolling.

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**Q: Do I pay the community college or UMUC tuition?**

**A:** You will pay the tuition and fees charged by the institution offering the course in which you are enrolling.

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**Q: If I am eligible for tuition remission as an employee of the community college or UMUC, may I use this benefit at either institution?**

**A:** You may use your tuition remission only at the institution at which you are employed.

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**Q: If I am a senior citizen, may I get my tuition waived at UMUC?**

**A:** Yes. Your tuition may be waived if you meet the [senior citizen criteria](#).

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## **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

**Q: Which degree programs are linked in this Alliance?**

**A:** See Linked Associate's to Bachelor's Degree Programs

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**Q: How many credits may I transfer to UMUC?**

**A:** UMUC accepts up to 90 credits in transfer from all collegiate schools attended including applicable military credit. Students transferring from a community college may transfer up to 70 credit hours of applicable credit towards a bachelor's degree. Students are encouraged to complete an associate's degree at their community college and speak with a UMUC representative when visiting the community college at your campus.

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**Q: Do I need to ask my community college to send academic transcripts to UMUC?**

**A:** Yes. If you are admitted to the Alliance, you are encouraged to arrange to have your electronic transcripts sent from the sending institution to UMUC for the purpose of advising or transfer evaluation. You may choose to have transcripts sent either at the end of each semester or after you complete all of your community college coursework.

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**Q: Is there a fee to send my transcript?**

**A:** Your community college may charge a fee.

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**Q: Must I complete my associate's degree before enrolling at UMUC?**

**A:** No. It may be to your advantage to complete your associate's degree at first, however. Community college graduates have found the associate's degree useful in obtaining jobs or promotions while continuing to pursue a bachelor's degree. If you have your associate's degree, you may be eligible for the [Community College Transfer Scholarship](#).

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**Q: Can I earn credit for prior learning?**

**A:** Yes. Alliance students have the opportunity to earn credit for college-level learning gained through life and work experience. For information about this program, contact UMUC's Prior Learning office at 800-888-UMUC ext. 2860.

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**Q: Whom do I see for academic advising?**

**A:** Community college counselors will advise on your degree requirements for your associate's degree. Talk with a UMUC advisor about which courses will transfer from community college and which courses are required for the bachelor's degree at UMUC. A UMUC representative will visit your campus each semester. Contact [communityrelations@umuc.edu](mailto:communityrelations@umuc.edu) to find out when a UMUC representative will be at your campus.

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**Q: If I am currently enrolled at UMUC, may I take additional courses at the community college through the Alliance?**

**A:** Whether you may take additional courses from the community college through the Alliance will depend on the number of credits originally transferred to UMUC from a community college. Check with a UMUC advisor before deciding to return to the community college for additional credit.

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**Q: Which school will be awarding my degree?**

**A:** Community college awards associate's degrees and UMUC awards bachelor's degrees.

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## **FINANCIAL AID**

**Q: If I apply for financial aid, which school issues it?**

**A:** While you attend the community college only, that institution issues your financial aid. As soon as you plan to register for your first class at UMUC, you must reapply for financial aid through UMUC and request a consortium agreement from your UMUC advisor. To complete the financial aid process with UMUC, please click on <http://www.umuc.edu/students/aid/index.cfm>

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**Q: Will my financial aid from UMUC pay for courses at my community college?**

**A:** You will need to pay your community college tuition. However, the amount of financial aid disbursed to you through UMUC will be based on your enrollment at both schools if you have completed a financial aid consortium agreement at UMUC. Contact a UMUC advisor to initiate the consortium agreement.

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**Q: If I am an Alliance student and want to take courses at UMUC and my community college in the same semester, what steps do I need to take to obtain a consortium agreement?**

**A:** Contact a UMUC advisor and ask for a letter of permission to take courses and a financial aid consortium agreement.

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## **VETERANS BENEFITS**

**Q: If I am eligible for educational benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, may I use them at either institution in the Alliance?**

**A:** Yes. You may use your veterans benefits at either your community college or UMUC.

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**Q: Which institution will handle my paperwork?**

**A:** While you are taking courses from the community college only, they will process your veterans' benefits. As soon as you plan to register for your first class at UMUC, you must complete a Request for Change of Program or Place of Training Form and a UMUC Veterans Certification Form. From then on, your benefits will be processed through UMUC only, even if you take more courses at the community college.

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## **DISABILITY SERVICES**

**Q: If I received disability support services at my community college am I eligible for those services at UMUC?**

**A:** Students who currently receive disability support services from the community college are eligible for disability services at UMUC upon transfer. Required documentation is necessary.

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## **LIBRARY SERVICES**

**Q: As an Alliance student, what UMUC library resources are available to me?**

**A:** While you are admitted to UMUC, University System of Maryland (USM) library services are available to you. These services include

- borrowing books from any USM library and having them delivered to any USM library
- accessing the USM online catalog from home or work
- accessing databases, many containing full-text articles, available on UMUC's Information and Library Services Web page at [www.umuc.edu/library](http://www.umuc.edu/library)
- requesting journal articles through interlibrary loan
- requesting reference assistance by e-mail, phone, or through UMUC's Library Services Web page at [www.umuc.edu/library](http://www.umuc.edu/library)