



Out-of-State Community and Technical College Students Frequently Asked Questions

BENEFITS

Q: What are the benefits of the UMUC Alliance transfer program?

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- A flexible transfer policy that accommodates community college and nontraditional credit.
 - Scholarship opportunities (for part-time and full-time students).
 - A wide variety of online bachelor's degree programs designed to articulate with your associate's degree program.
 - A full array of students services, including a 24-hour library assistance, tutors, clubs, and honor societies, accessible online.
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Q: How do I apply to UMUC?

A: You must complete the online application at 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
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A special benefit of being an Alliance student is the waiver of UMUC's \$50* admission application fee.

*The application fee can only be waived for students who have not yet completed an associate's degree at a community or technical college.

Q: How many credits may I transfer to UMUC?

A: UMUC will accept up to 90 credits from all collegiate schools attended including applicable military credit. Up to 70 of the total credits transferred may be from a community and technical college. Students are encouraged to complete an associate's degree before transferring.

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

A: Once you are admitted to UMUC, you should have your transcript sent from your community or technical college for the purpose of transfer evaluation and advising.

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

A: No, but it may be to your advantage to complete your associate's degree first. Graduates from a community or technical college have found the associate's degree to be 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.

Q: If I am admitted to my community or technical college, am I automatically admitted to UMUC?

A: No, you must complete the [UMUC Admission Applications](#) separate from the application at your community or technical college. Once you are admitted to both UMUC and the community or technical college, you may be dually enrolled. Dually enrolled students may qualify for a scholarship. Click [here](#) for more information about this special opportunity!

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 dual admission applies to UMUC only. Other USM institutions require a separate application for admission.

Q: Can I earn credit for prior learning?

A: Yes. Transfer 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 (8682) ext 2860.

Q: If I am currently enrolled at UMUC, may I take additional courses from my community or technical college?

A: Whether you can take additional courses from a community college will depend on the number of credits originally transferred to UMUC from a community college.

Q: How do I know if online learning is for me?

A: Experience online classes with UMUC411, a free week-long orientation. Chat with prospective students, alumni and faculty from all over the world and log in at days and times that are convenient for you—just like you would in a real online course. Please visit the UMUC411 Orientation web site to register for this informative class: www.umuc.edu/411

Q: What degrees are available to me online?

A: 29 of UMUC's 33 degrees are fully available online, as well as 34 minors and 24 undergraduate certificates. They are listed at www.umuc.edu/students/academics/onlinelearning/about.cfm

Q: What student services are available to me online?

A: A full array of services is available to online students including: 24/7 technical support, advising, registration, admission, financial aid, library assistance, tutors, clubs and honor societies.

Q: How do I get started with the transfer process to UMUC?

A: Please visit the [Out-of-State Transfer Event Schedule](#) to learn about upcoming events near you. UMUC representatives are also available at your campus throughout the academic year. Please email communityrelations@umuc.edu.

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 veteran's benefits at either, the community college, or UMUC.

Q: Which institution will handle my veteran's benefits 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, contact a Veterans Advisor at 800-888-UMUC (8682).

DISABILITY SERVICES

Q: If I received disability support services at my community or technical 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.

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
 - 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
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