

# About UMBC



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## Our Mission

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) is a dynamic R1 public research university integrating teaching, research, and service to benefit the citizens of Maryland. As an Honors University, the campus offers academically talented students a strong undergraduate liberal arts foundation that prepares them for graduate and professional study, entry into the workforce, and community service and leadership.

UMBC emphasizes science, engineering, information technology, human services, and public policy at the graduate level. UMBC contributes to the economic development of the State and the region through entrepreneurial initiatives, workforce training, K-16 partnerships, and technology commercialization in collaboration with public agencies and the corporate community. UMBC is dedicated to cultural and ethnic diversity, social responsibility, and lifelong learning.



*"I believe that education can change individual lives and families for generations to come, that true excellence can never be achieved without*

*diversity, that leadership requires courage, and that every day that I am given the opportunity to encourage, support, uplift, or learn something is a good day."*

– President Valerie Sheares Ashby



**Founded:** 1966

**Mascot:** "True Grit," Chesapeake Bay Retriever

**Colors:** Black and Gold

## Student Snapshot

**13,906** – Total Enrollment\*  
10,767 – Undergraduate  
3,139 – Graduate

**29%** – First Generation Students

**72%** – Minority Enrollment

**38%** – Transfer Students

**93%** – In-State Students

\* Data from Fall 2024

## By the Numbers

**100+**  
Majors and Programs

**17:1**  
Student to Faculty Ratio

**250+**  
Student Organizations

**90+**  
Countries Represented

**150+**  
Yearly Arts and Culture Events

**17**  
D1 Athletic Teams

**\$87M**  
Federal Research Expenditures

**90,000+**  
Alumni, **71%** living and working in Maryland

**92%**  
of degree recipients employed and/or pursuing further education within six months of graduating

**#1**  
producer of Black undergrads who go on to earn a Ph.D. in natural sciences and engineering

## What Others Are Saying

**Top 100** public universities to receive federal research funding, Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) survey

**15 years** Great Colleges to Work For, *ModernThink*

**\$54M** average total aid given each year by UMBC, Source: *The College Monk*

**Top 50** Green College, *The Princeton Review*

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