About UMBC

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

13,530 – Total Enrollment*
11,087 – Undergraduate
2,443 – Graduate

29% – First Generation Students

72% – Minority Enrollment

38% – Transfer Students

93% – In-State Students

** Data from Fall 2025*

What Others Are Saying

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

16 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*

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

$112M
Federal Research Expenditures

100,000+
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

Learn more about the UMBC community at **about.umbc.edu**.