The School of Graduate Studies consists of The Graduate School (Graduate Studies Office) and the Office of Continuing Education and Elderhostel. The Graduate School provides programmatic oversight for advanced degree and continuing education programs. It also provides the leadership for and promotion of graduate education and research in cooperation with the graduate faculty and the academic departments. The Graduate School 1) processes the graduate admissions, 2) monitors the academic performance and capstone/culminating experiences of graduate students, and 3) coordinates the degree completion clearance leading to their graduation.

Traditional and specialized master’s and doctoral degrees are offered, such as the Master of Science, the Master of Education, the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Doctor of Philosophy, the Doctor of Education and the Doctor of Physical Therapy. Within the departments of the four academic Schools are located the ten master’s programs UMES offers and the six doctoral programs. UMES is the only doctoral degree granting and research institution on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Degree programs and continuing education provide the advanced specialized knowledge and training to meet the needs of professions and occupations seeking a pool of skilled professionals, practitioners and researchers for entry level and career advancement positions. They also serve the needs of individuals seeking career change, licensure or lifelong learning opportunities.

The Office of Continuing Education and Elderhostel provides Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit courses as well as non-credit workshops, short term programs and life-long learning opportunities. A variety of topics of interest are offered to working adults, professionals and retirees on the Lower Eastern Shore, within the state and regionally.

For further information on graduate programs, degree requirements, admissions and the application process, contact the Graduate Studies office at 410 651-6507/7966, or email vcschockley@mail.edu or klcorbin@mail.edu, or visit the Graduate School webpage at www.umes.edu/grad/trail/grad.asp. Contact the office of Continuing Education and Elderhostel at 410 250-1088/5727 or email contedoc@ezy.net.