

International Student Admissions

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE



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ELEVATE YOUR POTENTIAL



ELEVATE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES



ELEVATE YOUR FUTURE

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WE WELCOME YOU TO

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
EASTERN SHORE

Office of Admissions and Recruitment

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE: A HISTORICALLY-BLACK DOCTORAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION



MARYLAND HBCU KNOWN FOR...

UNDERGRADUATE

GRADUATE



Aviation Science
Agriculture
Environmental Science
Applied Design
Kinesiology
Engineering



Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Master of Science in Cybersecurity
Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

**\$7 MILLION
GIVEN ANNUALLY**

in scholarships. 90% of UMES students qualify for some form of financial aid including grants, loans, scholarships, or a combination

- ENROLLMENT NEARLY 3,000
- 1,100 ACRE CAMPUS
- 11 RESIDENCE OPTIONS
- 5 MAIN DINING OPTIONS including Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A



**BEST
COLLEGES**

U.S. News & World Report

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES

2020

12:1 STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO
(2019 ACADEMIC YEAR)

FUN FACT: UMES offers programs at The Universities at Shady Grove and The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown.



SPORTS

FUN FACT: UMES is a charter member of the MEAC.

- 15 NCAA Division I intercollegiate teams
- UMES competes in the 12-member Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)
- **Mens' Teams:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Track and Field (indoor & outdoor)
- **Women's Teams:** Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field (indoor and outdoor), Volleyball



OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS & RECRUITMENT
410-651-6410

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International Admissions Instructions

Each international student must request the proper educational official of each secondary school and all colleges, universities and professional schools he/she has attended (whether at home or abroad) to send to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore a transcript of his/her complete academic record.

Applications along with the required \$35.00 application fee should be received by the international admission deadline for the term in which you would like to enroll. It is your responsibility to see that all application entries are legible, accurate and include correct addresses. The \$35.00 application fee should be paid in U.S dollars through the student's Future Hawk portal. Payments made from banks outside the U.S. are NOT acceptable since the university is unable to absorb the bank commissions.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore does not accept monies for deposit for tuition and fees for students that are not yet enrolled. Please do NOT send any checks, bank drafts on account until you have registered for your classes.

International students are also required to submit the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). This test is administered by the Educational Testing Service, Box 899, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Applications for taking the test must be received by the TOEFL Program Director at least six weeks prior to the date on which the test is scheduled. Applicants with less than the score 61 TOEFL are generally not considered for admission. All international applications, including those transferring from American colleges, are required to submit the TOEFL scores. We will accept SAT/ACT scores in place of this requirement. Any student who does not meet the score requirements or who does not submit the required TOEFL score, will be required to take the ESL courses at UMES.

Financial aid is NOT available for international students. If you are planning to come to the U.S. on a student visa, it is not possible to rely on employment while you are in the U.S.

In order to be eligible for admissions, students from countries which award the General Certificate of Education must show five passes on the GCE Ordinary Level. Native languages and courses in religion are not counted.

Iranian students must submit their applications through the Director General, Ministry of Science and Higher Education. This does not apply to Iranian students transferring from American Colleges.



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International Fees and Expenses

Dear Future Hawk:

Please be advised that our office must receive evidence that a *minimum* of **\$33,500.00** per year is available and at your immediate disposal in order to defray your fees and expenses at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

The estimated fees for the 2024-2025 school years are as follows:

Tuition and Fees.....	\$20,122.00
Board.....	4,802.00
Lodging.....	7,341.00
Books and Insurance.....	2,200.00
Personal Expenses.....	2,200.00
Estimated Air Travel and Transportation to UMES.....	3,000.00

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$39,665.00</u>
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A *minimum* of **\$33,500.00** must be verified by a bank on your submitted **"Certification of Finances"** form.

Please complete and submit your Certificate of Finances form as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions and Recruitment.

Sincerely,

Assistant Director of Admissions



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International Application Deadlines

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment reserves the right to the following policy assigned to international student applicants seeking admission to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

UMES accepts applications on a rolling-admissions basis. However, international applicants pursuing an F-1 student visa must follow the international application deadlines below to ensure they receive a Form I-20 in time to enroll in the term from which they have applied. Domestic student application deadlines should not be considered for students expecting to receive an F-1 student visa.

Fall International Deadlines:

- **[September 1st]** - Fall Applications Open
- **[March 1st]** - Fall Application Deadline
 - **(applying after March 1st will defer your term to the next semester)**
- **[April 15th]** - Deadline to submit financial documents and I-20 requirements
- **[May 1st]** - Last day to confirm enrollment by paying the enrollment deposit

Spring International Deadlines:

- **[September 1st]** - Spring Applications Open
- **[October 1st]** - Spring Application Deadline
 - **(applying after October 1st will defer your term to the next semester)**
- **[November 1st]** - Deadline to submit financial documents and I-20 requirements
- **[December 1st]** - Last day to confirm enrollment by paying the enrollment deposit



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Undergraduate Deferral Policy and Online Request Form

The Office of Undergraduate Admission will consider requests from admitted students to defer their enrollment until a future term due to *unexpected circumstances* or *unanticipated opportunities*. Deferring your application after submitting an enrollment deposit prohibits deferring beyond one academic semester.

- **Enrollment deposit paid** = can only defer to the next academic semester only (Spring-Fall or Fall-Spring)

The non-refundable enrollment deposit is valid for only one academic year. If you do not enroll during the one-year academic period, your non-refundable \$100 deposit may be forfeited.

To request a deferral, students must submit the online [Undergraduate Deferral Request Form](#) (*click the blue link*) detailing the circumstances and reasons for their request. Deferral requests must be reviewed and approved by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Deferrals are not guaranteed or automatically granted. Students granted a deferral will have any invitations to special programs and/or merit scholarship awards updated to the appropriate term. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all external scholarship offers are updated. Students denied a deferral may need to reapply, resubmit a new \$100 enrollment deposit, and/or submit updated financial documents if applying for an F-1 study visa.



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Applying to UMES? - Complete this Checklist

- ☐ Take a **virtual tour** of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore's campus. [Virtual Tour!](#)
- ☐ Complete an **admissions application** with a \$35 application fee [Apply Here!](#)
- ☐ Create your **FutureHawk Portal** at <https://futurehawk.umes.edu/>. This is where you will see any missing items that you need to submit and where you'll go to secure your seat!
- ☐ For students submitting high school transcripts, submit your **original secondary school transcripts**. For students transferring credits from an International University, submit your **original college transcripts** along with an **official academic transcript evaluation**. Evaluations can be purchased online through [WES](#), [ECE](#), [Span-Tran](#), or other online sites. **All transcripts should be submitted in English or English translations.**
- ☐ Take the **TOEFL exam** and submit your scores. UMES requires applicants to have a score of 62 (Internet-based TOEFL). The ACT or SAT is also accepted. TOEFL exam scores cannot be waived.
- ☐ Apply for your **passport and submit a copy of your passport**.
- ☐ Ensure the name on your application matches the name on your passport.
- ☐ **Identify your sponsor** to help meet the educational costs for your program. Ensure your sponsor(s) is committed to support your financial needs. **Failure to continue financial support from the student and sponsor(s) will result in non-compliance with the University and Immigration Services leading to you returning to your home country or even termination of your Form I-20.** An [Affidavit of Support](#) is required for each parent and each sponsor providing financial support.
- ☐ Submit a completed [Certificate of Finances form](#) with evidence of meeting the minimum financial requirement **certified on a bank statement**.

Your School Official, Ms. Jabrea Hinmon (jhinmon@umes.edu), is always here to help answer any of your questions about becoming a UMES international student.



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Requirements to Receive an Admissions Offer Policy

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment reserves the right to the following policy assigned to international student applicants seeking admission to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

All international applicants interested in studying at UMES with an F-1 student visa should adhere to the following policy. To receive an admissions decision, the international student applicant must complete and submit all requirements determined by the Office of Admissions. The student's application status will remain Incomplete until all requirements have been met. Once all requirements have been submitted, the application will be reviewed for an admissions decision.

The following listed items are the requirements needed for the international student applicant to receive an admissions decision:

1. A copy of your High School Transcript(s) and/or College Transcript(s)
2. An Academic Evaluation from an Online Servicer from this [List](#)
3. A copy of your passport
4. A [Certificate of Finances form](#)
 - a. (must meet the minimum financial requirement based on the [International Fee Schedule](#))
5. A signed and certified bank statement(s) for each person providing financial support
6. A signed [Affidavit of Support\(s\)](#) for each person providing financial support
7. A TOEFL scores
 - a. We accept TOEFL, Duolingo, IELTS, PTE, and SAT/ACT scores



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Requirements to Receive a Form I-20 Policy

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment reserves the right to the following policy assigned to international student applicants seeking admission to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

All international applicants interested in studying at UMES with an F-1 student visa should adhere to the following policy. To receive a Form I-20 or, Certificate of Eligibility, the international student applicant must meet all requirements set by the undergraduate Admissions Office.

The following listed items are the requirements needed for the international student applicant to receive a Form I-20 to accompany their visa application and appointment:

1. Pay the enrollment deposit to confirm your intent to enroll at UMES
 - a. Payments can be made in the [Future Hawk Portal](#)
2. Submit your Final High School Transcript(s) and/or College Transcript(s)
 - a. An Academic Evaluation from this [List of Servicers](#) is required for all students transferring College credits from a foreign institution
3. Submit a copy of your passport
4. Submit a [Certificate of Finances form](#)
 - a. (must meet the minimum financial requirement based on the [International Fee Schedule](#))
5. A signed and certified bank statement(s) for each person providing financial support
6. A signed [Affidavit of Support\(s\)](#) for each person providing financial support
7. A TOEFL scores
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In addition to the items listed above, international students transferring a Form I-20 from another United States institution must submit: a Transfer Eligibility Certificate, a copy of their current visa, and a copy of their current Form I-20.

In addition to the items listed above, international student-athletes receiving an Athletic Grant-in-Aid must submit a copy of their athletic grant.



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Accepted to UMES? - Complete this Checklist

- ☐ Celebrate your admission! **Congrats!!**
- ☐ **Confirm your enrollment** by clicking the link in your [FutureHawk Portal](#).
- ☐ Check your admission letter for your UMES **Student ID Number**. Save it!
- ☐ Receive your **Form I-20**. *(Once you commit to UMES and travel with your UMES Form I-20, we expect you to enroll in UMES.)*
- ☐ Pay your **SEVIS I-901 fee** at [Dept of Homeland Security - Form I-901](#).
- ☐ Schedule a **student visa interview** at your local embassy or consulate.
- ☐ **Set up your UMES account and email** with your Student ID at [New Account](#).
- ☐ Get required **immunizations** and return your **Health Forms** to the Health Center. This [Health and Immunization Form](#) is required. (International students are required to have health insurance.)
- ☐ Complete your **housing reservation** online using the following steps:
 - Log into your [MyUMES Portal](#) on a computer (not a mobile device)
 - Click on the Hawkville icon (the maroon bed/house icon) and login.
 - Complete the correct application and pay the \$300 deposit with a debit/credit card.
- ☐ Make **travel arrangements** to arrive in the US **AND** arrange for **airport transportation** to arrive on campus on Move-In Day. **(Verify your MOVE-IN Day.)**
- ☐ Register for the **International UMES New Hawk Day (Orientation) AND the Center for International Education (CIE) International Orientation** through your [FutureHawk Portal](#).
- ☐ Review how to stay **IN COMPLIANCE** with [Immigration Services](#). **(F-1 Visa & Regulations)**. **Failure to continue financial support from the student and sponsor(s) will result in non-compliance with the University and Immigration Services leading to you returning to your home country or even termination of your Form I-20.**
- ☐ Find a **Roommate**. If you're looking for a roommate, download the [ZeeMee app](#). You will be added to the UMES community to chat with other prospective students also searching for a roommate.



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UMES International Insurance Requirement

It is required that all international students (F-1 or J-1 visas) have health insurance coverage while enrolled full-time. As a full-time international student here at UMES, you will be automatically enrolled in the international student health insurance each semester beginning September 15 (Fall semester) and February 15 (Spring semester). You will be enrolled unless you provide proof that you are already covered. The health insurance policy will remain in effect for 4 months. To continue after the 4-month end date, you must contact the insurance company directly. The cost for the coverage is approximately \$780 per semester. Students may expect slight increases each year.

Please see the summary below:

- Full-time international students are required to have health insurance coverage.
- All international students will be enrolled in the health insurance plan as of September 15 (Fall) and/or February 15 (Spring).
- The cost is approximately \$780 (exact cost to be determined and may increase each year). The appropriate amount will be billed to your student account.
- You do not have to be enrolled in this plan if you already have health insurance that is equal to or better than this plan.

If you have other health insurance, you must show proof of your health insurance to the Student Health center by September 30 (Fall semester) or February 28 (Spring semester). You must show proof by one of the following:

- Emailing a copy of your current card to studenthealth@umes.edu
- Faxing a copy of your card to 410-651-6702
- Bringing your card to the Student Health Center in the Lida Brown building on campus. Your insurance must meet or exceed the policy issued by Visit Insurance.
- Failure to show proof of comparable health insurance coverage by September 30/February 28 means that you will remain enrolled in the new plan.
- If your coverage lapses during the semester you will be enrolled in the university plan and charged accordingly.

Information about the policy benefits can be found at the insurance website <http://www.visitinsurance.com/umes.html>.



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International English Proficiency Exam Policy

The Undergraduate Office of Admissions and Recruitment reserves the right to the following policy assigned to international student applicants seeking admission to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

All applicants are expected to read, speak and write fluently in English, in order to comprehend and excel academically while studying at UMES. An English Proficiency Exam is used to determine the skill level of understanding and utilizing the English language.

The Undergraduate Admissions Office accepts scores from the following exams that have been taken within a 24-month period:

1. **TOEFL:** minimum score of 62 (internet-based)
2. **SAT:** minimum score of 1100-1200
3. **ACT:** minimum score of 25-30
4. **Duolingo:** minimum score of 110-120
5. **IELTS:** minimum score of 7
6. **PTE:** minimum score of 56

Native speakers of English are defined as those who have received all of their education in the United States (except Puerto Rico), United Kingdom, Canada (except Quebec and Nunavut), Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and Commonwealth Caribbean. Native speakers of English will have their English Proficiency requirements waived. In addition, the Undergraduate Admissions Office will waive the English Proficiency requirement from the following countries: Botswana, Gambia, The, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, and South Africa.

International students who have graduated from an United States high school or are transferring credits from an accredited United States college or university, will also have their English Proficiency waived.

Non-native speakers of English are to be considered as those who are not listed as above. **Non-native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language by taking an English proficiency exam from one of the services accepted above.**

Non-native speakers of English who have not submitted an accepted exam score will be required to complete English as a Second Language course(s) during their first year at UMES.



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Approved Academic Evaluation Sites



INFORMATION CONCERNING CREDENTIAL EVALUATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS

The Maryland State Department of Education does not have the resources to determine degree and course credit equivalencies from institutions outside the United States or to translate foreign credentials. Credits from institutions in other countries shall be evaluated for comparability of degree and course work by an independent agency authorized to analyze foreign credentials. A course-by-course evaluation using original documents is required.

In addition to the list below, agencies that hold membership with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. are recognized by MSDE. For a current list of members, please visit www.naces.org

Below is a list of agencies designated by the Maryland State Department of Education to provide this service. The following private agencies provide foreign credential evaluation services for varying fees:

Approved Organizations:	Approved Organizations:
Center for Applied Research Evaluation & Education P. O. Box 18358 Anaheim, CA 92817 Phone: 714-237-9272 Website: www.iescaree.com	FACS, Inc. Foreign Academic Credentials Service, Inc. P.O Box 400 Glen Carbon, IL 62034 Phone: 618-656-5292 Website: www.facsusa.com
Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 541070 Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470 Phone: 414-289-3400 Website: www.ece.org	Scholaro, Inc. (formally Foreign Credits, Inc.) 29 E. Madison St. Suite 1005 Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: 224-521-0170 Website: www.scholaro.com



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Education Evaluators International, Inc. 11 S Angell St #348 Providence, RI 02906 Phone: 401-521-5340 Website: www.educei.com	Foundation for International Service, Inc. 14926 35th Avenue West, Suite 210 Lynnwood, WA 98097 Phone: 425-248-2255 Website: www.fis-web.com
Evaluation Service, Inc. 333 W. North Ave. #284 Chicago, IL 60610 Phone: 847-477-8569 Website: www.evaluationservice.net	International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. P.O. Box 8629 Philadelphia, PA 19101-8629 or 3600 Market Street, Suite 450 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 Phone: 215-222-8454 ext.603 Website: http://www.icdeval.com/

Approved Organizations:	Approved Organizations:
Educational Perspectives P.O. Box 618056 Chicago, IL 60661-8056 Phone: 312-421-9300 Website: www.edperspective.org	International Education Research Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 3665 Culver City, CA 90231-3665 Phone: 310-258-9451 Website: www.ierf.org
Educational Records Evaluation Service, Inc. 601 University Ave. Suite 127 Sacramento, CA 95825-6738 Phone: 916-921-0790 Website: www.eres.com	Institute of Foreign Credentialing Services (IFCS) 12 Cedar Street Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 Phone: 914-693-2840 https://ifcsevals.com
Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. International Education Consultants 7101 SW 102 Ave. Miami, FL 33173 Phone: 305-273-1616 Website: www.jsilny.com	Span Tran Educational Services, Inc. 7211 Regency Square Blvd. Suite 205 Houston, TX 77036-3197 Phone: 713-266-8805 Website: www.spantran-edu.org
World Education Services. Inc. Bowling Green Station P.O. Box 5087 New York, NY 10274- 5087 Phone: 212-966-6311 Website: www.wes.org	



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