

MC-USG Transfer Guide

Top five reasons to complete your Associate's degree before you transfer

1. Some Guaranteed Admission programs, scholarship opportunities and special access programs require students to earn an Associate's degree.
2. An Associate's degree, when transferred to a Maryland institution, will satisfy most of their lower level general education requirements.
3. Students with Associate degrees are 92% more likely to earn a Bachelor's degree in four years*.
4. Earning an Associate's degree will decrease the overall cost of your education, and everyone wants to save money, right?
5. An Associate's degree can help you to get a job or a promotion right now, instead of waiting to complete your Bachelor's degree.

*Should Community College Students Earn an Associate Degree Before Transferring to a Four-Year Institution? Community College Research Center, April 2014

USG Fun Facts

- USG awards more than \$1 million in scholarships each year – about 50% of students who apply for USG scholarships are awarded one.
- USG is the premier spot in Montgomery County for students to earn a bachelor's degree
- The average class size at USG is 30-35 students.
- There are more than 50 student organizations on the USG campus.
- A diploma earned at USG will not have USG on it – only the home institution.
- A new USG building will open in 2019 and will house many STEM majors.
- Roughly 75% of the students at USG attended MC.

Transfer Access Programs at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG)

MC students can participate in Transfer Access Programs at USG. The benefits of each Transfer Access Program may include guaranteed admission into the bachelor's degree program, priority advising and early access to USG student services.



UMD – Terp Transfer Partnership

admissions.umd.edu/apply/terptransfer.php



UMBC – Raptor to Retriever

umbc.edu/shadygrove/r2r



University of Baltimore – Bee Line

ubalt.edu/admission/transfer/bee-line.cfm



University of Maryland Eastern Shore – Hawk Line

shadygrove.umd.edu/admissions-aid/transfer-students/transfer-access-programs/umes-hawk-line

Transfer Access Programs are free and allow students to get involved with USG before seamlessly transferring there. Students may apply anytime during their enrollment at MC except for their last semester.

Visit shadygrove.umd.edu/admissions-aid/transfer-students/transfer-access-programs for more information.

Questions? Email transfer@montgomerycollege.edu

Programs Offered at USG

Salisbury University

- Exercise Science

Towson University

- Early Childhood Ed
- Elem Ed/Special Ed

University of Baltimore

- Health Systems Mgmt
- Simulation & Game Design

UMBC

- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Translational Life Sciences Technology

UMCP

- Accounting
- Biological Sciences
- Communication
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Information Science
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Health Science

UMES

- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Construction Mgmt Tech.

UMUC

- Accounting
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Communication Studies
- Computer Networks & Cybersecurity
- Cybersecurity Management & Policy
- Digital Media & Web Technology
- Human Resource Mgmt
- Information Systems Mgmt
- Investigative Forensics
- Laboratory Management
- Public Safety Admin
- Software Development & Security

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A Transfer Checklist for MC students considering USG

- ✓ Review the undergraduate programs offered at USG.
- ✓ Meet with a program representative on USG's campus to discuss pre-requisites and admissions requirements for the program.
- ✓ View the transfer pathways – www.montgomerycollege.edu/USGagreements.
- ✓ Meet with a counselor at MC to make sure you are taking the right classes and on-track to earn your associate degree.
- ✓ Before applying to the program, complete all pre-requisites, general education requirements, and submit all application materials requested by the home institution's admissions office. Verify your application is complete prior to the program's application deadline.
- ✓ Fill out the FAFSA form (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by the institution's priority deadline.
- ✓ Request that transcripts from all colleges you've attended and any exam scores (AP, CLEP, etc.) be sent directly to the institution you apply to.
- ✓ Submit a USG General Scholarship Application
shadygrove.umd.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/non-institutional.

Questions to Ask Four-Year School Representatives

- How do I apply? How competitive is admission to your institution?
- When are application deadlines? FAFSA? Different for international students?
- How will my credits transfer?
- What scholarships are available? Am I automatically going to be considered for them or do I need to apply?
- Do you have any upcoming Open Houses I can attend?
- Can transfer students get on-campus housing?
- What are the advantages to applying by the 'Priority Deadline'?
- Do you have the major I am looking for, or something similar?
- Do you have internship programs/study abroad/tutoring/support centers?
- What can I do to make myself an attractive candidate? Volunteer/grades/work?
- What is the acceptance rate for graduates to graduate/medical/law school?

Tips to Become a Strong Scholarship Candidate

- Apply for FAFSA early, visit the financial aid office, visit the MC Transfer Scholarship website, check your email for scholarship opportunities.
- Pay attention to eligibility criteria – scholarships can be merit-based or need based. Merit-based scholarships can require a specific GPA, leadership activities and/or honors courses.
- Keep your grades up. Your GPA will impact your admission to four-year school and scholarship eligibility.
- Get involved with volunteer activities, clubs and student organizations such as Phi Theta Kappa or the MC Honors program.
- Keep your resume up-to-date. Scholarships often require a resume as part of the scholarship packet. Visit the MC Writing Center for resume help.

