The Office of International Affairs (OIA) works to create and sustain opportunities across the University of Maryland that address global challenges, foster inclusivity, and bring out the best in humanity. Encompassing the offices of International Student & Scholar Services and Education Abroad, OIA works to support international research collaborations, create project-based global learning opportunities, reimagine global engagement for the virtual space, and develop innovative programming for faculty and students. OIA is dedicated to providing access to an international education for all UMD students, empowering them as global leaders capable of addressing grand challenges.

In addition to overseeing the program and sub-units below, OIA also manages UMD’s international partnerships, including UMD’s collaborations as a member of the Universitas 21 network, which brings together research-intensive universities from six continents to exchange knowledge and perspectives.

Global Classrooms

OIA manages UMD’s Global Classrooms (https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/content/welcome-global-classrooms/), which empower students to engage globally from anywhere. Through these virtual courses, students collaborate with classmates, faculty and communities from UMD and 25+ international peer institutions around the world to gain real-world skills and collaborate on solutions to global challenges. Whether it’s helping to advance healthcare in Bangladesh, design agricultural technology in Liberia, or create an AI language app in Ecuador, Global Classrooms enable students to create global impact without leaving campus! Global Classroom experiences can range from short, one-class interactions to full semester courses. Learn more at go.umd.edu/gc-umd (https://go.umd.edu/gc-umd/).

Education Abroad

Students interested in opportunities to gain global competencies through a study abroad experience should visit the catalog listing (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/campus-administration-resources-student-services/academic-resources-services/education-abroad/) for the Education Abroad office for more information about programs and advising services, or visit umd.edu/studyabroad (https://umd.edu/studyabroad/).

International Student & Scholar Services

Students interested in information, services and support regarding immigration and integration programming for international students should visit the catalog listing (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/campus-administration-resources-student-services/academic-resources-services/international-scholar/) for International Student & Scholar Services, or visit isss.umd.edu (https://isss.umd.edu).