Admission is competitive. Transfer applicants demonstrate better than average grades in strong academic courses, proficiency in English and evidence of sufficient funds to cover all expenses. Due to space limitation, we are unable to offer admission to all students who have the ability to be academically successful at the University of Maryland.

The fall early action deadline for applications to be received is March 1. The spring deadline is August 1. Applications are considered complete when the online application and all required documents have been submitted. Students are strongly encouraged to complete their applications by the early action deadline (https://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply/application-deadlines) when applicable.

For a listing of required documents, please visit review the International Applicant Requirements (https://admissions.umd.edu/apply/admission-requirements/international-applicant-requirements).

**Non-U.S. Academic Credentials**

The University of Maryland will require all students to submit a third party academic evaluation for only post-secondary/university credentials from one of the two evaluators listed below. Evaluations must be received by the appropriate deadline (https://admissions.umd.edu/apply/application-deadlines).

- **Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)** (https://www.ece.org/ECE)
  - Start the evaluation process with ECE by visiting their Education Reports page (https://www.ece.org/ECE/Individuals/Education-Reports).
  - Requirements:
    - course-by-course evaluation
    - original transcript(s) and certified English translation of the transcript(s)
    - grade point average calculation
    - upper division course designation

- **Josef Silny & Associates (JS&A)** (http://www.jsilny.org)
  - Start the evaluation process with JS&A by visiting their Education Reports page (https://www.transfercredit.umd.edu/silnyform.pdf).
  - Requirements:
    - course-by-course evaluation
    - original transcript(s) and certified English translation of the transcript(s)
    - grade point average calculation
    - upper division course designation for students with more than one year of post-secondary/university education completed

**English Proficiency**

Non-native English speakers (regardless of citizenship) who seek admission to the University of Maryland must verify their proficiency in English by taking and submitting an official score report from one of the following English proficiency exams: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Test System (IELTS). Please note that while TOEFL or IELTS scores are required to satisfy proficiency in English, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will conduct a full file review considering all application materials submitted in the application package to make a determination about the student’s level of English proficiency. Transfer credit for an English composition course from a U.S. institution does not waive the English proficiency exam. Please refer to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website...
for more information regarding English proficiency requirements (https://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply/admission-requirements/international-applicant-requirements/english-language-proficiency).

**Visa Requirements**

**Applicants Residing Outside of the United States:** To enter the United States, international students residing abroad will need a passport from their government and a visa from the U.S. Consulate. In order to obtain a visa for the purposes of studying in the United States, the applicant must present a Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20) to the U.S. Consulate for non-immigrant student status. The university will issue this form to admitted students who have submitted proof of having sufficient funds to cover the cost of a program of study. Admitted students with personal, family or another source of private funding will be issued the Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20) in order to obtain the F-1 Student Visa. Admitted students who are sponsored by agencies, foundations or their home government, or are participating in an established exchange program may be issued the Certificate of Eligibility form (DS-2019) in order to obtain the J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa.

**Applicants Currently Residing in the United States:** Applicants currently holding F-1 Student or J-1 Exchange Visitor status in the United States need to submit a photocopy of their I-94 Arrival/Departure Record, visa stamp and current I-20 or DS-2019 form along with proof of having sufficient funds to cover the cost of a program of study. Applicants holding another type of non-immigrant status need to submit a photocopy of their I-94 Arrival/Departure Record and visa stamp and must indicate if they intend to seek a change to F-1 Student or J-1 Exchange Visitor status. Upon admission and submission of the appropriate financial support documentation, the university will issue the appropriate Certificate of Eligibility form (I-20 or DS-2019) to the student.

For more information, please visit the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services) website.

**International External Exam**

The University of Maryland awards credit for some Advanced Level/Advanced Subsidiary Level (A-Level/AS-Level) Exams taken through Cambridge International Exams (CIE) or other recognized organizations. There are other types of college-level exams that may be awarded credit on a case-by-case basis. For additional information on the transferability of these exams, please see Prior Learning Credit - AP, IB, A-Level/AS-Level, BMT, Credit-by-Exam on the Transfer Credit page (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/transfer-credit).