Congratulations on your admission to the University of Baltimore. We look forward to having you as part of our academic community. UB greatly values the diversity and global experiences you bring to our campus community.
Entering a new university in a new city is an exciting, busy and sometimes challenging experience. This *International Student Resource Guide* provides you with information about what you need to do before you come to UB and what to expect once you arrive; important documents you will need for travel; and information regarding your finances, living accommodations, health requirements and how to get around UB and the Baltimore area.

To ease your transition to UB, you are required to attend the International Orientation before classes begin. During this mandatory session, you will learn about registering for classes, academic policies, maintaining your status as an international student and accessing campus resources. Visit [www.ubalt.edu/diversity](http://www.ubalt.edu/diversity) or call **410.837.5744** for the dates of your orientation and to register.

During your studies at UB, the Diversity and Culture Center and the Office of Graduate and International Admission and Enrollment will assist you through your cultural adjustment and will provide support for your personal and professional growth. Please read this resource guide carefully to gain a better understanding of the services we provide to assist you in your transition as a college student in America.

*We are proud to welcome you as a member of the University of Baltimore community and look forward to greeting you formally on campus soon!*

Best wishes and safe travels,

Karla Shepherd
Director, Diversity and Culture Center
IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS
The Office of Graduate and International Admission and Enrollment is available to advise you on questions regarding immigration, travel and employment eligibility while you are a student at UB. This advice is completely confidential. Please visit our office in the Academic Center, Room 117, for an advising appointment.

In addition, as required by federal law, you must formally check in with the University. If you have not already scheduled a SEVIS check-in appointment, please contact our office at your earliest convenience. This SEVIS check-in appointment enables us to notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security of your arrival at UB and to validate your SEVIS record in compliance with federal regulations. For this meeting, you will need to bring your passport, white I-9 card and Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.

RELOCATING TO BALTIMORE
The University of Baltimore is located in the heart of the city’s Mount Vernon Cultural District, Baltimore’s most creative and energetic community. You’ll be just steps away from the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, the Patricia and Arthur Modell Performing Arts Center at the Lyric, Centerstage and the Walters Art Museum. Plus, you’ll enjoy the shops, restaurants and some of the most impressive 19th-century architecture on the East Coast.

As the largest city in the state of Maryland, Baltimore is known as an economic hub that also houses many inspiring artists, musicians and young professionals. Baltimore is known for its beautiful harbor; quirky, distinct neighborhoods; and unique museums. With more than 225 neighborhoods, Baltimore offers plenty of affordable housing options. With hundreds of identified districts, Baltimore has sometimes been dubbed “a city of neighborhoods,” but it is more commonly known as Charm City.

BALTIMORE WEATHER
Baltimore is known for its hot, humid summers and cool, moist winters. July generally is the hottest month of the year, with an average temperature of 81.7°F (27.6°C). January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 36.8°F
(2.7° C). Precipitation is generous and very evenly spread throughout the year. Spring, summer and fall bring frequent showers and thunderstorms, with an average of 105 sunny days a year. Winter often brings lighter rain showers of longer duration and generally less sunshine and more clouds. Snowfall occurs occasionally in the winter, with an average annual snowfall of 20.8 inches (53 cm).

HOUSING
We’re in the middle of the city, between the cultural and arts districts, so living on campus means living anywhere in the UB Midtown area. The University has made arrangements with several apartment complexes right in UB Midtown, within a short walk of campus, to provide you with cost-effective, convenient living options. Choose from a variety of living arrangements, from residing solo to sharing space with up to three roommates. Most offer several leasing options (nine- or 12-month leases, pet friendliness and parking) and a variety of amenities, including secure, controlled access; a fitness center; full kitchens; washers and dryers; cable television; and common lounges. The Varsity at the University of Baltimore, the newest addition to housing in our area, is now open for occupancy.

Apartments Close to Campus
- The Varsity
  30 W. Biddle St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.campusapts.com/thevarsityub
- The Fitzgerald
  1201 W. Mt. Royal Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217
  www.fitzgeraldbaltimore.com
- Henderson House Apartments
  101 E. Mt. Royal Ave., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.hendersonhouseapartments.com
- Horizon House
  1101 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.horizonhouse.net
- Professional Arts Building
  101 W. Read St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.thepab.com
- Queen Anne Belvedere
  1214 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.queenannebelvedere.com
- Sutton Place Apartments
  1111 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.suttonplapts.com
Useful Websites

• Live Baltimore, an organization focused on Baltimore city living: www.livebaltimore.com

• Other housing options in Baltimore: www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/housing

• Baltimore housing options provided by Craigslist: http://baltimore.craigslist.org/

Temporary Housing/Motels/Hotels

• Brexton Hotel
  868 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.brextonhotel.com

• Days Inn Baltimore Inner Harbor
  100 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.daysinn.com

• Mount Vernon Hotel
  24 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.mountvernonbaltimore.com

• Radisson Plaza Lord Baltimore
  20 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.radisson.com

• Wyndham Peabody Court Baltimore
  612 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.peabodycourthotel.com

TRANSPORTATION
With so many transportation options, getting around is easy. Bring a car and take advantage of the many parking options. Don’t have a car? No problem. Living in UB Midtown makes transportation a breeze. Take advantage of mass transit and the many other options available.

Airports

• Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI)
  www.bwiairport.com

• John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
  www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html

• Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)
  www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html

• Reagan National Airport (DCA)
  www.metwashairports.com/reagan

• Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
  www.metwashairports.com/dulles

Auto Sales

• A J Wholesaler
  330 N. Paca St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.400.6293

• B and LB Motors
  326 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.bandbmotors.net

• Dynamic Cars
  1404 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 2123
Auto Rentals

- Hertz Rent2Buy Used Cars
  110 S. Eutaw St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  888.674.3309

- Jerry’s Toyota
  8001 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21236
  www.jerrystoyota.com

- Avis Rent-A-Car
  101 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.avis.com

- Budget Rental Car
  300 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.budget.com

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
  300 S. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.enterprise.com

- Reliable Rent-A-Car
  323 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.reliablerentacar.com

- Zipcar Baltimore
  1120 N. Charles St., Suite 102
  Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.zipcar.com/baltimore

Driver’s License and Motor Vehicle Registration

- Find specific information for international applicants: www.mva.maryland.gov/Driver-Services/Apply/international.htm
- Title and register your vehicle in Maryland: www.mva.maryland.gov/Vehicle-Services/REG/NewtoMd.htm

Public Transportation

- Maryland Transit Administration provides local and regional transit through locals and commuter buses, Metro subway, light rail and MARC train: http://mta.maryland.gov/
- The Charm City Circulator is a fleet of free shuttles that travel three routes in Baltimore City and one water taxi route. The Green Route runs from City Hall to Fells Point to Johns Hopkins. The Purple Route runs from Penn Station to Federal Hill. The Orange Route runs from Hollins Market to Harbor East. The water taxi provides service between Maritime Park, Tide Point and Canton Waterfront Park. A shuttle arrives every 15 minutes at the designated stops on each route. http://www.charmcitycirculator.com/content/schedule-0

GETTING STARTED

Once you move into your new place, you will need to have your various utilities
connected. While your landlord or apartment complex should provide you with the most detailed and pertinent information about this, here is a partial listing of various utility companies:

**Phones**
- AT&T
  1001 Fleet St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.att.com
- Boost Mobile
  2204-2208 E. Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21205
  www.boostmobile.com
- Cricket Wireless
  9 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.mycricket.com
- Sprint
  111 Market Place 125, Candler Building
  Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.sprint.com
- T-Mobile
  29 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.t-mobile.com
- Verizon Wireless
  3201 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21218
  www.verizonwireless.com

**Gas and Electric**
- Baltimore Gas and Electric
  www.bge.com

**HEALTH CARE**
All international students are encouraged to carry health insurance while studying in the United States. These hospitals and health-care facilities are close to the University, as are the health clubs and gyms that follow.

**Health-Care Providers**
- Bon Secours Hospital
  2000 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21223
  410.362.3075
  www.bonsecoursbaltimore.com
- Chase Brexton Health Services
  1001 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.528.7000
  www.chasebrexton.org
• Dental Care-UM Dental School
  650 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.706.2940
  www.dental.umaryland.edu/patientinfo

• Mercy Medical Center
  301 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.332.9000
  www.mdmercy.com

• Saint Agnes Hospital
  900 S. Caton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21229
  410.368.6000
  www.stagnes.org

• Student Health Insurance Plan
  www.towson.edu/dowellhealthcenter/insurance

• UB Counseling Center
  Academic Center, Room 111
  410.837.5159, counseling@ubalt.edu
  www.ubalt.edu/counseling

• UB Student Health Insurance
  www.uhcsr.com

• University of Maryland Family and Community Medicine Clinic
  29 S. Paca St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.328.8792
  www.umm.edu/universityfamilymed

Health Clubs
• UB Recreation Center
  Academic Center, Room 300
  410.837.5591, campusrec@ubalt.edu

• Brick Bodies Fitness
  218 N. Charles St., Suite 1-B
  Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.brickbodies.com

• Charm City Yoga
  107 E. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.charmcityyoga.com

• Gold’s Gym
  601 E. Pratt St., Suite 400
  Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.goldsgym.com

• MV Fitness
  1016 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.mvfit.com

CLUBS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Involvement
Students learn from student life. The Henry and Ruth Blaustein Rosenberg Center for Student Involvement enhances classroom learning by offering all UB students opportunities to transform their lives and careers through a variety of meaningful, co-curricular leadership, social and community service experiences.

UB Student Center, Room 303
410.837.5417, csi@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu CSI

International Student Association
The International Student Association is a student-led organization that is open to everyone interested in different nations and cultural backgrounds. The association plans and coordinates a variety of programs to enrich students’ lives on campus and enhances international understanding and friendship. It also promotes awareness and understanding of the international student community at the University of Baltimore.

https://csilink.ubalt.edu/organization/internationalstudentassociation

ON-CAMPUS SERVICES
The University of Baltimore offers students access to a wide range of support services and facilities.

Achievement and Learning Center
Whether your goal is earning a competitive grade point average or just surviving a tough statistics class, the Achievement and Learning Center is here to help. Our services can help you clarify and reinforce what you learn in the classroom, enhance specific skills (e.g. writing, exam taking, memory) or provide a network of support for your academic aspirations.

Academic Center, Room 113
410.837.5383, alc@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/alc

Community Life and the Dean of Students
The dean of students supports student learning through programs and services that promote growth and development, communicate the values and standards of the University of Baltimore community and advocate for students’ interests.

Academic Center, Room 112
410.837.4755, studentaffairs@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/about-ub/offices-and-services/dean-of-students

Counseling Center
The mission of the Counseling Center is to deliver quality mental health services to the diverse student population at the University of Baltimore. Our aim is to promote students’ academic, personal and social development.

Academic Center, Room 111
410.837.5159, counseling@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/counseling

Career and Professional Development Center
With our support, you can identify your calling, carve out a career path, establish your personal brand and build a network to maximize your potential and open yourself up to a lifetime of fulfilling purpose. We are here to help you succeed.

UB Student Center, Room 306
Diversity and Culture Center
The Diversity and Culture Center helps create and sustain an inclusive community that appreciates and advances multiculturalism, internationalism and diversity at the University of Baltimore. Our programs and services provide opportunities for learning, discussion, intellectual exploration and personal growth.

UB Student Center, Room 002
410.837.5744, diversity@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/diversity

CAMPUS RECREATION AND WELLNESS
This center is committed to the fitness and wellness of UB students, faculty and staff with engaging programs to help maintain healthy lifestyles.

Academic Center, Room 300
410.837.5591, campusrec@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/campusrec

Intramural Sports
Practice your athletic skills with fellow classmates and/or faculty and staff. Check out the current intramural sports available at the UB Recreation and Wellness center:

www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/recreation-and-wellness/intramural-sports

Group Fitness
All group fitness classes are held in the studio, spin room and the mat room in the Recreation Center. We offer free morning, afternoon and night classes. Watch for updated schedules throughout the year.

www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/recreation-and-wellness/fitness-and-wellness/group-exercise-classes.cfm

Personal Training
The personal training program was designed to serve its members on a one-on-one basis and to assist you in identifying, prioritizing and achieving your health and fitness goals. Check out what we have to offer and how to get started.

www.ubalt.edu/campus-life/recreation-and-wellness/fitness-and-wellness/personal-training.cfm

THINGS TO DO IN BALTIMORE
Baltimore is a real college town. It’s a city that’s known for everything from crab cakes to Hairspray, but there’s even more to discover in its bustling Inner Harbor and quirky, friendly neighborhoods.

- Baltimore’s Inner Harbor
  www.baltimore.org/about-baltimore/inner-harbor
- Baltimore Museum of Art
  10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218
www.artbma.org

• National Aquarium in Baltimore
  501 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.aqua.org

• Oriole Park at Camden Yards
  333 W. Camden St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com/bal/ballpark/index.jsp

• The Walters Art Museum
  600 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.thewalters.org

Useful Websites

• Alternative sport and fitness activities in Baltimore:

• Baltimore's ethnic festivals:
  www.baltimore.cbslocal.com/top-lists/baltimore%e2%80%99s-ethnic-festivals

• Official tourism site for Baltimore:
  www.baltimore.org

• Things to do in Baltimore:
  http://travel.yahoo.com/p-travelguide-2826313-baltimore_things_to_do-i

EATING OUT

Everyone gets tired of eating at home once in a while, so venture out to one of many great restaurants that the city has to offer! These are only a few of the many fantastic restaurants to try during your stay in Baltimore:

• Aloha Sushi (Japanese/Korean)
  1218 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.alohasushi.net

• Asian Harbor (American/Chinese/Japanese)
  1007 E. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.asianharborbtm.com

• Cazbar (Turkish)
  316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.cazbar.pro

• Dougherty’s Pub (American/Irish/Pub)
  223 Chase St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.doughertyspub.com

• Kumari Restaurant (Indian)
  911 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.kumaricafe.com

• Michaelangelo’s Pizza (American)
  235 W. Read St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.michelangelopizza.com

• Thai Landing (Thai)
  1207 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.thailandingmd.com

• Turps (American/Sports Bar)
  1317 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.turpsonline.com

• Viccino’s Carryout (American)
  1315 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.viccino.com

• XS Baltimore (American/Asian)
1307 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201
www.xsbaltimore.com

Useful Websites
• Off-campus food and drink: www.uofeating.com
• Delivery and pickup from restaurants, florists, grocers and more: www.delivery.com
• Your favorite restaurants that deliver: www.baltimore.eat24hours.com

INTERNATIONAL GROCERIES
Authentic ingredients for many international foods are sold in grocery stores, shops and delicatessens throughout the Baltimore area.

African
• Afro Tropical Market
  5845 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212
  410.464.0700
• Bode's Food Store & Deli
  3900 Southern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206
  410.464.0700
• Heritage International Food Store
  8727 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, MD 21133
  410.655.6600

Asian
• AA Supermarket
  6606 Security Blvd., Baltimore MD 21207
  www.atlanticasiangroup.com
• Han Ah Reum
  800 Rolling Rd., Catonsville, MD
  www.hmart.com
• Po Tung Trading
  321 Park Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201
  410.962.1510

Caribbean
• Eko Food Store
  5007 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214
  410.319.9550
• West Indian Imports
  5318 Park Ht. Ter., Baltimore, MD 21215
  410.664.1818

German
• Binkert’s Meat Products
  8805 Philadelphia Rd., Baltimore, MD 21237
  www.binkerts.com
• Mueller’s Delicatessen
  7207 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234
  www.muellersdeli.com

Greek
• Greek Village Bakery & Delicatessen
  4711 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224
  www.greekvillagebakery.com
• Prima Foods
  51 Kane St., Baltimore, MD 21224
  www.primafoodsinc.com
Indian

- International Grocery Market & New Bazar Halal Meat
  2701 Huntingdon Ave., Baltimore, MD 21211
  410.366.3753
- Jeevan’s Indian Groceries
  8767 Philadelphia Rd., Baltimore, MD 21237
  Catonsville, MD 21228
  410.574.4995
- New Bombay Bazaar
  1524 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21223
  410.233.6303
- Punjab Groceries & Halal Meat
  345 E. 33rd St., Baltimore, MD 21218
  410.662.7844

Italian

- Di Pasquales Marketplace
  3700 Gough St., Baltimore, MD 21224
  www.dipasquales.com
- Frank Velleggia's Casa di Pasta
  210 Albemarle St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.casadipastabaltimore.com
- Trinacria Macaroni Works
  406 N Paca St., Baltimore, MD 21201
  www.trinacriafoods.com

Latin American

- Caribbean Market
  1901 Fleet St., Baltimore, MD 21231
  410.675.1729
- La Guadalupana
  500 South Wolfe St., Baltimore, MD 21231
  410.276.2700
- Perez Grocery
  530 N. Kenwood Ave., Baltimore, MD 21205
  410.732.1933

Middle Eastern

- Ceazar International Market
  6801 Douglas Legum Dr., Elkridge, MD 21075
  443.755.9442
- Koko Market
  6020 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21224
  410.633.6030
- Orchard Market & Café
  8815 Orchard Tree Ln., Towson, MD 21286
  www.orchardmarketandcafe.com

Russian

- Babushka Deli
  11985 Reisterstown Rd.
  Reisterstown, MD 21186
  410.833.3985
- Patterson Produce Market
  4173 Patterson Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215
  410.764.6004

Parking

Parking in the city can be tricky. In many areas,
Parking is controlled by parking meters. In other areas, parking is restricted to two hours for those without residential parking permits. Never leave your vehicle without reading signs and meters carefully. Parking can be made even more complicated by “rush hour,” as many streets do not allow parking 4-6 p.m. Parking illegally or during these restricted hours can result in your vehicle being ticketed or towed. Parking illegally includes parking near a fire hydrant or disability parking space. The UB Office of Auxiliary Enterprises maintains a dedicated, full-service parking office at 1104 Maryland Ave., in the white townhouse adjacent to the entrance of the Maryland Avenue Garage. This office can assist community members with all parking-related questions.

UB Parking Office
1104 Maryland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201
410.837.6573, parking@ubalt.edu
www.ubalt.edu/parking

PUBLIC LIBRARY
Take advantage of the free public library system. Cards are free, and libraries are conveniently located in the city.
www.prattlibrary.org

SHOPPING MALLS
There are many malls in the Baltimore County.

You can get there by light rail or by bus.

- Arundel Mills Mall
  7000 Arundel Mills Cir., Hanover, MD 21076
  www.simon.com/mall/?id=1230

- Harborplace Mall
  200 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21202
  www.harborplace.com

- Mondawmin Mall
  2401 Liberty Ht. Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215
  www.mondawmin.com

- Towson Town Center
  825 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson, MD 21204
  www.towsontowncenter.com

- White Marsh Mall
  8200 Perry Hall Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21236
  www.whitemarshmll.com

SECOND-HAND STORES AND THRIFT STORES
Thrift stores are great for getting second-hand unique and inexpensive clothes and household items. These items are often perfectly good things that somebody else has outgrown or simply grown tired of. Additionally, purchases at some thrift stores can benefit nonprofit or charitable organizations.
www.thethriftshopper.com
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21 W. Mt. Royal Ave., SC 002
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www.ubalt.edu/diversity

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Diversity and Culture Center is part of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.