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The 2015-16 group of 2+2 students visiting the Maryland State Fair

Launched in 2008, **2+2 program** was established to create cultural and educational exchange between undergraduate students from China and the United States. This unique program provides the platform and an opportunity for our students to interact, learn, share the ideas, network and create experiences that are unique. The 2+2 program at the University of Maryland is a two-year transfer program. Following two years of study at a university in China, participating students transfer to Maryland where they will complete their education and earn a bachelor's degree. Since its inception, we graduated numerous Chinese students and are looking forward to many more. **Come and join us, as we are looking forward to working with and supporting you through application process!**

This hand-out is designed to help you navigate application process. As you will see in this document there are some important factors to remember: class credits in USA vs. China, language proficiency, number of classes taken per semester at UMD, application deadlines, admission requirements, tuition, fees and certification of finances, immigration visa check list.

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 – UMD deadline to Apply to 2+2 Program.

Feb. 1- Please notify your university coordinator of plans to apply for 2+2. Seek recommendation from your university to this program.

Mid- to Late April --The acceptance decisions are released by email

Late May – Early June: I-20 issued, mailed to you from UMD

Mid-August -- UMD Orientation – you must register for Orientation

August 29-- First day of class

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Please be mindful by some of the following factors:

- **The course credits**: please be mindful that not all credits earned at your home university would transfer to UMD. One such difference is that our university has practical courses given in laboratory classrooms. If you did not have laboratory courses in China, you may have to take them at UMD.

- **Language proficiency**: English language proficiency is very important for full time enrolling as a UMD student. Students will need to take TOEFL test and score 100 (points) and higher <u>or</u> take ILETS test and score minimum 7 points so they can take regular classes and graduate in two years. For students who score lower on these two tests, they will have to take additional English classes, which will prolong their graduation process by one semester or a year or longer.

- Please be mindful that **amount of classes taken** per semester are between 4 -7. However, majority of students will be taking 4 as all classes are conducted in English language.

> **TIPS**
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> - You will be applying as <u>An International Transfer Student</u>
> - Spell your name and email address correctly. <u>PLEASE BE CONSISTENT</u> in listing your Family name (Last name), Given Name (First Name), Middle Name on all documents.

UMD ADMISSIONS and WEBSITES

Please review the following Admissions websites for help with the international application to UMD.

International student *checklist*:

http://admissions.umd.edu/requirements/InternationalApplicants.php

International application *guidelines*:

http://admissions.umd.edu/requirements/InternationalApplicantGuidelines.php

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT GUIDELINES

Follow these general guidelines to ensure we can process your international application as efficiently as possible.

Maryland considers an international student to be any student with a visa or international course work.

1. **Use your full legal name on all documents.** Make sure that your full legal name, as it appears on your passport, is spelled correctly and consistently on your application and all supporting documents. We won't be able to issue the necessary immigration documents if the name on your application materials (application fee, test scores, Certificate of Finances Form, bank statement or Affidavit of Financial Support, academic records, etc.) differs from your name on your passport.

2. **Submit all application materials together.** This includes your application fee, academic records, recommendations (if using paper recommendations), Certificate of Finances Form and financial support documentation, and visa information when applicable. Official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) should be sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the appropriate application deadline. To assist in matching your official scores with your application, you may submit copies of your test score reports with your application materials. Please note that your English proficiency test scores are not considered official until we receive them directly from the testing agencies. Maryland encourages and accepts third party international academic evaluations from the following agencies: AACRAO, WES and ECE. Evaluations must be received by the appropriate application deadline.

3. **Avoid submitting unnecessary materials.** Please do not send unnecessary supporting documents or items such as photographs, recordings, writing samples, awards or commendations, etc. The university will not be responsible for keeping them or storing them in your file. If you would like us to know about any of your extracurricular activities, talents or awards, please include that information in your personal statement.

4. **Do not list a post office box as your permanent foreign address.** In order for us to issue your I-20 form, the permanent home address listed on your application for admission must be a foreign address. When completing your application, be sure to provide a foreign street address (not a P.O. box) as your permanent home address.

5. **Use the correct university mailing address.** Send all materials to:

University of Maryland
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Mitchell Building
7999 Regents Dr.
College Park, MD 20742-5235, USA

6. **Make sure your email address is correct** so you can track your application status online.

APPLYING ON-LINE

TIP

Applicants will create a password and PIN that they should always remember. The password and PIN will allow them to do the following: complete the on-line application, track their documents, and check their admission decision.

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1. To apply on-line, please go to:

https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantLogin.asp?id=umd
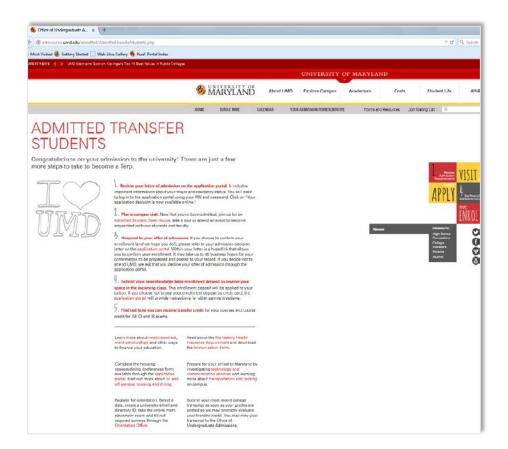
2. Transcripts must be mailed directly by your home university to UMD.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSIONS AND ISSS

- ☐ Apply at: https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantLogin.asp?id=umd
- ☐ **Deadline is March 1**. This deadline is strict and no students will be considered after March 1.
- ☐ Make sure your **email address is correct** on the application, so you can receive decisions and updates regarding your application. All UMD communication will be done via email.
- ☐ Transcripts must original and in Chinese language and in English language.
- ☐ TOEFL minimum direct admit score is 100.
- ☐ ILETS minimum test score is 7 in order to attend all regular classes in English.
  ILETS score of 6.5 or lower—students will be attending Maryland English Institute prior to being able to attend regular classes in English. Depending on student's level of English, this classes can be taken for one semester, one year or longer. Student will have to test out in order to be able to attend regular classes.
- ☐ TOEFL or IELTS scores must be mailed to UMD by the testing service. Please remember:
  - o TOEFL DI Code for UMD: 5814
  - o IELTS test results should be mailed directly from IELTS to:

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- ☐ Personal biographical information – birth date, race, home address.
- ☐ Essay topics you will find on the application. Please answer one by writing an essay of minimum 500 words. One topic is: May be why you are applying to University of Maryland, etc.
- ☐ $65 application fee
- ☐ Certification of Finances is needed for your F1 student visa application – plan ahead! You must have certified bank statements!

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

TUITION AND FEES and CERTIFICATION OF FINANCES

Information about Tuition and fees can be found at:

http://www.admissions.umd.edu/requirements/FinancialCertification.php

Certification of Finances is found at:

http://admissions.umd.edu/page_documents/Financial_Certification.pdf