



2+2 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND



Greetings students!
Thank you for your interest at
2+2 Program
At the
College of Agriculture and
Natural Resources at
University of Maryland!

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 62 Chinese students and 48 students are currently enrolled. **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



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 need to take TOEFL test and score 100 (points) or higher or take ILETS test and score a 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 **number of classes taken** per semester is between 4 -7. However, the majority of students will be taking 4 as all classes are conducted in English language.

TIPS

- You will be applying as An International Transfer Student
- Spell your name and email address correctly. PLEASE BE CONSISTENT 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 application to UMD as An International Transfer Student.

International applicant *requirements*:

<http://admissions.umd.edu/apply/international.php>



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INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

We are committed to enrolling a diverse student body from around the globe.

Students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents and students with any non-U.S. academic records should apply as international applicants.

[Application Requirements](#) | [Application Review Process](#) | [Choosing a Major](#) | [English Language Proficiency](#) | [Financial Certification](#) | [Non-U.S. Academic Credentials](#) | [Visas](#)

Application Requirements

International applicants must meet the criteria for [freshman](#) or [transfer](#) admission. Be sure to review the [application checklists](#) for a list of all required materials for a complete application, and remember submit all application materials together. For international students, the Admission Committee will also consider factors such as TOEFL/IELTS scores, national education system and types of institutions attended. You do not need to submit your visa, certification of finances and other supporting international documents for a completed application; however, you will need to submit them if you are admitted to the university.

Remember to use your full legal name as it appears on your passport in your application and all supporting documents so we can issue the necessary immigration documents. Please do not send unnecessary supporting documents such as photographs, recordings or writing samples. The university will not be responsible for keeping them or storing them in your file.

When completing your application, be sure to provide a foreign street address—not a P.O. Box—as your permanent home address so we can issue your I-20 form. Additionally, please ensure that your email address is correct so you can track your application



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.

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

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, these classes can be taken for one semester, one year or longer. Students 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:
 - TOEFL DI Code for UMD: 5814



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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.
- \$75 application fee
- Certification of Finances is needed for your F1 student visa application – plan ahead! You must have certified bank statements!

ADMITTED TRANSFER STUDENTS

Congratulations on your admission to the university! There are just a few more steps to take to become a Terp.

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- 1. Review your letter of admission on the application portal.** It includes important information about your major and residency status. You will need to log in to the application portal using your PM and password. Click on "Your application decision is now available online."
- 2. Plan a campus visit.** Now that you've been admitted, join us for an admitted student Open House, take a tour or attend an event to become acquainted with our atmosphere and faculty.
- 3. Respond to your office of admissions.** If you choose to confirm your enrollment (and we hope you do!), please refer to your admission decision letter on the application portal. With your letter is a hyperlink that allows you to confirm your enrollment. It may take up to 48 business hours for your confirmation to be processed and posted to your record. If you decide not to attend UMD, we ask that you decline your offer of admission through the application portal.
- 4. Submit your non-refundable \$500 enrollment deposit to reserve your space in the incoming class.** This enrollment deposit will be applied to your tuition. If you choose not to pay your enrollment deposit by credit card, if it is available we will provide instructions to other payment options.
- 5. Find out how you can receive transfer credit** for your courses and course credit for AP, CLEP and Q exams.

Learn more about need-based and merit scholarships, and other ways to finance your education.

Read about the Mandatory Health Insurance Requirement and download the Immunization Form.

Complete the housing questionnaire preferences form available through the application portal. Find out more about on and off-campus housing and dining.

Prepare for your arrival to Maryland by investigating technology and communication services and learning more about transportation and parking on campus.

Register for orientation. Select a date, create a university email and directory ID, take the online math placement exam, and fill out required surveys through the Orientation Office.

Submit your most recent college transcripts as soon as your grades are posted so we may promptly evaluate your transfer credit. You must mail your transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

APPLY **VISIT** **FIVE ENROLL**

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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://globalmaryland.umd.edu/sites/default/files/ies/CertificateOfFinances-Undergraduate.pdf>