



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 2018-19 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 110 Chinese students and 37 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

Jan. 1 – order ECE transcript evaluation

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

March 1 – See Page 2 about Application deadline

April 15 – Application and all supporting documents must be submitted

Mid- to Late April --The acceptance decisions released

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

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

August 26-- First day of class



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- **MARCH 1 APPLICATION DEADLINE:** UMD has extended the 2019 deadline to April 15th for the 2+2 students. All supporting documents must be submitted by this date.
- **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 IELTS 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.
- **Transcript Evaluation.** UMD now requires students to submit their home university transcripts to [Educational Credential Evaluators](#) (ECE), as part of the application process. There is a \$160 fee and the process takes 2-3 weeks to evaluate your transcript.
 - Start the evaluation process with ECE by visiting their Education Reports page.
 - Requirements: course-by-course evaluation, original transcript(s) and a certified English translation of the transcript(s), grade point average calculation, upper division course designation.

Please note: ECE will send your transcript to UMD, along with a report on the classes you have taken at your home university. You do not need to send your transcript to UMD.



BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION

UMD ADMISSIONS and WEBSITES

International applicant requirements:

<https://admissions.umd.edu/apply/requirements/international>

APPLYING ON-LINE

1. International Transfer Student checklist and information:

<https://admissions.umd.edu/apply/checklist/international-checklist>

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

<https://www.mycoalition.org/public/info/maryland>

3. Transcripts must be mailed directly from your home university to UMD

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

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.
- 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.



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.
- IELTS minimum test score is 7 in order to attend all regular classes in English.
IELTS 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
 - 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!



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The screenshot shows the 'Admitted Transfer Students' page on the University of Maryland website. The page features a red header with the university's name and navigation links. The main content area is titled 'ADMITTED TRANSFER STUDENTS' and includes a congratulatory message. A large graphic on the left says 'I ♥ UMD'. The central text provides a five-step checklist for new students, including reviewing admission letters, planning a campus visit, responding to offers, submitting a \$400 enrollment deposit, and finding transfer credit. On the right, there are several call-to-action buttons: 'VISIT', 'APPLY', and 'ENROLL'. A search bar and a list of links are also visible.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS)

TUITION AND FEES

Information about Tuition and fees can be found at:

<https://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply/requirements/international/financial-certification>



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.

These courses do not receive credit from UMD:

- i. English (generally English taken outside of the US is not acceptable for transfer) – reading, writing, listening, speaking, oral, business English
- ii. 军事训练 - Military Training and 军事理论 - Military Theory
- iii. 形势与政策 - Situation and Policy
- iv. 中国近现代史纲要 - Outline of Chinese Modern History
- v. 马克思主义基本原理 - Basic Principles of Marxism
- vi. 思想道德修养与法律基础 - Ideological and Moral Cultivation and Legal Basis
- vii. 毛泽东思想和中国特色社会主义理论体系 - Mao Zedong Thought and the Theoretical System of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics
- viii. 思政课社会实践 - Social Practice of Ideological and Political
- ix. 大学生就业指导 - College Student Career Planning/Employment Guide
- x. 大学生心理健康教育 - Psychology Health Education
- xi. 实习 - Internships