



Preparing for the Transfer Process

TRANSFER PROCESS

3. Write an essay on a topic specified in the application form (required for Academic scholarship). Some schools require an essay for admission.
4. Meet with a counselor in the office of undergraduate admissions to turn in the application form and verify it is complete.

TUITION AND FEES

- Tuition and fees at UMBC are higher than at CCBC about 4 times as much.

- UMBC Full-time in-state student:

Tuition: $270\$ \times 12 \text{ Credits} = \$3,240$

Mandatory fees: $96\$ \times 12 \text{ Credits} = \$1,148$

Sum= \$4,388

- CCBC Tuition and Fees for 12 Credits = \$1,150
- At UMBC, the maximum tuition and fees is based on 12 credits, even if a student takes more than 12 credits, they only pay for 12.

FINANCIAL AID AT 4-YEARS INSTITUTION

Apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships:

- Deadline to apply for financial aid is Feb 14 for Fall semester of the current year and Spring semester of the next year.
- Fill in the application form (FAFSA) on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Enter the institution code. For Example: UMBC's code is 002105.
- Apply for a student loan at the financial aid office.
- There are 2 kinds of student loans: Subsidized and unsubsidized.
- Some scholarships will come to student automatically depending on their GPA.

FINANCIAL AID AT 4-YEARS INSTITUTION

- As of Fall 2008, UMBC only considers a student full-time if they take 12 credits at the 4-years institution.
Example: If the student takes 9 credits at UMBC and 3 credits at CCBC. They will not consider student as full-time.
- After getting admitted to UMBC, student should create a student account for website access at www.accounts.umbc.edu. From this account, students can find out whether any documents are missing for financial.
- Take courses at CCBC during summer or winter section.

COURSE REGISTRATION

1. Students register for courses at UMBC on line through their student accounts.
 2. Students need to see an advisor to get permission to register for any engineering course.
 3. Students have different registration dates depending on seniority - that is the number of credits completed at UMBC.
- Since the classes fill very quickly, try to register as soon as you can.

MY EXPERIENCE AT UMBC

- The average time for studying outside of class is 3 times the time spent in class.

Example: Full time students spend 12 hours in class, they should spend $12 \text{ hours} \times 3 = 36 \text{ hours}$ out of class.

- Since the final exam is comprehensive, studying should take place from the beginning of the semester.
- Homework that is assigned every class or every week counts as 10-20% of final grade.
- Quizzes are given every 2 weeks - count as 20% of final grade.
- Two exams count as 30% of final grade
- If you cannot get above a 60% on homework, quizzes and midterm exams, it is difficult to get an A at the end of the semester.

MY EXPERIENCE AT UMBC

- Professors at UMBC only allocate 1-2 hours per week to see students.
- Teaching Assistants (TA) are very friendly and help students very much. Their office hours are more flexible than the professor's office hours.
- 3-Steps to study:
 - Read the book before going to class.
 - Take notes in class. Ask professor questions if unclear.
 - Do the practice problems (or examples) and homework right after class.
- Don't rely on the solutions in the book. They do not improve your problem solving knowledge.