The University of Maryland
Maryland, USA
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Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 26,538
- Number of campuses: 1
- Academic year: September – May
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January - May

Getting around
The University of Maryland’s campus, College Park, is just 8 miles from Washington D.C. and connected to it by metro trains. On the campus itself, free shuttle buses take you around the large 1,250 acre site.

Things to do
College park has plenty of space for activities and hangouts, with a variety of pubs and restaurants in the surrounding areas. The campus has its own performing arts centre, sports facilities, and even an ice skating rink in the winter. With so many cities an easy journey away from campus there is plenty to do, from sightseeing to concerts and shows. You can visit famous landmarks such as the White House and the Statue of Liberty. If you prefer nature, Great Falls Park offers routes for hiking, rock climbing and kayaking.

Travel opportunities
As well as being close to Washington D.C, the university is just a car, bus or train ride away from cities like Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. Three major airports can be reached from campus within 45 minutes, making it easy to travel further afield.

Climate
The eastern region of Maryland has a humid subtropical climate with hot, humid summers and a short, mild to cool winter. Average temperatures are 31°C in July and -2°C in January. There can be intervening periods of much more intense cold and blizzards also occur every few years.

Finance 2017/18
Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students begining their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs-available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme
- British Universities Transatlantic Exchange Association (BUTEX) scholarships: £500. See http://www.butex.ac.uk for eligibility and further information.

Approximate living costs per semester:

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<th>Cost Description</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (avg. 8 hours)</td>
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<td>Visa costs</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

More information on cost of living:
http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services/arrival-guide

Accommodation
- Undergraduate students are guaranteed housing as long as they complete the online housing application on the Department of Resident Life website (below)
- Students can only apply for housing after they have been accepted and assigned a student and university ID number
- Some on-campus accommodations do not have kitchen facilities. In these cases, students are required to purchase a meal plan and do not have the option of waiving out of an on-campus meal plan
- Those assigned to on-campus accommodations with a kitchen, can opt out of a meal plan.

Further information on accommodation and meal plans is available from:
http://reslife.umd.edu/housing/
http://dining.umd.edu/

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Application success rate
2015/2016 = 18%
2016/17 = 9%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)