GENERAL INFORMATION

Policy Statements, Residency Classification, and Accreditation

The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity institution with respect to both education and employment. The university does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities as required by federal (Title VI, Title IX, Section 504) and state laws and regulations. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or related legal requirements should be directed to:

Director
Office of Human Relations
1130 Shriver Lab - East Wing
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742
Telephone: (301) 405-2838

Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504 and part 34 of the C.F.R. to the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, may be directed to:

Director
Disability Support Services
0126 Shoemaker Hall
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742
Telephone: (301) 314-7682 (voice and TTY)
(301) 314-7209 (for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service - DHHS)

In addition to the university’s statement of compliance with federal and state laws, the University Human Relations Code notes that the University of Maryland, College Park, affirms its commitments to a policy of eliminating discrimination of the basis of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, personal appearance, age, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, or on the basis of the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Complete texts of the University Human Relations Code and the Campus Policies and Procedures on Sexual Harassment are printed in Chapter 10, Appendix A and Appendix B.

Disclaimer: The provisions of this publication are not to be regarded as a contract between the student and the University of Maryland. Changes are effected from time to time in the general regulations and in the academic requirements. There are established procedures for making changes, procedures which protect the institution’s integrity and the individual student’s interest and welfare. A curriculum or graduation requirement, when altered, is not made retroactive unless the alteration is to the student’s advantage and can be accommodated within the span of years normally required for graduation. The university cannot give assurance that all students will be able to take all courses required to complete the academic program of their choice within eight semesters. Additionally, because of space limitations in limited enrollment programs, the university may not be able to offer admission to all qualified students applying to these programs.

When the actions of a student are judged by competent authority, using established procedure, to be detrimental to the interests of the university community, that person may be required to withdraw from the university. For the complete University of Maryland Code of Student Conduct, see Chapter 10, Appendix C.

Residency Classification: For admission, tuition, and charge differential purposes, students are classified as in-state or out-of-state residents. Residency status is initially determined when a student’s application for admission is being considered. For more information on the guidelines used to determine residency classification see Chapter 1 and Chapter 10, Appendix H of this catalog.

Questions regarding residency status or petitions for reclassification should be directed to the Residency Classification Office, 1118 Mitchell Building, (301) 405-2030.

Important Information on Fees and Expenses: Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other university publication, the university reserves the right to make changes in tuition, fees, and other charges at any time deemed necessary by the university and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents. Although changes in fees and charges ordinarily will be announced in advance, the university reserves the right to make such changes without prior announcement.

All students who register incur a financial obligation to the university. Those students who register and subsequently decide not to attend must notify the Office of the Registrar, 1113 Mitchell Building, in writing, prior to the first day of classes. If this office has not received a request for cancellation by 4:30 p.m. of the last day before classes begin, the university assumes the student plans to attend and accepts his or her financial obligation. After classes begin, students who wish to terminate their registration must follow the withdrawal procedures and are liable for charges applicable at the time of withdrawal.

State of Maryland legislation has established a State Central Collections Unit, and in accordance with state law, the university is required to turn over all delinquent accounts to it for collection and legal follow-up. This is done automatically on a month-to-month basis by computer read-out. Collection costs incurred in collecting delinquent accounts will be charged to the student. The minimum collection fee is 17%, plus any attorney and/or court costs.

Gender Reference: The masculine gender whenever used in this document is intended to include the feminine gender as well.

Smoking Policy: It is hereby established as the policy of the University of Maryland, College Park, to achieve a public environment as close to smoke-free as practicably possible. See Chapter 10, Appendix E of this catalog for the complete “Smoking Policy and Guidelines.”

Disclosure of Information: In accordance with “The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974” (P.L. 93-380), popularly referred to as the “FERPA,” disclosure of student information, including financial and academic, is restricted. Release to anyone other than the student requires a written waiver from the student. (For complete university policy on access to and release of student data/information, see Chapter 10, Appendix D.)

Accreditation: The University of Maryland, College Park, is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of the Association of American Universities. In addition, individual colleges, schools, and departments are accredited by such groups as the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology, American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Chemical Society, American Library Association, American Psychological Association, American Society for Landscape Architecture, American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education, Commission on Rehabilitation Education, Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Education for Public Health, Institute of Food Technologies, National Architectural Accrediting Board, National Association of School Psychologists, National Association of School of Music, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, Planning Accreditation Board, Public Relations Society of America.

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Validated Rather Than Accredited: Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).