

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

On-Campus Resources for International Graduate Students



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Relevant Campus Offices

- **International Education Services (IES)**
The International Education Services office at the University of Maryland assists international students in the process of applying to the university, and once admitted, in obtaining visas and understanding reporting requirements.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/ies/>
- **Learning Assistance Services (LAS)**
The Learning Assistance Service is the academic support unit of the UMCP Counseling Center. LAS exists to help students achieve their academic goals by providing a range of services, including certain programs and workshops.
<http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS/>
Programs: <http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS/html/programs.html>
Workshops: <http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS/html/workshops.html>
- **Office of Human Relations Program (OHRP)**
The Office of Human Relations Program is committed to a variety of proactive educational programs in multicultural education. It offers workshops, training, class facilitation, and small group dialogues on a variety of diversity issues including sexual harassment prevention, race, ethnicity, and sexuality.
<http://www.ohrp.umd.edu/>
- **Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy (MICA)**
The Office of Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy, a unit within the Adele H. Stamp Student Union and the Division of Student Affairs, works to empower students through education on issues of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion and their intersections.
<http://www.union.umd.edu/diversity/>
- **Office of Student Financial Aid**
The Office of Student Financial Aid is committed to helping students bridge the gap between their personal resources and the cost of attending school. Information about application process for International Students
<http://www.financialaid.umd.edu/OSFA/Appprocessinter.html>

International Student Groups

- **International Student Group**
The International Student group meets every Friday, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Shoemaker Building beginning Friday, Feb. 15 2008. It invites all international students to come meet other international students, speak English, and help each other learn how to adjust better to life at UM and in the U.S. For more information contact Dr. David Petersen at petersen@umd.edu.

- **International Graduate Students Organization (IGSA)**
IGSA is established for the expressed purpose of providing peer support for the international graduate student community at the University of Maryland, College Park, through organizing and hosting cultural and social events as well as of raising awareness on campus about the specific needs of international graduate students.
Group's E-mail Address: igsa@listserv.umd.edu
- **International Spouses Organization**
This organization is a support group sponsored by advisors from International Education Services for the spouses of UMD international students. The following link provides information about events organized for spouses of UMD international students.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/sparkplug/sites/ies/content.cfm?id=3810>

International Student Events

- **Orientation for New Arrivals**
Every semester the International Educational Services organizes orientation sessions to welcome newly-arrived international students.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/sparkplug/sites/ies/?id=99>
- **International Coffee Hour**
On a weekly to biweekly basis, International Educational Services hosts a coffee hour in the ground floor lounge of Dorchester Hall. Free coffee and snacks are organized as international and American students gather together and socialize.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/sparkplug/sites/mei/content.cfm>
- **International Film Series**
Each academic year, the Hoff Theater, the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, the College of Arts and Humanities, and the Office of International Programs organize the International Film Series. Films are shown during the fall and spring semesters on the SECOND TUESDAY of every month in the Hoff Theater in the Stamp Student Union. Each film begins at 7 pm with a brief introduction by a University of Maryland faculty member. All films are FREE, open to the public, and are subtitled in English.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/oip/2510>

Campus Publications

- **Maryland International**
A newsletter of the Office of International Programs published every semester
http://www.international.umd.edu/sparkplug/common/images/oip/2007_Fall.pdf

- **Graduate student handbook**
An online handbook compiled for graduate students that includes a special section for international students
<http://www.union.umd.edu/GH/community/international.html>

Additional Useful links

- **International Visitor Guide**
This webpage provides information about American culture and customs, the University of Maryland campus, how to navigate one's way around the area, and other resources relevant for international students, scholars, and visitors.
<http://www.international.umd.edu/oip/68>
- **International Directory**
This directory is a collection of University of Maryland faculty or staff members affiliated with international programs on campus, or who have expertise in international topics. It is intended to link students, scholars, and faculty, as well as overseas scholars and institutions, with UM colleagues interested in a particular global region, country, or topic of study.
<http://international.umd.edu/directory/>
- **Graduate Student Government**
The Graduate Student Government is the only campus organization sponsored, staffed and run exclusively by graduate students. It is completely independent of the university administration, and reports only to the graduate student body. The GSG advocates for graduate students on and off campus, bringing their concerns to University officials, USM officials, the Board of Regents, and lawmakers.
<http://www.gsg.umd.edu/>
- **Graduate Student Perks**
This webpage lists the on-campus perks for all graduate students.
http://www.union.umd.edu/GH/resources/graduate_student_perks.html