

Maryland State Universities' Admission Requirements

To prepare to apply to the University System of Maryland (USM's) universities, you should take the following courses in high school:

- Four years of English composition and literature.
- At least 3 years of Mathematics including Algebra I or Applied Math I & II, Formal Logic or Geometry and Algebra II. A fourth year of math is strongly recommended. As a matter of fact, University of Maryland College Park requires a fourth year of non-trivial Algebra. (Examples: statistics, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus or college algebra.)
- At least 3 years of History or Social Science.
- Three years of Science. Courses completed must be in two different subject areas, and 2 of the 3 must include laboratory experience. For students interested in science-oriented careers, 4 years of science are recommended in 3 different science areas, with 3 laboratory experiences.
- Two years of the same Foreign Language or Advanced Technology. American Sign Language is accepted as a language.

The above criteria represent the minimum requirements to be considered for admission. Successful applicants typically present academic credentials that exceed the minimum, including a fourth year of mathematics, several honors and/or Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses, and additional academic electives.

Applications must be submitted by the deadlines with any required essays and recommendations. Any required tests such as the SAT or SAT Subject Tests and/or the ACT **must** be taken. Official test scores must be sent **directly** from the testing service.

Maryland State Scholarships and Grants

Seniors can obtain information about the various Maryland State scholarship programs online at www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/student_information.asp or by calling 1-800-974-1023. Legislative and Senatorial Scholarships are available to students planning to attend college in state. Locate your legislative districts and obtain the names of the state senators and delegates online at <http://mdelect.net/electedofficials/> or by contacting the Board of Election Supervisors at 240-777-8683.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission provides information about scholarship and grant programs available for Maryland residents such as the Guaranteed Access Grant and the Educational Assistance Grant. Information is also available about the Academic Common Market that affords Maryland students the opportunity to enroll in certain out-of-state institutions at the in-state tuition rate to pursue majors unavailable at Maryland colleges and universities.

The Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program was enacted to honor a select group of Maryland high school students and to encourage them to attend a Maryland college or university. Students in their junior year must have at least a 3.7 GPA (unweighted) in ACADEMIC subjects. Five students per school are also nominated yearly (in their junior year) for the Talent in the Arts Scholarship Program (art, dance, drama, vocal music and instrumental music). Scholarship finalists receive \$3,000 annually if they enroll in a Maryland college.

For more information about Maryland Higher Education Commission programs, visit <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/descriptions.asp>

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