

Information about Residential Life at UMBC

Mission Statement

The mission of the Residential Life Office is to provide facilities, services, and programs that support the academic mission of the institution and enhance the quality of life for students that live on campus. Residential Life staff foster the personal, social, academic, and leadership development of resident students and prepare them to be active and responsible citizens within the UMBC community and beyond. We seek to accomplish this mission by:

- providing clean, comfortable, safe, accessible, and functional facilities
- providing caring, high quality, and prompt delivery of service
- being purposeful in our involvement, development, and empowerment of all students and staff
- promoting education for all students and being purposeful and intentional in departmental decisions, services, programs, and facilities in order to foster a community where the diversity of all members of the community is respected

Community Living Principles

When you chose to become part of the UMBC community, you chose to take advantage of a great opportunity! By choosing to live on campus, you will benefit by learning things about yourself and others that might not have been discovered elsewhere. With your choice comes a responsibility: to live your life in a way that helps everyone get the most out of their experience. We believe that living successfully on campus requires everyone to understand and act from a set of community living principles that shows respect for that responsibility. You are expected to:

Create a Just and Supportive Community

We are a community committed to civic responsibility. Become the kind of community member that people can count on to keep individuals and the community safe. Contribute to the development of a healthy community by considering the balance between your rights and responsibilities. Demonstrate integrity. Become the kind of community member that people can count on to fulfill promises and agreements, abide by the rules and expectations of living on campus, help those in need, and hold others accountable for their actions.

Seek to Understand and Honor Others

We all have different experiences, needs, and hopes for our time at UMBC and the future. These differences create opportunities for learning and for conflict, and we are a community committed to making an effort to see things from others' points of view and make the most of our relationships. Be a community member who honors other's identities and experiences.

Foster a Community of Learning

We are a community committed to learning in and out of the classroom. Learning is collaborative. Be the kind of community member who builds relationships celebrates the success of others, and assists others in their learning. Being a community member means that just as you will benefit by having the help of others when you need something, there will be times when others need you to pitch in.

Engage in the UMBC Experience

We are a community committed to co-creating our experiences. It is our choices to actively participate that show who we are, in addition to our academic abilities. Get involved! Positive contributions strengthen community and enhance the overall educational experience.