



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

October 1, 2020

Interested in living on campus this spring?

[Complete the Spring Interest Application by November 15, 2020 for priority consideration!](#)

Students who are interested in living on campus this spring should complete the “Spring-Only Housing Application” online at umbc.edu/go/housing. There is no commitment or cost to completing this interest application.

In early November, our staff will begin making housing offers to students who complete the application. At that time, we will have more information regarding the semester housing dates, costs, and applicable changes from fall to spring expectations.

In the event that demand for housing is greater than capacity, we have identified factors that prioritize student academic success. Residential Life, in collaboration with Academic Affairs, has established criteria for prioritizing on-campus housing offers:

- Students registered in at least one (1) in-person or hybrid class or a predetermined university affiliation or sponsorship by a university department that requires access to university facilities in order to fulfill academic commitments.
 - This includes but is not limited to research facilities, labs, and athletic training facilities.
- Participation in first-year academic cohort programs, including but not limited to scholars programs and Living Learning Communities (LLCs).
- Students’ distance from campus based on permanent address (students with addresses greater than 30 miles from campus will be given stronger consideration) and international students.
- Students with an approved medical housing accommodation through Student Disability Services (sds.umbc.edu) that requires them to live on campus.
- Students identified as having exceptional need for housing.
- Please note that on-campus employment and student club and organization affiliation are not priority factors at this time.

All student housing needs are not identified by these categories; therefore, UMBC staff will work to review individual requests for on-campus housing through the Fall Housing Wait List Application. Our priority in these decisions will be based on student need for safe and secure housing or for whom on-campus housing is necessary to fulfill their academic requirements.

[For more information and FAQs about Spring Housing please visit our website
\(https://reslife.umbc.edu/covid-19-residential-life-updates/covid-19-residential-life-faqs/#subsec2\)](https://reslife.umbc.edu/covid-19-residential-life-updates/covid-19-residential-life-faqs/#subsec2)

We hope you will consider living on campus next semester!

Spring Semester Website FAQs

Can I apply for spring housing?

Yes, students interested in living on campus this spring semester should complete the Spring Interest Application at umbc.edu/go/housing available beginning October 1, 2020. In early November, our staff will begin making offers to students who complete the application.

Who is eligible to live on-campus this spring semester?

Full-time undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to apply for spring semester. In the event that demand for housing is greater than capacity, we have identified factors that prioritize student academic success ([link to factors](#)).

If I am currently living on campus and I reapply for the spring semester can I keep my current room?

We will do our best to honor current room assignments and roommates; however, we may need to reassign students to new buildings/rooms depending on the make-up of the spring semester residential population.

If I am currently living on campus and I reapply for the spring semester do I need to remove my items?

All fall residents are expected to completely vacate by November 25, 2020 at 8 p.m.; this includes removing all personal belongings. Students will not be allowed to store their items on campus during the semester housing break.

If I am currently living on campus and I reapply for the spring semester do I need to repay the \$200 housing deposit?

No, current residents who reapply for the spring semester will not need to repay a housing deposit.

If I am currently living on campus and I decide not to live on campus, will I get my deposit back?

Yes, students who do not license for the spring semester can expect their deposit to be refunded on or around February 1, 2021.

When will I receive my spring housing assignment?

Students will receive their spring housing assignments in early January.

When does the spring semester begin?

The academic semester is scheduled to begin on January 26, 2021 and end on May 20, 2021, with move-in tentatively beginning on January 23, 2021 – January 25, 2021. However, these dates are subject to

change based on the recommendations of the University System of Maryland and UMBC leadership. We will communicate changes to semester dates before issuing housing offers to students in November.

What are the spring housing rates?

We are consolidating the room rates to reflect the single room experience. The spring semester room rate is \$3,925, which includes the \$175 communication and technology fee.