

Directions to Campus & Orientation

Getting to the University of Maryland is easy whether you are driving up from the District, hopping on a Metro train, or flying in from somewhere else. The university is located just a mile inside the Capital Beltway, about 4 miles to the northeast of Washington, DC. The main entrance to the campus is located on US Route 1, just a short walk from downtown College Park, MD. When making your travel preparations, it is helpful to remember that the Capital Beltway and surrounding highways are routinely congested with daily commuter traffic. Reviewing local traffic updates and planning extra travel time will ensure you arrive on time.

Driving & Parking Information

If arriving on campus via car, please refer to driving directions below and proceed to the parking location designated on your parking permit found on our website. Please note that you **MUST** park in the specified lot during orientation. The Orientation Office is not responsible for tickets for illegal parking or parking in incorrect lots on campus. Your parking pass indicates the specified lot for orientation per an agreement with the Department of Transportation Services.

From Baltimore and Points North

Take I-95 South to the Capital Beltway (I-495) • At the Beltway, follow signs for 495 West toward Silver Spring and once on the exit, bear left at the fork following signs to College Park • Continue following signs to US Route 1 South, College Park • Proceed approximately 2 miles South on US Route 1 • Make a right turn at Campus Drive (Campus North Gate) • Proceed to campus parking (as indicated by your Parking Permit) •

From Montgomery County and Points West

Take the Capital Beltway (I-495) to US Route 1 South (Exit 25) • Proceed approximately 2 miles South on US Route 1 • Make a right turn at Campus Drive (Campus North Gate) • Proceed to campus parking (as indicated by your Parking Permit) •

From the Bowie/Annapolis Area and Points East

Take Route 50 West to the Capital Beltway (I-495) • Proceed North on I-495 to College Park/US Route 1 (Exit 25) • Proceed approximately 2 miles South on US Route 1 • Make a right turn at Campus Drive (Campus North Gate) • Proceed to campus parking (as indicated by your Parking Permit) •

From Washington, D.C.

Leave Washington via New Hampshire Ave. (Rt. 650 North) or Riggs Road (Rt. 212) • Make a right turn at the intersection with the East-West Highway (Rt. 410 East) • Continue on Rt. 410 East to intersection of US Route 1 • Turn left onto US Route 1 North and proceed to Regents Drive • Turn left into campus on Regents Drive (Campus South Gate) • Proceed to campus parking (as indicated by your Parking Permit) •

Arriving Via Metro

The University of Maryland is conveniently accessible via the Washington, D.C. Metro, the regional subway and commuter rail. The closest Metro stop is the College Park Metro Station, which is located on the Green Line of the Metro system. The university operates a free shuttle to the campus beginning at 6:40 AM and running continuously every 8 minutes on weekdays. A Metro Station Manager can assist you with locating the shuttle stop, and the shuttle will bring you to the Stamp Student Union, just a few short steps from Cole Student Activities Building where the Orientation Program Check-In takes place (our staff will gladly direct you then to a shuttle bus to travel to check-in for your overnight stay if you are attending a summer 2-day program). For specific Metro instructions, fares, and schedules you can contact Metro at www.wmata.com or 202-637-7000. If you have further questions regarding travel arrangements, feel free to contact the Orientation Office at 301-314-8217.

Arriving Via Regional/Amtrak Train

If you are traveling to the Washington, D.C. metro area via train, you should plan to arrive at Union Station in downtown Washington. Union Station has a Red Line Metro station located on site. A Metro Station Manager can assist you with the train connections for College Park, Maryland (located on the Green Line). For additional Metro information please refer to the previous section.

Arriving Via Air

People flying in to visit the University of Maryland typically use either Baltimore Washington Thurgood Marshall International (BWI) or Reagan National (DCA) airports. Airline tickets tend to be less expensive flying into BWI, but there are often exceptions and you may save money by checking both destinations. If you reserve a plane ticket for BWI, you will need a rental car or airport shuttle service to get to College Park, a distance of about 25 miles. Visit the BWI website for more information on shuttles from BWI to College Park. You may also take the B30 Metro Bus from BWI, which will take you to the Greenbelt Metro Station. You will then take the Green Line one stop to the College Park Metro Station and take the UMD shuttle service directly onto campus.

If you are flying into Reagan National (DCA), there is a Reagan National Airport Metro Station (located on the Blue Line) at the airport. A Metro Station Manager can assist you with the train connections for College Park, Maryland (located on the Green Line).