

COMPUTER SCIENCE (Fall 2024 and later)

College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

Limited Enrollment Programs - lep.umd.edu

The guidelines and policies below apply to students enrolled as freshmen at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after, and to new transfer students enrolled at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after from institutions outside the University System of Maryland and Maryland community colleges. Several majors at the University of Maryland, known as Limited Enrollment Programs, have limited space and, therefore, have more competitive admission criteria beyond the university's general admission requirements. Students interested in an LEP major must successfully complete a specific set of courses, or "Gateway" requirements, before being reviewed for admission to the major. Review both pages of this sheet to learn about the Gateway requirements and further information.

Gateway Requirements					
Gateway Courses	Required Grade	UMD Course	Transfer Institution (if not completed at UMD)	Transfer Course	Grade Received
Object-Oriented Programming I OR Object-Oriented Programming I Beyond Fundamentals OR Programming with Purpose I: Data-Centric Computing	B-	CMSC 131 OR CMSC 133 OR CMSC 141			
Object-Oriented Programming II OR Programming with Purpose II: Data Structures and Algorithms	B-	CMSC 132 OR CMSC 142			
Calculus I	B-	MATH 140			
GPA and Minimum Credit Requirement					
A minimum grade point average of 3.0 across ALL attempted college coursework is required for consideration for all applicants.					
Exemption Exams help to determine the proper placement of students into Computer Science courses before they start at UMD. Academic credit is not provided for a satisfactory score. If you are a local student, you should consider taking an exemption exam prior to your orientation date. Permission for subsequent courses will only be given once an exam is taken and passed with a satisfactory score. Students may only take each exemption exam once and only one exam per date, and all exams must be taken prior to the start of the students first semester at UMD. For more information on Exemption Exams, please visit www.undergrad.cs.umd.edu/exemption-exams					
LEP Policies					
Only one Gateway course may be repeated to earn the required grade and that course may only be repeated once. Withdrawing from a course that results in a 'W' counts as an attempt at fulfilling the requirement.					
When more than one course can satisfy a Gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat.					
Students who are directly admitted and fail to successfully complete the Gateway courses and maintain the minimum GPA will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.					
Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.					
Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal to the College via cmnsque@umd.edu					

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Applying to the Major

External Transfer Students: The guidelines and policies below apply to students enrolled as freshmen at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after, and to new transfer students enrolled at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after from institutions outside the University System of Maryland and Maryland community colleges. Students applying to the University of Maryland from other institutions apply to LEPs through the general application for admission to the University by indicating their major of interest. Students are first reviewed for admission to the University, and then, if admitted, are reviewed for admission to Limited Enrollment Program majors based on LEP standards. Applicants who have completed all required Gateway courses at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision in late April for fall admission and late October for spring admission. Students who are in the process of completing the required Gateways at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision to the university at the previously mentioned times, but will be notified about the major decision after the semester has ended and final grades for the semester have been calculated. Students should be sure to send their final transcript from their previous institution if they are taking classes at the time of application.

Current UMD Students (Internal Transfer Students): Students who wish to apply to CMSC may submit an LEP application through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. For those students not directly admitted to the major as new freshmen or external transfer students, internal transfer admission to the Computer Science major is extremely limited, and there are no guarantees that any space will be available. Students must be prepared to select an alternate major. Students currently attending the University of Maryland who wish to switch to CMSC or add CMSC as a second major must successfully complete the Gateway requirements before applying, and **will undergo a selective review process for admission to the major**. Meeting the gateway course grade and GPA requirements does not guarantee admission to the major. Academic record, co-curricular involvement, computing-related research experience or personal projects, and UMD honors and awards are considered in the admission decision. The LEP application is made available by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions following the add/drop deadline of each semester. Please note: Students applying for the fall semester may complete a final Gateway course during the summer, either at UMD or an approved equivalent course at another institution. In order to be considered, courses must be taken during UMD's Summer 1 Session. If the course is taken at another institution, it must be completed by the end of UMD's Summer 1 Session. Students applying to change their major for the spring semester are not able to complete gateway courses during the winter term.

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