USG: AT A GLANCE

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG), Maryland’s largest regional center, is an innovative partnership of nine University System of Maryland (USM) universities on one campus in Montgomery County.

Each of the partner universities provides its most highly sought academic programs and awards its own degrees. USG, in turn, provides centralized on-site student, academic and administrative services.

This unique integrated approach allows USG to offer easily accessible pathways to 80 upper-level undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, creating outstanding career opportunities for students while providing regional employers with a highly educated, skilled workforce.

Successfully Expanding Access to Quality, Public Higher Education

- USG currently serves more than 4,000 students (2,600+ undergraduate and 1,400+ graduate); all undergraduate students are upper-level transfer students
- Degree and certificate programs available on a full-time, part-time, day, evening and weekend basis, allowing students the flexibility that comes with being able to live, work, and study close to home
- Since its inception in 2000 more than 6,300 students have earned undergraduate degrees
- 75% of undergraduate students at USG transferred from Montgomery College
- Four-year graduation rates for students that follow the pathway from Montgomery College through USG are 20 percentage points higher than community college students throughout USM
- USG is a cost effective model for delivering higher education in Maryland – community college to university pathway (2+2) students save nearly $8,000 in four year tuition and fees versus a four year university pathway, as well as saving the state nearly $14,000

Committed to Student Success

- Small classes, personalized attention
- One-stop-shop of student and academic services, including financial aid, academic and career counseling, and writing and study skills
- Partnerships with local employers provide internships, clinical training, mentoring and career opportunities
- More than 88% of graduates working in the region and state
- Vibrant student life including leadership opportunities, professional groups, volunteer activities and social events
- State-of-the-art green campus with “smart” classrooms, computer laboratories, group study areas, university library, café, fitness center and bookstore
Educating a Diverse Student Body

Age Profile of Students at USG

- Undergraduate: Average Age 29, Median Age 26
- Graduate: Average Age 28, Median Age 25

Gender Profile of Students at USG

- Undergraduate: 46% Male, 55% Female
- Graduate: 38% Male, 62% Female

Ethnic Diversity: Undergraduate Students

- African American, 20.0%
- White, 36.0%
- Hispanic, 17.0%
- Asian, 14.0%
- Unknown, 7.0%
- Pacific Islander, 0.2%
- American Indian, 0.1%
- Foreign, 4.0%

Ethnic Diversity: Graduate Students

- African American, 18.0%
- White, 40.0%
- Hispanic, 7.0%
- Asian, 14.0%
- Unknown/Other, 9.0%
- Foreign, 12.0%
- Unknown, 2.0%

Bridging a Crucial Gap in Funding for Transfer Students

Lack of financial resources is one of the major challenges that transfer students to four-year institutions experience. Led by the USG Board of Advisors, USG is actively moving to support scholarships and expanded financial assistance to deserving students enrolling from community colleges.

- For Fall 2014-2015 academic year, a total of 543 scholarships were awarded to 494 unique students (50% of applications received)
- Scholarships were awarded from 44 different scholarship programs, totaling $1,000,000
- A majority of scholarship recipients were first generation college students