

# YOUR CUSTOMIZED























# **Programs Offered at USG**

**Biological Sciences** Communication **Computer & Information Science Computer Networks & Security** Criminology & Criminal Justice Cybersecurity **Digital Media & Web Technology** Exercise Science Health Systems Management Hospitality & Tourism Management Human Resource Management Information Systems Management Investigative Forensics Laboratory Management Management Marketing Political Science Psychology Public Health Science Public Safety Administration Simulation & Game Design Social Work

Additional STEM degrees coming soon!



#### What are the benefits of the MC-to-USG Pathway?

You can save money by remaining in Montgomery County, maintain job and family commitments, and experience a more personalized academic environment (30-35 average class size). Additionally, all undergraduate students at USG are transfer students — 75% of students transfer from MC.

#### When is the best time to start the transfer process?

**Now!** Explore your options, decide on a major, and learn which classes to take at MC to successfully transfer to the program of your choice at USG.

# Should I earn an Associate's degree from MC before transferring to a program at USG?

**Yes!** All programs offered at USG start at the 300 level, so you must complete all 100 and 200 level prerequisite courses at MC, which roughly equals 60 credits — the same amount needed for an Associate's degree! Some programs require a specific Associate's degree, while others may be fine with general studies (with necessary prerequisites). Contact the program representatives at USG to learn more about your majors of interest. Also visit **montgomerycollege.edu/usgagreements** to see program-specific pathways.

#### What is the USG college experience like?

USG offers a variety of student organizations and leadership opportunities. There are fun and educational events on campus frequently. You can also participate in sports and other student life activities at your home campus, as well as those offered at USG — a win-win!

# What is USG?

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers select degrees from nine top-ranked Maryland public universities all on one convenient campus in Rockville, MD. You are taught by the same professors, take the same courses, and have the same curriculum as students enrolled in your program at the university's home campus. You take your classes at USG, but apply to and earn your degree directly from the university offering your program (it does not say USG anywhere on your diploma).



### TRANSFERRING FROM MC TO USG

The Montgomery College (MC) to USG pathway reduces the overall cost of a four-year college education and includes the financial benefit of being able to live, work and study close to home. While at USG, you can take advantage of on-campus services such as academic coaching, career advising, internship preparation, personal counseling and leadership training that will equip you with the academic skills and real-world experiences needed for a successful career.







**GETTING STARTED** Please fill in the blanks below: My interests include \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_. Some classes I've enjoyed include and \_\_\_\_\_. I would like to get a job doing \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_when I graduate.







# Make an appointment to meet with an MC counselor using Starfish as early on in your MC career as possible.

Working with your counselor, visit **shadygrove.umd.edu/academics/degree-programs** and click on any majors in which you are interested. On each program page, you will find the program representative's contact information. Note this information below:

Major(s) of interest: -

University offering major(s) at the USG Campus:

Program representative(s) name and contact information:

For important transfer planning information, visit montgomerycollege.edu/transfer

#### Contact the program representatives at USG as soon as possible and ask about the following:

- Admissions deadlines and requirements
- Lower level courses you must complete
  prior to transfer
- Associate's degree requirements
- How you can get your transcript(s) evaluated
- Any additional benefits to completing the degree at the USG campus rather than their home campus
- Whether there are any MC-to-USG Transfer Access Programs (TAPs)\* affiliated with that major

#### \*Get the EDGE with Transfer Access Programs (TAPs)

TAPs provide MC students the ability to connect to USG services and advising while still at MC. Some TAPs offer application fee waivers, additional scholarships, or other financial benefits.

To learn more or set up an appointment on any of the MC campuses email **shadygrove@umd.edu**.

# Visit shadygrove.umd.edu/openhouse to see when the next USG Undergraduate Open House will be held.

Register to attend and bring your unofficial MC transcript with you. Tours, career counseling, and information on **scholarships**\* will be available. You can also set up a personalized visit to campus by emailing **shadygrove@umd.edu**.

#### \*Double the Scholarships

If you enroll in a program offered at USG, you are eligible for scholarships from your university AND from USG! Apply for USG scholarships the semester before you plan to transfer.

# Stay up-to-date on the application deadlines for the programs in which you're interested.

Some programs have priority deadlines of nearly nine months out, while others have rolling admissions. The program representative(s) can inform you of the best time to apply to their respective programs. Don't forget to check Shady Grove as your preferred campus on the application.

#### Send your transcripts.

When you have received your final MC grades, send your completed transcript directly to the university to which you plan to transfer. Include transcripts from all colleges and universities you've attended, as well as any AP, CLEP, IB or other exam credit you've been awarded.



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