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. 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), the same professors, take the same courses, and have the same curriculum as students enrolled in your program at the university's home campus.

FAQs

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

You 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!

TRANSFERRING FROM MC TO USG

The Montgomery College (MC) to USG Connection 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 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

As early as possible, make an appointment to meet with an MC counselor using Starfish.

Working with your counselor, visit shadygove.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 name(s) and contact information:

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

Contact the program representative(s) at USG to ask about the following:

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

Visit shadygove.umd.edu/discovering to see when the next USG prospective student event 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 the USG campus by emailing shadygrove@umd.edu.

“Double the Scholarships”

If you enroll in a program offered at USG, you may be 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 apply and 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 exams or military credit you’ve earned.