**NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST**

- **Set up your UM Directory ID**, password, and email through [OIT](https://www.it.umd.edu/new/student.html)

- **Join the ENTS ListServ.** Sign up using your new UMD email (or an email that you regularly check) to the ENTS graduate student LISTSERV. All important announcements are sent through this listserv. You are responsible for the information.
  - Email [listserv@listserv.umd.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.umd.edu)
  - In one line in the body of the email, message: “subscribe ents-students [first name] [last name]”
  - You will receive a confirmation email after you have registered for courses.

- **Obtain your Student Picture ID Card.** Get your card at the Mitchell Building (near the Big M on Campus Drive), 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. You must be registered for at least one class to obtain your ID card. Bring this card to all ENTS Orientation sessions.

- **Billing and Fees.** All billing inquiries should be directed to the Bursar’s Office.

- **Attend Mandatory Orientation/Welcome Session.**
  - Tuesday, January 22 @ 10:00 AM in AV Williams 2460
  The session will discuss courses and degree planning, student services, and graduate student regulations. Arrive on time and plan to be in attendance for the full duration. This session is mandatory and will be followed by lunch.

- **Take the ENTS Placement Exams.** These exams determine exemption from ENTS 622 and/or ENTS 640 (core courses). Exams will be held at the following:
  - Thursday, January 24, 2019
    - Sign-In @ 8:30 AM
    - Exam Begins @ 9:00 AM
    - LOCATION: Computer Science Instructional Center (CSIC) 2217. Detail information can be found in the new student website.

- **Register for Courses.** Register using [Testudo](https://testudo.umd.edu). Registration opens in August. Students will be notified via email regarding specific registration information. You will have plenty of time to make course adjustments prior to the start of classes.
  - Spring 2019 – dates to be determined

- **Know the Academic and Financial Deadlines.** Financial penalties apply for courses dropped after February 8. During the [Schedule Adjustment Period](https://registrar.umd.edu/calendars/schedule-adjustment-period), students are able to exchange courses of equal credit value. Consult the [Academic Calendar](https://registrar.umd.edu/calendars) and [Academic Deadlines](https://registrar.umd.edu/deadlines) each semester.

- **Make Academic Advising Appointment.** After you have attended one Orientation Session and taken the Placement Exams, you can make an appointment with your academic advisor to discuss your course selections for the upcoming semester.

- **Search for Housing.** Housing options can be found through the [Office of Off-Campus Housing Services](https://housing.umd.edu).

- **Turn in your Immunization Form at the Health Center.** This [form](https://www.immunization.umd.edu) is required to register for your second semester. Turn it in ASAP.

- **Consider Health Insurance Options.** Graduate students are not required by UMD to have health insurance, but we highly recommend it. Grad students can elect to enroll in the [Student Health Insurance Plan](https://www.toUpperCase.umd.edu/student-health-center/insurance).

- **Textbooks.** You will receive a list of textbooks in your course syllabi on the first day of class. Books can be found at the University Book Center (umcp.bncollege.com) in the Union, the Book Exchange (marylandbook.com), Bookholders (bookholders.com), and online store such as Amazon.com. Many ENTS instructors use non-textbook materials.

- **Need to learn the bus schedule?** The Shuttle UM is operated by DOTS. Find the [schedule and routes](https://www.dot.umd.edu) through DOTS.

- **Need a computer?** Discounted computers can be purchased from the [Terrapin Technology Store](https://store.umd.edu).

- **Update Contact Information.** Update your contact information through [Testudo](https://testudo.umd.edu).

- **Final Transcripts/Diploma Verification.** If a provision of your admission is to submit your final transcripts, you either need to send the OFFICIAL copy to the Graduate School or walk it in during office hours. You will NOT be permitted to register for your second semester if this provision is not met.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:**

- **Attend a Mandatory Immigration Session.** Register for your session with ISSS. Complete your immigration document check-in.

- **Attend ISSS General Sessions.** These sessions will help you with the transition to American culture, academics, and life at UMD. We recommend sessions like: Grad School Policies, Safety & Security, Avoiding Plagiarism, Academic Success and American Culture.

- **Attend a Job Search 101 for F-1 Students and Resume Writing Workshop** at the Engineering Co-Op and Career Services Office.

- **English Proficiency Provision.** You can submit additional TOEFL or IELTS scores up until July 15 to meet the [minimum English requirements](https://gradschool.umd.edu/apply/english-pro Taliban). Make sure to visit the [New Student Website](http://www.ents.umiacs.umd.edu/grad)!

If you have questions, please email the Program Office at [telecomprogram@umd.edu](mailto:telecomprogram@umd.edu)
## Master's in Telecommunications Resources

### University of Maryland General Resources

**The Graduate School**  
www.gradschool.umd.edu  
- General Graduate Student Resources

**Office of the Registrar**  
www.registrar.umd.edu  
- Academic records and policies

**Office of the Bursar**  
Lee Building  
www.bursar.umd.edu  
- Tuition and fees, billing and payments, tuition due dates

**Office of Student Financial Aid**  
www.financialaid.umd.edu  
- Financial aid status for qualifying students: grants, loans, work-study

**Testudo**  
www.testudo.umd.edu  
- Current student services: course registration, grades, transcripts, financials, academic calendar, academic deadlines

**International Student Scholar Services**  
1126 H.J. Patterson Hall 301-314-7740  
internationalservices@umd.edu  
https://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/international-students-scholar-services  
- International student services: Immigration status and policies

**Office of Student Conduct**  
www.osc.umd.edu  
- University honor code and academic integrity

**Graduate Student Life**  
http://thestamp.umd.edu/engagement/graduate_student_life  
- Graduate student community campus life

**Graduate Student Life Handbook**  
http://thestamp.umd.edu/GH/  
- On and off campus graduate student services and programs

**Office of Off-Campus Housing**  
- Housing search, roommate finder, rental database

**Department of Transportation Services**  
www.dots.umd.edu  
- Parking, shuttle, biking, parking registration, campus maps

**University Health Center**  
www.health.umd.edu  
- Clinical services, health promotion, required immunizations, and medical history forms

**A. James Clark School of Engineering**  
www.eng.umd.edu  
- Home page, links to general information

**University Career Center**  
https://www.careers.umd.edu/  
- Extensive career services, finding a part time job on campus

**Engineering Co-Op Career Services**  
1131 Glen L. Martin Hall 301-405-3863  
co-op@eng.umd.edu  
https://eng.umd.edu/careers/students/job-search-tips  
- Resume critiques, interview strategies, job search resources, career fairs, networking strategies, etc. tailored for engineering students

**University Human Resources**  
www.ejobs.umd.edu  
- Postings for assistantships (TAs, RAs, AAs). Please refer to the Graduate School’s policies on assistantships.

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**Academic Advising:** Dr. Dellomo  
1363 AV Williams 301-405-1233  
mdellomo@umd.edu  
www.ece.umd.edu/~mdellomo/  
- Make an appointment to discuss academic interests and course plans

**Administrative Advising:** ENTS Program Office  
2433 AV Williams 301-405-3682  
telecomprogram@umd.edu  
www.telecom.umd.edu  
- All administrative affairs including forms, student status, graduate school provisions, paper submissions

**ENTS Graduate Handbook**  
http://www.telecom.umd.edu/graduate-handbook  
ENTS Degree Requirements  
http://www.telecom.umd.edu/degree-requirements

**ENTS Placement Exams**  
http://www.telecom.umd.edu/placement-exams  
ENTS Course Descriptions  
http://www.telecom.umd.edu/courselist

**ENTS Forms**  
http://www.telecom.umd.edu/forms-and-deadlines  
Telecommunications Students and Alumni Network (TSAN)  
http://www.tsan.umd.edu/index.php