Admission to the FPE B.S. Program

UMD has the only ABET-accredited B.S. curriculum in fire protection engineering in the U.S. About 100 undergraduate students are majoring in fire protection engineering at UMD and have opportunities to work closely with the seven full-time faculty in the Department.

Residents from Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia who attend UMD to pursue a B.S. degree in fire protection engineering may be able to take advantage of the Academic Common Market program to pay tuition at the in-state rate. For more information visit www.sreb.org/programs/acm/acmindex.asp

FAQs on applying to Engineering at UMD

1. What types of admissions are available?
   Regular admissions are for students with little or no preparation beyond high school

   Transfer admissions are for students with additional preparation. Applicants beyond their first semester at UMD who are not in Engineering should apply as internal transfers. Any student coming from a college or university other than UMD can apply as an external transfer. A college GPA of 3.0 is required. If 30 credits have been completed, SAT scores and high school GPA are not considered. Please contact the FPE department for detailed information on transfer admissions.

2. What is required for regular admissions?
   Admission requires graduation from high school with good grades, good SAT scores, and good preparation in math and the sciences.

3. What is the 2012 freshman class profile?
   Applications 5,000
   Admissions 1,800
   Enrollments 700
   Women 24%
   Minorities 13%
   Average SAT 1386
   Average HS GPA 4.25

4. Does UMD have early decision?
   No. Almost all applicants apply for the early action deadline of Nov. 1 This allows possible admission into special programs, like the Honors College and College Park Scholars, and University
merit scholarships. Applicants are notified in early February and must confirm their decision by May 1.

5. When can I visit?
You can arrange a tour with admissions, [http://www.uga.umd.edu/visit/schedulevisit.cfm](http://www.uga.umd.edu/visit/schedulevisit.cfm). You can also attend a Friday Information Session in Engineering [http://www.eng.umd.edu/prospective/info-sessions](http://www.eng.umd.edu/prospective/info-sessions). The best time to visit the FPE Department is during a UMD Open House, [http://www.admissions.umd.edu/admitted/springopenhouse.cfm](http://www.admissions.umd.edu/admitted/springopenhouse.cfm). If you would like a personalized tour where you can meet a current student, please contact prospengr@umd.edu.

**Arrangements for firefighters**
Students may live in a fire station near campus to avoid rooming charges (students still need to pay for meals and living expenses). Participating stations include College Park, Berwyn Heights and Hyattsville. For any volunteer fire fighter in the state of Maryland, who has been an active volunteer for at least 1 year, they will be reimbursed for the in-state tuition after the semester.