Transferring into 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 transferring into Engineering at UMD
1. Who is a potential transfer student?
   This is any student beyond their first semester at UMD who is not in Engineering (internal transfer) and any student coming from a college or university other than UMD (external transfer).

2. What are the admission requirements for transfer students into fire protection engineering?
   Both internal and external transfers will be admitted to the Clark School if they meet the following admission requirements:
   • An overall GPA of 3.0 in all college coursework.
   • Completion of ENGL101: Fundamental English.
   • Completion of at least one distributive studies (CORE) or general education course (see http://www.ugst.umd.edu/core/).
   • Completion of the following gateway courses with a 2.0 grade or better. Only one repeat (W or grade below 2.0) is allowed.
     MATH141: Calculus II;
     PHYS161: Physics I; and
     CHEM135: Chemistry for Engineers, or CHEM271: Chemistry II with laboratory
     Students applying to Engineering in Spring 2014 or later must have a B– or better in MATH141 and PHYS161 and a C– or better in CHEM135 or 271.

   If you have questions about the transfer process, evaluation of credits or admission criteria please e-mail transfer_engr@umd.edu. If you have questions specific to the application or your admission status please contact the Limited Enrollment Advisor/Representative of Undergraduate Admissions at jmbowen@umd.edu.

3. Are SAT scores or high school grades still used by admissions for transfer students?

1 5/24/12
Once you have taken at least 30 credits at one or more other institutions, SAT scores and high school GPA are not used.

4. How can students determine if a course at their institution is equivalent to a UM course? A database of the equivalent UM courses with courses at other institutions is available at the Transfer Credit Center [http://www.tce.umd.edu/](http://www.tce.umd.edu/) To request to have a course added to the database, contact the Transfer Credit Center. Transfer credit is possible only for a grade of 2.0 or better.

5. When can students transfer? Students can apply anytime after they have successfully completed the gateway requirements. Students can only apply to the engineering school once. However if an external transfer student applies and does not get accepted due to missing a requirement or a GPA below 3.0, they can apply one more time once they are a UMD student within a different major.

6. Is there a maximum number of credits that a student can transfer? You may transfer up to 60 credits from a community college; up to 90 credits from a 4-year institution; or any number of credits from a previous degree at UMCP. You cannot transfer any ENFP courses, and must take at least 30 credits at UMD.

7. What if I am admitted to Letters and Sciences, not Engineering? If you enroll in Letters and Sciences, you can apply to Engineering as an internal transfer, see [http://www.eng.umd.edu/advising/transfer](http://www.eng.umd.edu/advising/transfer). For additional information, contact transfer_engr@umd.edu. It may be difficult for you to graduate within 4 years.

8. Can I visit campus? Yes. 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.