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# **University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)**

## Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget

### Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

House Appropriations Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

Delegate Mark S. Chang, Chair

March 11, 2024

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

Capital Budget Subcommittee

Senator Craig J. Zucker, Chair

March 12, 2024



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# UMBC CAPITAL BUDGET

## 2024 Legislative Hearings

Presented by  
**Valerie Sheares Ashby**  
*President*  
*University of Maryland, Baltimore County*





In this, my second year as president of UMBC, I am more inspired and optimistic than ever about the future of this extraordinary institution and the role it will play in advancing the great state of Maryland and the lives of all Marylanders.

What I know about UMBC is that it is a bold, dynamic institution filled with people who are deeply dedicated to its public mission and driven by its vision for inclusive excellence. I know that UMBC is transforming individual lives and changing family trajectories, creating knowledge, and educating a sophisticated, highly skilled workforce that is contributing to the economic vitality of the state.

What I know about Maryland is that there is nowhere better to pursue higher education, and that we are all beneficiaries of the longstanding support for education that the state's local and statewide leaders have shown. This is a state that believes in higher education and knows that its purpose lies not just in individual achievement, but also in lifting up all of society.

As a university, our aim is to advance understanding—of ourselves, one another, and our world—and to pursue peace and justice for all of humanity. This very public purpose seems ever-more relevant, valuable, and urgent. On behalf of the entire UMBC community, thank you for your continued support and partnership in this critical mission.

Valerie Sheares Ashby  
President, UMBC

*Moments captured on stage and with students at President Sheares Ashby's Inauguration in April 2023.*



# By the Numbers

## Who We Are

We pride ourselves on making education inclusive for all. This is a snapshot of our student body at our Baltimore County and Shady Grove campuses:

**14,148**

Total Enrollment\*

\* As of Fall 2023

**29.9%**

First-Generation Students

**10,490**

Undergraduate

**30.5%**

Transfer Students

**3,658**

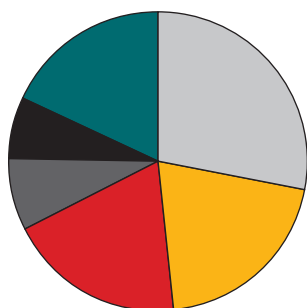
Graduate

**92.6%**

In-State Students

**90+**

Countries Represented



### Student Enrollment

- African American 20.2%
- Asian American 19.3%
- Hispanic 7.7%
- International 17.8%
- Other 6.8%
- White 28.2%

## Our Impact

Our students graduate ready to make a difference in Maryland and beyond.

**90,000+**

proud Retriever alumni

**71%**

stay in Maryland

**92%**

of degree recipients are employed and/or pursuing further education within six months of graduating\*

\* Class of 2022

**78%**

of those employed obtained jobs in Maryland, directly impacting our economy

## Top Rankings

Here's what others are saying about UMBC.

**#12**

National leader for undergraduate teaching programs, *U.S. News*

**#87**

In the nation, best colleges for veterans, *U.S. News*

**Top 100**

Public universities to receive federal research funding, Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) survey

**14 years in a row**

*ModernThink's* Great Colleges to Work For

**Top 50**

Green College, *The Princeton Review*







# Student Services Building

A new Student Services Building (SSB) will centralize critical student support resources on the UMBC campus. The project promises to create a hub of student-centered activity at the heart of campus nearby student housing, the AOK Library, and The Commons.

Conceived as a place well-suited to collaborative opportunities, the SSB will expand the ways students engage with each other outside of the classroom.

In addition to addressing space needs, the project will conspicuously support the key strategic goal of enhancing each UMBC student's complete experience: from the very first time they tour campus to their future involvement as Retriever alumni.

## Return On Investment

- Increase students' satisfaction with service delivery and persistence along their path to graduation.
- Increase student retention and enhance recruitment.
- Support strategic institutional goals relating to time-to-graduation.
- Improve learning outcomes.

## Governor's FY 2025 Five-Year Capital Plan

• FY 2029	\$5,903,000 (design)
• OUT YEARS	\$188,360,000
• TOTAL COST	\$194,263,000
• GSF	120,000
• OPENING	Fall 2032



## Current Student Services Locations

### ◆ All New Students

- Bookstore (The Commons)
- Campus Card (University Center)
- Bill Payment (Student Business Services, Administration Building)
- Class schedule changes (Registrar, Sherman Hall)
- Academic Advising (Sherman Hall)
- Health/Mental Health Services (Center for Well-Being)
- Financial Aid questions (Library)
- Academic Success Center (Library)
- Campus Life/student involvement (The Commons)
- Recreation/intramural sports (The Retriever Activity Center)
- Parking permit questions (Parking Services)
- Employment/internship opportunities (Career Center, Math/Psychology Building)

### ◆ Incoming First Year Residential Students

- Residential Life (Erickson Hall)

### ◆ Incoming First Year Commuter Students

- Commuter Lounge/Assistance (Off-Campus Student Services, The Commons)

### ◆ Incoming Graduate Students

- Graduate School-specific questions (Graduate School, Administration Building)

### ◆ Incoming International Students

- Center for Global Engagement (Administration Building and University Center)
- Secure housing on or off campus (Contact Residential Life, Erickson Hall; or Off-Campus Student Services, The Commons, for additional help)

# Janet and Walter Sondheim Hall Renovation

Janet and Walter Sondheim Hall is home to teaching and research that promote the health and well-being of people and communities throughout Maryland. Much of this is through engaged scholarship activities that require accessible, welcoming, and collaborative spaces that are lacking in the building.

The Sondheim Hall project is emblematic of UMBC's commitment to expanding opportunities in graduate and undergraduate research: psychologists, human geographers, ecologists, data scientists, and policy analysts work in labs that are only steps away from classrooms.

In FY2022, research conducted in Sondheim Hall represented more than 10% of UMBC R&D expenditures reported to the National Science Foundation. The building renewal project will make urgently needed modernizations to this 50-year-old facility to provide a suitable home for a 21st century research enterprise and support UMBC's R1 status.



## Return On Investment

- Develops spaces optimized to support student engagement with research and welcoming to community partners.
- Avoidance of \$60+ M in capital expenditures by not constructing a comparable new building.
- Extends the useful life of Sondheim another 50 years.

## Governor's FY 2025 Five-Year Capital Plan

• FY 2028	\$3,448,000 (design)
• FY 2029	\$2,682,000 (design)
• OUT YEARS	\$86,646,000
• TOTAL COST	\$92,776,000
• GSF	94,144
• OPENING	Spring 2031





# Sherman Hall Renovation

Renewal of Sherman Hall is underway with Phase I construction finishing in summer 2025 and Phase II in fall 2026.

Sherman Hall is the heart of UMBC's investments in STEM education with a special emphasis (through both the Sherman and Meyerhoff Scholars programs) on supporting high-needs areas that have a legacy of being underserved.

We thank the state for its support of the Sherman Hall renewal.



## Return On Investment

- Avoidance of future costly repairs.
- Avoidance of \$65 M in capital expenditures by not constructing a comparable new building.
- Extends the useful life of Sherman Hall another 50 years.

## Governor's FY 2025 Five-Year Capital Plan:

• Prior Allocations	\$45,725,000
• FY 2025	\$18,265,000 (construction & equipment)
• FY 2026	\$28,211,000 (construction & equipment)
• FY 2027	\$2,087,000 (equipment)
• TOTAL COST	\$94,288,000
• GSF	122,545
• OPENING	Fall 2026







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