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Voting Plan Information

The UMCES Student Voting Plan is the official voting guide that, in compliance with 2021 Maryland House Bill 156 “Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act”, outlines the steps that UMCES will take to encourage student civic engagement and voter participation. It also includes information about the 2024 election, including voting procedures for each county or city in which an UMCES unit is located.

Voter Engagement Leadership

Primary Contacts

Staff Leader: Amy Griffin, Manager of Student Affairs, University Administration

Chief of Staff: Dave Nemazie, University Administration

The UMCES voter engagement leadership will meet monthly starting in June of the election year. The group will ensure plans, official communications, and any speakers are coordinated at the UMCES and unit levels. The staff and student leaders will meet regularly throughout the year with the University System of Maryland Civic Engagement Committee.

Voter Information

Voters in Maryland have three methods to cast their ballots. These include mail-in ballots, early voting, and Election Day voting. For more information on this and related information, see below and the Maryland State Board of Elections website: <https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/index.html>

Voter Registration Process and Deadlines

To see voter registration information for the State of Maryland and for counties in which our labs are located, please see these websites:

Maryland: https://elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/index.html

Allegany County: <https://alleganygov.org/158/Election-Office>

Anne Arundel County: <https://www.aacounty.org/elections/voting-information>

Baltimore City: <https://boe.baltimorecity.gov/>

Calvert County: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/154/Election-Board>

Dorchester County: <https://www.docomdelections.org/>

Prince George's County: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/559/Board-of-Elections>

For the 2024 elections, voter registration closes on the following dates:

- April 23, 2024 Deadline to register to vote and update registration information for the Gubernatorial Primary Election. If using [Maryland's Online Voter Registration System \(OLVR\)](#), you have until 11:59 pm to submit your application. If registering in person, the deadline to register is 5 PM.
- Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Deadline to register to vote, update registration information, or change party affiliation for the Gubernatorial General Election. If using [Maryland's Online Voter Registration System \(OLVR\)](#), you have until 11:59 pm to submit your application. If registering in person, the deadline to register is 5 PM.

If you are unable register by the dates above, you still have the option to go to an early voting center in the county where you live during early voting, or go to [your assigned election day polling place](#) and bring a document that proves where you live. To prove where you live, bring your MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, or your paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with your name and new address.

Voter Qualifications

To register to vote, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen;
- A Maryland resident; and
- At least 16 years old*.

You cannot have been:

- Convicted of buying or selling votes;
- Under guardianship for mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote; or
- Are currently serving a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction

*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

Ballots by Mail

For UMCES students wishing to request a Maryland ballot by mail, please see this website:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

Early Voting

Early voting centers are located in each county and available to those eligible to vote. Additionally, voters may drop their ballots off at a number of ballot drop boxes throughout their counties.

Allegany County

The Early Voting Center for Allegany County voters is located at the Allegany County Office Complex / 701 Kelly Road / Room 100 / Cumberland, MD 21502

Ballot Drop Box Locations: <https://alleganygov.org/1692/Registration-Voting-and-More>

Public transportation bus routes and schedules that are available to Allegany County residents are located here: <https://alleganygov.org/1634/Bus-Schedule>

Anne Arundel County

The Early Voting Center for Anne Arundel voters will be updated throughout the year and made available here: <https://www.aacounty.org/elections/early-voting-center-waiting-times>

Annapolis public transportation bus routes and schedules are located here: <https://www.annapolis.gov/185/Bus-Routes-Schedules>

Baltimore City

Early Voting Centers and Ballot Drop Boxes for Baltimore City voters: <https://boe.baltimorecity.gov/voter-information>

Public transportation options are available here, including bus schedules (<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule?type=local-bus>) and Light RailLink information (<https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule/lighttrail>)

Calvert County

Early Voting Centers and Ballot Drop Off Locations: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/155/Early-Voting-and-Vote-By-Mail>

- 2024 Primary Election Early Voting: May 2, 2024 through May 9, 2024 (includes Saturday and Sunday)
- 2024 General Election Early Voting: Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024 through Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024 (includes Saturday and Sunday)

Voting hours are 7 a.m.-8 p.m. for each day of Early Voting. Public transportation bus routes and schedules that are available to Calvert residents are located here: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/885/Bus-Schedules>

Dorchester County

The Early Voting Center for Dorchester County voters is located in the Dorchester County Early Voting Center / 1000 Goodwill Ave / Cambridge, MD 21613. Delmarva Community Transit is available throughout the Mid-Shore area with regularly scheduled routes Monday through Saturday (<https://www.dcsdct.org/transportation--mobility.html>).

Prince George's County

Information on early voting in Prince George's County, including locations of early voting centers, can be found here: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1694/Early-Voting-Election-Day-Vote-Centers>

Public transportation bus routes and schedules that are available to Prince George's County residents are located here, operating Monday through Saturday:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1122/Routes-Schedules>

Election Day Voting

Polling Locations

- State of Maryland (search allows you to find your polling location): <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>
- Allegany County: <https://alleganygov.org/1692/Registration-Voting-and-More>
- Anne Arundel County: <https://www.aacounty.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/2024-polling-place-list.pdf>
- Baltimore City: <https://boe.baltimorecity.gov/voter-information>
- Calvert County: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/158/Polling-Places>
- Dorchester County: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>
- Prince George's County: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1694/Early-Voting-Election-Day-Vote-Centers>

Find Your Elected Officials

To learn who your elected officials are, both in the State of Maryland and in the U.S. Congress, please see this website:

<https://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=177afa87a67746a4ac5496b2d0897fb7>

Voting Encouragement

UMCES actively encourages students, faculty, and staff to vote via email encouragement from the President's Office. Resources are provided to everyone, including information regarding early voting, mail-in ballots, and in-person voting on Election Day. UMCES is working toward formalizing an official policy allowing a student to be excused from class or absent from a job with the institution for a period not to exceed 2 hours for the purpose of voting on Election Day.

Election Judges

UMCES students at our different units have served as election judges in past elections. Students serving as election judges engage in the voting process by ensuring that elections are both fair and accessible to all. For more information on becoming an election judge, see these websites:

State of Maryland: https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/election_judges.html
Allegany County: <https://alleganygov.org/1749/Apply-to-be-a-Paid-Election-Judge>
Anne Arundel County: <https://www.aacounty.org/elections/election-judges>
Baltimore City: <https://boe.baltimorecity.gov/boe-election-judges>
Calvert County: <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/159/Election-Judges>
Dorchester County: <https://www.docomdelections.org/election-judges>
Prince George's County: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/board-elections/election-judge>

Timeline

June-November, 2024: **Monthly meetings of the UMCES Civic Engagement Committee**

June 2024: **Campus-wide Email Reminding Eligible Students to Register to Vote**

May 2-9, 2024: **Early Voting for the Primary Election**

May 14, 2024: **Maryland Primary Election**

October 24- October 31, 2024: **Early Voting for the General Election**

Early November 2024: **UMCES President to Send out General Election Communication**

November 5, 2024: **Maryland General Election**

November 2024: **UMCES Government Liaison to Debrief the UMCES Students on Election Results**

The UMCES voter engagement leadership will work closely with the UMCES Graduate Student Council to help increase voter registration, encourage voting by the UMCES student body, and continue civic engagement activities around our campuses.

The UMCES Student Voting Plan 2024 was completed by the Vice President for Education Office at University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Please direct any comments or questions to education@umces.edu