

Military/Veteran Student

Winter Application & Enrollment Checklist

This checklist is only a guide and does not include every contingency that a student may face when applying to UM-Ann Arbor. Students applying to UM-Ann Arbor should follow instructions and guidelines from the Admissions website (admissions.umich.edu) and the college or school they wish to major in.

The winter (January to May) term admission deadline for most academic programs is **Oct. 1**. All application materials must be received by Admissions for consideration by this date.

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1) Research If Michigan Is Right for You

Learn more about what life is like at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor: admissions.umich.edu/explore-visit

Explore our 280+ undergraduate degree programs located in our 14 schools and colleges: admissions.umich.edu/academics-majors/majors-degrees

➔ **Be sure to go to the website for the school or college you are considering — there may be additional requirements for admission and even different application procedures.**

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2) Examine If Michigan Is Right for You – Right Now

The University of Michigan is a highly ranked national university. We are ranked consistently as one of the best public universities nationally by U.S. News and World Report and one of the best public universities in the world by QS World University Rankings.

We lead the world in areas of business, engineering, research, medicine, mental health care, and many other fields. Admission to the university is a competitive process, and our students, once here, need to be very well prepared academically to succeed.

We suggest that if you have been out of high school for more than two years, taking some college-level classes prior to applying. Preferably those courses would be taught in a classroom at a community college, public university, or regionally accredited school.

Some military training such as the Defense Language Institute and military academies would be acceptable as well. Most of our students who have served in the military or who are now serving took college-level classes before they applied to U-M.

➔ **Learn more about transfer credits:**
admissions.umich.edu/apply/transfer-students/transfer-credit

3) Schedule a Visit

We understand that not everyone can visit our campus – but if you can, please do. We would love to have you attend one of our Transfer Information Sessions and get a walking tour of the university campus.

Campus Visit Resources:

Campus visits:

admissions.umich.edu/explore-visit/visit-campus

College of Engineering visits:

engin.umich.edu/college/admissions/visit

Virtual tour:

tour.umich.edu

4) Prepare for Your Application

1. Collect your official high school records or GED information.
2. Request all post-secondary institutional transcripts including all coursework outside of high school or accredited military colleges.
3. Request transcripts from all military training and colleges:

- ☐ Joint Services Transcript:

jst.doded.mil/jst

- ☐ Air University (formally Community College of the Air Force):

auservicedesk.af.edu/education?id=au_landing

➔ **U-M is very conservative in awarding credits for classes or programs that were taken at other institutions. It is the discretion of the school or college within the university to what credits will transfer. Learn more at admissions.umich.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/transfer-credit.**

5) Send or Self-report Your Test Scores

Submitting ACT or SAT scores is optional. If you took either test as a high school student, you can send those scores to the university so they can be evaluated as part of your transfer application; please have the scores sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions from the testing agency. If you have not yet had your scores reported to the University of Michigan, you may request to have them sent online using these links:

ACT (U-M code is 2062):

act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/scores.html

SAT (U-M code is 1839):

sat.collegeboard.org/scores

Please Note: Rush paper scores are not accepted.

➔ **Visit admissions.umich.edu/appchanges for more information on the most current admissions requirements.**

Remember:

If you did not take the ACT or SAT as a high school student, you should NOT sit for the exams as a college student. Standardized test scores are not required for your application.

6)

Submit Application

All transfer students are required to submit the following prior to the deadline date.

If you are applying to the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) or Engineering, you will use the Common App (commonapp.org).

The application fee is waived for current and former military members for the Common App.

Application Checklist:

- ☐ Completed application (The Common Application)
- ☐ U-M Essay Questions and Writing Supplement:
admissions.umich.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/essay-questions
- ☐ Final official secondary school record, including 9th-12th grades, test data, and graduation date
- ☐ GED results (if applicable)
- ☐ Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- ☐ Academic evaluator/instructor recommendation (recommended but not required); if this is not available, a letter from a commanding officer or NCO
- ☐ Application fee (if applicable)
- ☐ Required test scores (MET, TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo), if applicable for non-native speakers of English

Application Resources:

Application tips:

admissions.umich.edu/apply

Information on the application process:

admissions.umich.edu/apply/first-year-applicants/selection-process

Requirements and deadlines:

admissions.umich.edu/apply/transfer-applicants/requirements-deadlines

6. Submit application (continued)

➔ **Schools and colleges with special prerequisites**

The schools or colleges listed below also use the Common App but have special requirements and prerequisites. Please find out more information on their websites.

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| ➔ Marsal Family School of Education Deadline: Oct. 1 marsal.umich.edu/prospective-students | ➔ School of Kinesiology Deadline: Oct. 1 kines.umich.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate/transfer |
| ➔ College of Engineering Deadline: Oct. 1 engin.umich.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate/apply | ➔ School of Music, Theatre & Dance Deadline: Oct. 15 smt.d.umich.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/apply |

➔ **Schools and colleges with no winter admission**

The following schools do not have a winter semester admission. You would need to apply for fall term admission. However, many offer cross-campus transfer so you can apply for winter semester through our College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and apply for transfer later to one of the schools below.

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| ➔ Ross School of Business Deadline: March 31 michiganross.umich.edu/undergraduate/bba/admissions/transfer-applicants | ➔ Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning Deadline: Feb. 1 taubmancollege.umich.edu/architecture/admissions/apply |
| ➔ Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Deadline: Feb. 1 <i>Bachelor of Science in Information ONLY open to cross-campus transfers – if you are interested in the program, please contact the school directly and consider applying through LSA.</i> fordschool.umich.edu/admissions/ba | ➔ Stamps School of Art & Design Deadline: Feb. 1 stamps.umich.edu/undergraduate-admissions |
| ➔ School of Information Deadline: Feb. 1 si.umich.edu/programs/bachelor-science-information/how-do-i-apply/new-transfer-students-bsi | ➔ School of Nursing Deadline: March 1 nursing.umich.edu/admissions/application-information |
| | ➔ College of Pharmacy Deadline: March 1 pharmacy.umich.edu/prospective-students/admissions |
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Apply for Financial Aid

Even if you are using your VA benefits to pay for your education, we highly encourage you to apply for and fill out all financial aid paperwork. Federal aid is not connected with your VA benefits and can be used for other college expenses beyond tuition.

Financial Aid Checklist:

- ☐ Begin here: finaid.umich.edu/apply-aid/veterans-military-affiliated-students
- ☐ Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- ☐ Fill out the CSS Profile if you are a dependent student (U-M Code is 1839): cssprofile.collegeboard.org
- ☐ Once admitted, go to My Scholarship Profile to ensure you apply for all scholarships for which you are eligible: finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/undergraduate
- ☐ Contact your academic unit's financial aid office for specific scholarships by academic unit: finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/undergraduate
- ☐ Look for private military scholarships: vets.umich.edu/education-benefits-aid/scholarships
- ☐ Explore state of Michigan scholarships: michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- ☐ Browse private scholarships: finaid.umich.edu/types-aid/scholarships/undergraduate/ofa-scholarship-listing

- **University of Michigan offers the Go Blue Guarantee. If your family income is below \$75K and you have less than \$75K in assets, you may qualify for up to four years of free tuition at Michigan's Ann Arbor campus, allowing you to save your veteran's benefits for graduate school or a family member. Learn more at goblueguarantee.umich.edu.**
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Admissions Decision

You will receive your admissions decision through the Enrollment Connect student portal.

If you are not admitted, please call the admissions office or your targeted school or college to find out how to improve your admissions candidacy — many students who are currently at the university applied more than once.

- **Many students who were initially not accepted need more college experience at a community college or other institution or need to improve their GPA. Please also contact us so we can talk to you about this.**
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9) Pay Your Enrollment Deposit by Dec. 1

To secure your place at the University of Michigan, you must pay your \$300 enrollment deposit via Enrollment Connect. Go to teamdynamix.umich.edu/TDClient/154/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=7464 for detailed instructions on how to pay.

➔ **If you cannot pay your enrollment deposit, you may apply for a waiver on Enrollment Connect. However, your deposit will be due when tuition is due.**

Remember:

Your enrollment deposit is part of your tuition and will be refunded to you if you are using your Post 9/11 GI Bill.

10) Look at Your Housing Options

You will get instructions on how to access your University Housing application when your enrollment deposit has been paid or waived.

While there is no requirement to live on campus, many of our students enjoy the convenience of being close to campus, their classes, and all the excitement that is U-M.

➔ **Undergraduate housing options are on Central Campus and North Campus, and Northwood Community Apartments welcome families. Transfer students who are veterans can request graduate or family housing if there is space available.**

Housing Resources:

For undergraduate, graduate, and family housing: housing.umich.edu

For recommended off-campus housing: offcampushousing.umich.edu

11) Attend Transfer Orientation

Transfer Orientation is required. Sign up online for orientation using Wolverine Access. Watch for notification and instructions by email.

12) Update Emergency Contact Information

Enter your emergency contact information and sign up to receive U-M emergency alerts using the “Student Business” section of Wolverine Access: wolverineaccess.umich.edu

13) Apply for VA Educational Benefits

Go to: vets.umich.edu/paying-for-college/veteran-benefits to learn how to use your VA Educational Benefits at U-M. If you are using Chapter 33 benefits, we will need a Certificate of Eligibility and a Veteran Certification Request form AFTER you register for classes.

vets.umich.edu/education-benefits-aid/certification-process

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Veteran and Military Services Program:

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