

Immersive Media Design: Computing, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Fall 2024 & later

College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences Limited Enrollment Programs – lep.umd.edu

The guidelines and policies below apply to students enrolled as freshmen at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after, *and* to new transfer students enrolled at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after from institutions outside the University System of Maryland and Maryland community colleges. Several majors at the University of Maryland, known as Limited Enrollment Programs, have limited space and, therefore, have more competitive admission criteria beyond the university's general admission requirements. Students interested in an LEP major must successfully complete a specific set of courses, or "Gateway" requirements, before being reviewed for admission to the major. Review both pages of this sheet to learn about the Gateway requirements and further information.

Gateway Requirements

Gateway Courses	Required Grade	UMD Course	Transfer Institution	Transfer Course	Grade Received
Introduction to Immersive Media	B-	IMDM101			
Object-Oriented Programming I OR Object-Oriented Programming I Beyond Fundamentals OR Programming with Purpose I: Data-Centric Computer	B-	CMSC131 or CMSC133 or CMSC141			
Object-Oriented Programming II OR Programming with Purpose II: Data Structures and Algorithms	B-	CMSC132 or CMSC142			
Calculus	B-	MATH140			

A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses taken at the University of Maryland and all other institutions is required. In the semester in which students take IMDM227, a portfolio will be submitted consisting of documentation or examples of selected artistic, digital media and computing projects. Students must also include a statement of interest in the major. **Based on a review of this portfolio students will be invited to continue in the major.** A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in all courses is required at this time.

The following guidelines pertain to all Limited Enrollment Programs:

- Only one gateway or performance review course may be repeated to earn the required grade and that course may only be repeated once. When more than one course can satisfy a gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat. Please note that a grade of "W" is considered an attempt and must be repeated.
- Students may apply once to an LEP.
- Students who were directly admitted and fail to meet the performance review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 after admission to an LEP. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.
- Any student denied admission to the major or dismissed from the major may appeal in writing to the College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences advising office at cmnsque@umd.edu.

Applying to the Major

Admissions to the Immersive Media Design major will be competitive and based on a student's academic record as well as evidence of interest, commitment and previous work in artistic and digital media. Students applying to the University and major are encouraged to share and highlight their interest and their previous relevant work and activities. Interested students are encouraged to contact an advisor to understand the requirements of the LEP.

External Transfer Students: The guidelines and policies below apply to students enrolled as freshmen at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after, and to new transfer students enrolled at the University of Maryland in Fall 2024 and after from institutions outside the University System of Maryland and Maryland community colleges. Students applying to the University of Maryland from other institutions apply to LEPs through the general application for admission to the University by indicating their major of interest. Students are first reviewed for admission to the University, and then, if admitted, are reviewed for admission to Limited Enrollment Program majors based on LEP standards. Applicants who have completed all required Gateway courses at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision in late April for fall admission and late October for spring admission. Students who are in the process of completing the required Gateways at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision to the university at the previously mentioned times, but will be notified about the major decision after the semester has ended and final grades for the semester have been calculated. Students should be sure to send their final transcript from their previous institution if they are taking classes at the time of application.

They should also complete the IMDM portfolio portion of the application that consists of documentation or examples of selected artistic, digital media and computing projects, along with a statement of interest in the major.

Current UMD Students (Internal Transfer Students): Students currently attending the University of Maryland who wish to switch to an LEP or add an LEP as a second major can submit an LEP application through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The LEP application is made available following the add/drop deadline of each semester. Internal transfer students should complete the application either during the semester in which they complete the required gateway courses or immediately after they complete the required sophomore year course IMDM227. This timeline is dependent upon the application deadline for the student's preferred major. When previewing the application prior to submission, you will see all portions of the online application form, including those not relevant to the program for which you are applying. This is to be expected and will not impact your application provided you completed the sections relevant to your desired LEP major. The LEP application will include a portfolio that consists of documentation or examples of selected artistic, digital media and computing projects, along with a statement of interest in the major.

Please note: Students applying for the fall semester are able to complete a gateway course during the summer, either at UMD or another institution. In order to be considered, courses must be taken during UMD's Summer 1 Session. If the course is taken at another institution, it must be completed by the end of UMD's Summer 1 Session. Students applying to change their major for the spring semester are not able to complete gateway courses during the winter term.

A minimum grade point average of 2.7 across ALL attempted college coursework is required for consideration for all external and transfer applicants. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 across ALL attempted college coursework is required for consideration for all students admitted to the major in the first year

First Year Students: Incoming students can apply for direct admission to the major. If admitted to the campus, their applications will be reviewed for admission to the major based on a holistic review of their academic record with attention to evidence of accomplishment in computing, digital media and art courses and activities. When previewing the application to the campus prior to submission, you will see all portions of the online application form, including those not relevant to the program for which you are applying. This is to be expected and will not impact your application provided you completed the sections relevant to your desired LEP major.

After completing the gateway courses at UMD, or during the required sophomore year course IMDM227, students will apply for final admission to the major by completing an LEP portfolio application. This consists of documentation or examples of selected artistic, digital media and computing projects, along with a statement of interest in the major and a transcript. Based on a review of this portfolio students will be invited to continue in the major.

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