University Acronyms & Abbreviations

The following is a list of acronyms frequently used at UMD.

COLLEGES, Major Academic Units, and Institutes:
- AGNR: College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
- ARCH: School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation
- ARHU: College of Arts & Humanities
- BMGT: Robert H. Smith School of Business
- BSOS: College of Behavioral & Social Sciences
- CMNS: College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences
- EDUC: College of Education
- ENGR: A. James Clark School of Engineering
- ESSIC: Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center
- EXST: Office of Extended Studies
- GRAD: Graduate School
- IBBR: Institute for Bioscience & Biotechnology Research
- INFO/iSchool: College of Information Studies
- IPST: Institute for Physical Science & Technology
- IREAD: Institute for Research in Electronics & Applied Physics
- ISR: Institute for Systems Research
- LIBR: University Libraries
- JOUR: Philip Merrill College of Journalism
- PLCY: School of Public Policy
- SPHL: School of Public Health
- UGST: Undergraduate Studies
- UME: University of Maryland Extension (within College of Agriculture & Natural Resources)
- UMIACS: University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies

ADS: Accessibility & Disability Service (formerly DSS - Disability Support Service)
AEP: Appointment, Evaluation, and Promotion (for professional track faculty members)
ALF: Provost's Academic Leadership Forum
ALP: Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program
AMP: Administrative Modernization Program
APT: Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure (for tenured and tenure-track faculty members)
ARES: Administrative Resource Enterprise Services
BETA: Behavior Evaluation and Threat Assessment
BISS: Bias Incident Support Services
BOR: University System of Maryland Board of Regents
CLOC: Center for Leadership & Organizational Change
CLPR: Campus License Plate Registration
CSPAC/The Clarice: The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center
DEO: Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officers Program
DivIT/OIT: Division of Information Technology
DOTS: Department of Transportation Services
DST: Distinguished Scholar-Teacher
DRIF: Designated Research Initiative Funds
DUP: Distinguished University Professor
ELMS: Electronic Learning Management System, a.k.a. “Canvas”
FA: Faculty Assistant
FML/FMLA: Family and Medical Leave (Act)
FTE: Full-Time Equivalent
IRPA: Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
LWOP: Leave of Absence Without Pay
Middle States: Higher education accrediting organization for UMD
MPower: Research and academic collaboration between UM Baltimore and UMD
ODI: Office of Diversity & Inclusion
OCRSM: Office of Civil Rights and Sexual Misconduct (Title IX Office)
OFA: Office of Faculty Affairs
OPA: Outside Professional Activities (annual report)
PHR: Payroll & Human Resources System
PPFP: President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program
PPL: Paid Parental Leave
PTK: Professional Track Faculty
RASA: Research and Scholarship Award

SVPAA: Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs (Provost's Office)

Testudo: Web portal for course registration and academic record

TLTC: Teaching and Learning Transformation Center

The Stamp: Adele H. Stamp Student Union

TTK: Tenured and Tenure Track Faculty

UBC: University Book Center

UHR: University Human Resources

UM/UMD/UMCP: University of Maryland, College Park

UMB: University of Maryland, Baltimore

UMEG: University of Maryland Electronic Grading System

UMPD: University of Maryland Police Department

UR: University Relations

USM: University System of Maryland

VPAF: Division of Administration & Finance

VPR: Division of Research