

# ACCREDITATION AND AUTHORIZATION

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## Accreditation

The University of Maryland, College Park is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), <http://msche.org>, under the authority of the U.S. Department of Education. Contact information:

Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
1007 North Orange Street  
4th Floor, MB #166  
Wilmington, DE 19801

In addition, individual colleges, schools, and departments are accredited by a number of other groups:

### Accreditors Approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
- American Psychological Association, Committee on Accreditation
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education
- Commission on English Language Program Accreditation
- Council on Education for Public Health
- National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation
- National Association of Schools of Music

### Other Accreditors

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education
- American Library Association (ALA)
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP)
- Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET)
- Accrediting Council on Education on Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC)
- Institute of Food Technologists
- Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB)
- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
- Planning Accreditation Board

### Evaluated Rather Than Accredited

- Maryland Sea Grant College (National Sea Grant Review Panel)
- Water Resources Center (United States Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey)

For more information about Accreditation see <http://provost.umd.edu/accreditation/>.

## Authorization

The University of Maryland, College Park is authorized to operate in the state of Maryland by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), <http://mhec.maryland.gov>. All degree and certificate programs are approved by MHEC and the University System of Maryland. The university adheres to MHEC's student complaint process ([https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions\\_training/Pages/career/pcs/complaint.aspx](https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/career/pcs/complaint.aspx)).

The University of Maryland, College Park is a participating institution in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), <http://nc-sara.org>, and is thereby authorized to offer online programs in all participating NC-SARA states and territories. The university adheres to NC-SARA's student complaint process (<https://nc-sara.org/sara-student-complaints-0/>) for students in online programs.

Individual programs operating in Washington, DC, have been authorized by the Higher Education Licensing Commission of Washington, DC, <http://helc.osse.dc.gov>. Pursuant to DC's Official Code, the District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission is the agency of last resort in the grievance process.