## University of Maryland University College

**A Perspective on Broadband** 



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#### UMUC is . . .

- Maryland's leading adult and continuing higher education institution;
- the principal provider of worldwide higher education services to the U.S. military for more than 60 years;
- one of the largest public providers of fully online university courses, programs, and services in the world.

#### **About UMUC**

• Founded in 1947.

• Accredited by the **Middle States Commission on Higher Education.** 

• A degree-granting public university of the University System of Maryland.

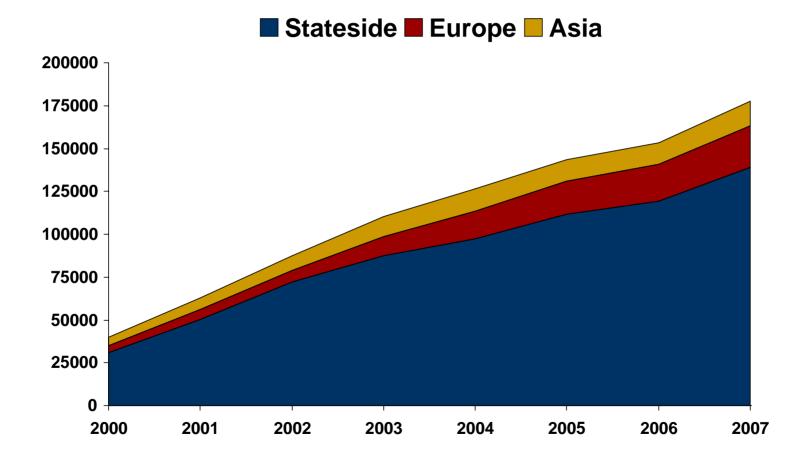
• A global university, serving more than 90,000 students and employing more than 3,000 faculty worldwide.

#### **About Our Students**

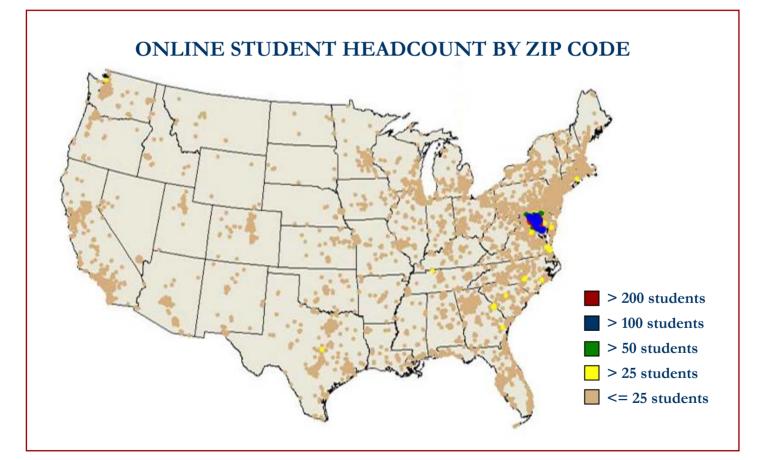
- 90% are working adults.
- Median age is 31 years.
- 57% are women.
- Almost 50% of undergraduates are first-in-family college students.
- •42% are under-represented minorities. 31% are African Americans



#### Worldwide Online Enrollments

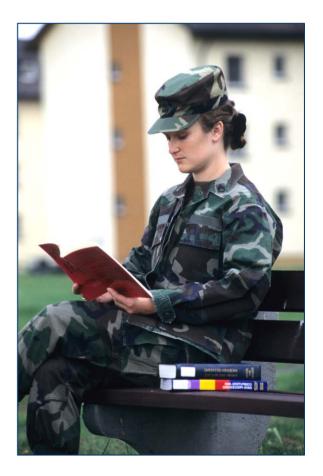


#### **U.S. Online Students**



#### Serving the U.S. Military

- UMUC is the principal provider of higher education services to active-duty service members (and their families) and veterans worldwide.
- UMUC also serves nearly 10,000 active-duty military students across the United States.



#### Serving the U.S. Military Overseas

- UMUC-Europe: Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany Classes offered at >100 locations in 21 countries
- UMUC-Asia: Headquarters in Yokota, Japan

Classes offered at 50 locations throughout Asia and the Pacific

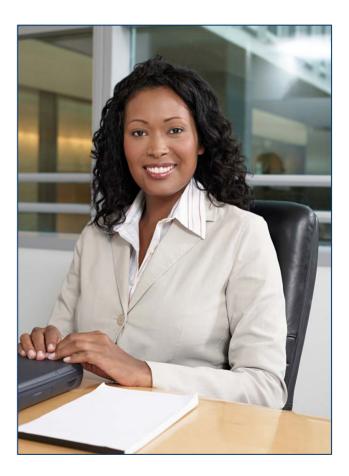
### **UMUC's Academic Programs**

- 32 undergraduate degree programs
- 14 master's degree programs
- The Doctor of Management (DM) program
- Baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate certificates



#### **UMUC** and **Distance** Education

- All 14 master's degree programs, 27 of 32 bachelor's degree programs, and 58 certificate programs are available entirely online.
- More than 800 individual courses are available online.
- More than 189,000 online enrollments were recorded in 2008.



#### **International Collaborations**

Dual-degree Programs, Collaborative Programs, and Faculty Exchanges

•Baikal School of International Business at Irkutsk State University, Russia

- •Far Eastern National University in Vladivostok, Russia
- Carl von Ossietzky Universitat, Oldenburg, Germany
- Higher School of Insurance and Finance in Sofia, Bulgaria
- •Athabasca University in Athabasca, Canada
- •University of Vaasa in Vaasa, Finland
- •Aydin University in Istanbul, Turkey

#### **Benefits of Online**

Provide access to underrepresented groups 42% minorities (33% African Americans) Respond quickly to workforce needs Biotech, Homeland Security, Info Assurance Overcome time & geographic barriers >90% working, most F/T Strengthen technology fluency & information literacy

# Thank you!