

Is umd.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

umd.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

umd.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

University of Maryland informational page focused on research, admissions, academics, campus life, news and institutional facts. No signs of phishing, financial solicitation, or credential harvesting in the provided DOM sample.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2007 2 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2007.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This is the University of Maryland's apparent institutional website, presenting information about research, admissions, academics, student life, campus activities, news, athletics, contact resources, and giving. Its apparent purpose is to support university recruitment, public communications, academic engagement, and fundraising rather than operate as a transactional or investment service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage content is consistent with a university information service: it presents research, admissions, academic programs, student life, campus information, news, and institutional facts, with no observed phishing, credential-harvesting, financial-solicitation, or brand-impersonation indicators. The apparent institutional identity is supported by coherent page content and a long registration record, although the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- Homepage content identifies the apparent University of Maryland context and provides university-specific sections for admissions, academics, research, student life, athletics, news, contact, and giving.
- The domain was registered in 1985 and is approximately 41.06 years old.
- Historical coverage records 2 archive snapshots, first seen on 2007-03-04 and last seen on 2007-03-04, with 1 year tracked.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, with no blacklist or phishing indication; the domain is ranked 2482 globally and is within the top 1 million sites.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as an academic institution rather than a financial or otherwise regulated commercial provider, so no service-specific license claim is expected from the observed business model. The provided institutional content does not state a licensing authority or registration number, and the available evidence does not independently verify the operator's real-world identity; these are verification considerations rather than indications of deception. The site's established public authority, clean external reputation, and stable technical controls are consistent with an apparently legitimate institutional website.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is categorized as an informational university site and describes indirect institutional funding through tuition, grants, and donations rather than on-page transactional schemes.
- The site has high page-authority signals and no matched third-party broker-reputation record.
- The website is served from AS209242, CLOUDFLARESPECTRUM - Cloudflare London, LLC, US.
- Its TLS certificate uses DV validation, is issued by YE1, and is valid until 2026-10-30T10:23:10+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm that the institutional domain and contact routes correspond to the intended University of Maryland entity through an official directory or an offline channel. For donations or other payments, review the applicable recipient details, transaction confirmation, and payment-protection terms before completion. Any account access should be initiated from a known institutional route rather than an unsolicited message or unfamiliar redirect.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides Contact Us, Directory, admissions, student portal, academic-system, and giving pathways that can be cross-checked independently.
- The observed page contained no sensitive form, login form, hidden form, or password submission to an untrusted destination.
- Browser-behavior testing recorded no wallet connection, wallet-drainer activity, clipboard hijacking, cloaking, or suspicious inline scripts.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website supporting a major academic institution. The overall posture is high trust and low risk, while the connection between the website and a verified real-world operator should remain treated as apparent rather than proven.

Infrastructure Integrity

Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection is a mitigating infrastructure signal, with all observed addresses associated with CDN edge delivery and no origin candidate identified in the analysis. The hosting arrangement is consistent with a mature, protected public website, although CDN protection alone does not establish institutional ownership.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessed posture; independent institutional and payment checks should be completed before submitting credentials or making donations.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of umd.edu.

- The request stayed on umd.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2007-03-04. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARESPECTRUM, from a server in GB. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	CLOUDFLARESPECTRUM - Cloudflare London, LLC, US
Country	GB
Server IP	94.247.142.1
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-30
Domain age	41.06 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	2007-03-04
Archive snapshots	2
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about umd.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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