

Letter to the Department of Pirate Services

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Dear Capt. James C. "Eyepatch Jim" Nellington:

Ahoy. I go by the name "Mad Martha" Bingham. I am an aspiring pirate interested in learning more about the programmes and services your department offers. I am aware you offer services in parrot adoption and peg-leg repair, but have questions about each.

With regards to your parrot adoption programme, I am curious as to whether the parrots come pre-taught with various catchphrases, or if the adopter is expected to teach the parrot him- or herself. I ask because I do not possess a bingle.

I am also wondering about the cost assessment for peg-leg repair. Specifically, I wish to learn if the university financially compensates for the repairs, or if students are expected to put forward the booty. Coincidentally, I would like to know if hooks are included, or if there is a separate service for such accoutrements.

Finally, I hope your department can fill me in on whether the university offers any courses for aspiring pirates. I am aware that University of Maryland, College Park offers courses in Seafaring and Navigation, Treasure Hunting, Pirate-oriented Linguistics, and Swash Buckling 101. Please let me know if U.M.B.C. also offers such courses, as it would be a shame for me to have to transfer. I fear that not all my credits will follow me if I would have to do so.

Arr!

"Mad Martha" Bingham

P.S. I became aware last summer of an alleged plank-walking incident on campus, culminating in an upsurge of shark attacks. Please smartly confirm or deny this.