

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

International Relations Concentration

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, you should:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Review your academic audit and evaluate your career planning progress during your junior year
- Take appropriate actions to remove registration blocks and register on time
- Adhere to University and College policies and deadlines
- Be responsible for your academic actions and decisions

Academic and Career Planning advisors are here to assist you in meeting your educational and professional goals. Therefore, the College is committed to the following:

- Introducing you to major and University requirements upon your entrance to a BSOS major
- Providing assistance during academic difficulty
- Referring you to helpful campus resources
- Providing academic and career advising throughout your undergraduate career

Advising Resources

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns, career planning

2nd Floor Tydings Hall
(301) 405-1697

Advising Email: BSOSAdvising@umd.edu
Career Planning Email: BSOSCareers@umd.edu

Department Advising

Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses

****All GVPT students will have mandatory advising after 90 credits****

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GVPT Major Benchmarks

Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with the University's policies, the Department of Government and Politics expects students to make timely progress toward graduation. Under normal circumstances, full-time students are expected to complete their degree requirements in four years. Students should successfully complete a specific number of courses each academic year. To help measure progress during the early stages of a student's studies in government and politics, students will have to complete courses designated as benchmarks within a specified number of semesters in order to continue in the major.

Benchmark 1: Students must complete the following four courses within two semesters of entering the major:

- GVPT170 with a grade of C- or higher = MC POLI 101 – **Note that UMD requires an AP Government score of 4 or 5 to receive credit for POLI 101**
- One 200-level GVPT course with a grade of C- or higher (may not be experiential learning)
- One of STAT100+, MATH107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 with a grade of C- or higher = MC MATH 117 preferred or MATH 150 OR 181
- Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher = MC ENGL 102 OR 103

Note: At least one of the GVPT courses must not be from AP/IB/CLEP credit.

**** For GVPT majors, more than 3 GVPT courses per semester WILL NOT be permitted****

NAME: _____

UID: _____ DATE: _____

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General Education Requirements				GVPT Major - International Relations Concentration Requirements		
Fundamental Studies				Requirements	Credit	Grade
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>				Benchmark Requirements		
AW: Academic Writing		3	ENGL 102/103	GVPT170 (C- or higher) = MC POLI 101 American Gov.	3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3		One of STAT100+, MATH107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 (C- or higher) = MC MATH 117 Statistics preferred or MATH 150 Applied Calc or MATH 181 Calculus	3/4	
OC: Oral Communication COMM		3	COMM 108/112	One 200-level GVPT course (may not be experiential learning) (C- or higher) Choose from below Courses of Choice	3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	Benchmark Math	3	MATH 117	Academic Writing (C- or higher)	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	Could be met with Benchmark math	3		GVPT Theory Requirement (Grade of C- or higher)		
				GVPT241 = MC POLI 206 Political Ideologies or POLI 221 Comparative Politics & Gov.	3	
Distributive Studies				GVPT Methods Requirement (Grade of C- or higher)		
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>				GVPT201 = no equivalent at MC		
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4	Any	GVPT Courses of Choice (Grade of C- or higher)		
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4	Any	GVPT200 = MC POLI 203 International Relations	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	GVPT170	3	POLI 101	GVPT280 or GVPT282 = MC POLI 211 Political Ideologies or POLI 256 Politics of the Developing World	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200 Microeconomics	3	ECON 202 Micro	GVPT Course of Choice	3	
HU: Humanities		3	Any	GVPT Course of Choice 300/400 Level	3	
HU: Humanities		3	Any	IR or Comparative Course of Choice 1 300/400 Level	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	GVPT241	3	POLI 206 or 221	IR or Comparative Course of Choice 2 300/400 Level	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3	Fulfilled by MC GEIR	IR or Comparative Course of Choice 3 300/400 Level	3	
				IR or Comparative Course of Choice 4 300/400 Level	3	
				IR or Comparative Course of Choice 5 300/400 Level	3	
Signature Courses (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)				GVPT Skills Requirement (Grade of C- or higher) For Foreign Language & Quantitative Skills requirement, refer to: go.umd.edu/irmajor		
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>				1. ECON 200 Microeconomics = MC ECON 202		
IS: Big Question		—/3	Fulfilled by	2. Foreign Language: Choose one:		
IS: Big Question	MC Gen Ed Program	—/3		a) Elementary level course(s)		
				b) High school transcript		
				c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level		
				3. Quantitative Skills – see list of classes below		
				3. Intermediate Foreign Language Course		
				4. IR students must take an Intermediate Foreign Language for Additional Skills. See UMD List Page		
Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Signature Course)				0-12		
<i>Requirements: 4–6 credits</i>				3. Quantitative Skills – see list of classes below		
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	GVPT200	3	POLI 203	0-6		
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies	Fulfilled by MC Gen Ed	1–3				
TOTAL General Education Credits						
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits				Students are strongly encouraged to add a minor or double major, as well as participate in experiential learning opportunities such as internships, research, or study abroad.		
Requirements for Graduation:				Quantitative Skills Classes at MC: one from BSAD 210 Statistics for Business Admin ECON 201 Principles of Economics I – Macroeconomics MATH 150 Applied Calc or MATH 181 Calc. I PHIL 190 Elementary Logic and Semantics Intermediate Foreign Language can be completed at MC or started at MC and completed at UM after transfer. See full list of Languages offered at UM on Page 3.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C- or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D- or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements						
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level						
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD						
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework						
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits						

UMD COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES (ARHU) GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT

MC Feb. 2025

All students pursuing a B.A. degree in the College of Arts and Humanities may use a world language as one way of satisfying the Global Engagement Requirement. The following are basic language sequences that satisfy this option of the requirement. Credits are in parentheses after each class. The course that satisfies the requirement is in bold face and underlined. **The final sequence course cannot be taken Pass/Fail; minimum grade = D-.**

Languages marked with an asterisk (*) offer a World Language Placement online which students must take prior to course registration. For languages not offering a placement, students should contact the department to determine course registration. Please refer to the World Language Placement link for information regarding placement for a course and departmental contacts: <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/wlp>.

Arabic (ARAB)	Egyptian Colloquial: 106 (3) → 107 (3) → 206 (3) → 207 (3) Modern Standard Arabic: 101 (3) → 102 (3) → [Formerly 104 105] → = MC ARAB102 ELEMENTARY ARABIC II
*Chinese (CHIN)	Heritage Speakers: 105 (3) Non-Heritage Speakers: 101 (6) → 102 (3) and 103 (3) →
Foreign Language (FOLA)	138_ (3) 139_ (3) 148_ (3) → 149_ (3) or 158_ (6) → 159_ (6) → →
*French (FREN)	103 (4) → 203 (4) = MC FREN102 ELEMENTARY FRENCH II
*German (GERS)	103 (4) → 203 (4) = MC GERM 201 INTERMEDIATE GERMAN I →
Greek (GREK)	Ancient: 101 (4) 102 (4) → 201 (4) or Modern: 111 (3) → 112 (3) → 211 (3) → 212 (3) → → →
*Hebrew (HEBR)	106 (4) → 107 (4) →
*Italian (ITAL)	103 (4) → 203 (4) or = MC ITAL 201 INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN I 121 (4) → 122 (4)
*Japanese (JAPN)	101 (6) → 102 (6)
*Korean (KORA)	211 (3) → 212 (3) {heritage speakers only} or 101 (3) → 102 (3) 201 (3) → 202 (3) = MC KORA 202 INTERMEDIATE KOREAN II → → →
Latin (LATN)	101 (4) 102 (4) → 201 (4) or 120 (4) → 201 (4) →
*Persian (PERS)	101 (4) → 102 (4) →
*Portuguese (PORT)	103 (4) → 203 (4) →
*Russian (RUSS)	101 (6) → 102 (6) 111 (3) → 112 (3) → 102 (6) ASK UMD Russian Department →
*Spanish (SPAN)	103 (4) → 203 (4) = MC SPAN 201 INTERMEDIATE SPANISH I
Yiddish (JWST)	281 (3) → 282 (3) →

Please note: American Sign Language can be used to complete the ARHU Global Engagement Requirement. However, as it is not housed in ARHU, the college cannot guarantee course availability. Students who wish to pursue this option must meet with an ARHU advisor to discuss options and risks involved with this selection.

NATIVE/HERITAGE PROFICIENCY EXEMPTION FROM THE ARHU GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT

Students who have native/heritage proficiency in a language not offered through the World Language Placement may be exempt from the Arts and Humanities Global Engagement requirement if they can demonstrate oral proficiency in that language through an official telephone interview with a representative of the American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). For further information and to apply, go to:

[Non-UMD Language Assessment](#)

See an ARHU advisor for details.

See all MC to UMD Course Equivalencies Here:

<https://app.transfercredit.umd.edu/display-inst-courses.html?instCode=52431A>

Name: Sample Student - Transfer to UMD GVPT - IR Date: ID #: M

	COURSE	HOURS	GRADE
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101A (If needed for ENGL 102/103 or elective if not) *	ENGL 101 or ENGL 101A	3	
English Foundation (ENGL 102 or ENGL 103, <i>grade of C or better required to graduate</i>) GE FOUNDATION ‡	ENGL 102	3	
Math Foundation One from MATH 117 or 150 or 181	MATH 117	3 or 4	
Arts Distribution (ARTD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION Any		3	
Humanities Distribution (HUMD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION Take World Language if needed		3	
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION **	POLI 101	3	
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) <i>Different discipline from other BSSD</i> GED **	ECON 202	3	
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION Any		4	
Natural Sciences Distribution without Lab or Natural Sciences Distribution with lab (NSND/NSLD) GENERAL EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION Any		3 or 4	
General Education Institutional Requirement (GEIR) GENERAL EDUCATION IR † Choose course from general education COMM, HLTH, or ARTD/HUMD. Discuss appropriate course choice with counselor/advisor	COMM 108 or 112	3	
General Education Institutional Requirement (GEIR) GENERAL EDUCATION IR † Choose course from general education COMM, HLTH, or ARTD/HUMD. Students may not select two COMM, two HLTH, or two ARTD/HUMD courses to meet their General Education Institutional Requirements. Discuss appropriate course choice with counselor/advisor		3	

SSAH CORE COURSE SELECTION
CHOOSE AT LEAST 15 CREDIT HOURS FROM: ANTH, CCJS [except CCJS 255], ECON, GEOG, GNDS, HIST, HMLS, HLTH, HMG, POLI, PHED [maximum 2 hours from 100 level courses], PSYC, SOCY, or WMST
MUST SELECT A MINIMUM OF 3 CREDIT HOURS OF SSAH CORE COURSES AT THE 200 LEVEL. SEE A COUNSELOR/ADVISOR.

ELECTIVE COURSE SELECTION
CHOOSE UP TO 11 CREDIT HOURS TO REACH COMPLETION OF 60 COLLEGE LEVEL CREDITS REFLECTING PERSONAL, ACADEMIC, AND CAREER INTERESTS.
SEE A COUNSELOR/ADVISOR.

	COURSE	HOURS	GRADE		COURSE	HOURS	GRADE
POLI 203 International Relations		3		<i>Recommended for all new students</i>	STSU 100 or 101	1 or 2	
POLI 206 Political Ideologies or POLI 221 Comparative Politics & Gov.		3		See below for additional courses			
POLI 211 Political Ideologies or POLI 256 Politics of the Developing World		3					
See below for additional courses		3					
		3					
TOTAL HOURS		15		TOTAL HOURS		11	

Graduation Requirements Overall GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate

Has student completed a minimum of 15 credits at the 200 level ? Yes No 200-level credits completed: _____

Quantitative Skills Classes at MC: one from
BSAD 210 Statistics for Business Admin or
ECON 201 Principles of Economics I – Macro or
MATH 150 Applied Calc or MATH 181 Calc. I or
PHIL 190 Elementary Logic and Semantics

Intermediate Foreign Language required for GVPT - IR Concentration _____
can be completed at MC or started at MC and completed at UMD after transfer.
See full list of Languages offered at _____
UMD on Page 3.

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Physical Education (PHED) (students are limited to 2 PE activity courses #100-199)

Political Science (POLI)

Psychology (PSYC)

Sociology (SOCY)

Women's and Gender Studies (WMST and GNDS)

Student may elect to take any of the following individual courses as part of their SSAH core requirements to enhance their selected academic focus; however, transferability of these courses should be carefully reviewed:

Accounting	ACCT 221, ACCT 222
Behavioral Health	BEHE 100
Business	BSAD 101, BSAD 210
Education	EDUC 101, EDUC 102, EDUC 119
Emergency Management	EMGT 101, EMGT 206
Health Information Management	HINM 115, HINM 116
Management	MGMT 101, MGMT 140, MGMT 211, MGMT 201

NOTE: Students intending to transfer to pursue a 4 year degree in Hospitality Management or Criminal Justice should consult an advisor to determine how to use this Core.

In order to complete this degree, students must

1. Complete of a minimum of 60 Credit hours including
General Education Requirements- 31 Credit hours ***
Social Sciences, Administration, and Health Core courses- at least 15 Credit hours, with a minimum of 3 credit hours at 200 level
Electives- Up to 11 Credit hours as needed to complete 60 Credit hours
2. Complete a minimum of 15 Credits at 200 level., with at least 3 credit hours at the 200 level from the Core
3. Have a GPA of 2.0

* ENGL 101 /ENGL 101A , if needed for ENGL 102 /ENGL 103 , or select a general elective.

** Behavioral and Social Science Distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

*** Students must complete one Global or Cultural Perspectives designated course as part of their General Education Program.

‡ Students should attempt ENGL and MATH foundation requirements within completion of the first 24 credits of college level work or at the completion of any prerequisite or required non- credit coursework.

‡‡ Any credit hours beyond the minimum in General Education (32 Credit hours) or Core courses are counted toward elective credit hours.

‡‡‡ Any CCJS course, except CCJS 255 .

† Two general education institutional requirement (GEIR) courses required from the following general education courses: COMM, HLTH , or one ARTD or HUMD. Students may only take one course from ARTD or HUMD to fulfill General Education Institutional Requirements.

Please Note: Exact semester credit counts may vary based on specific course selections.

Students transferring to a specific four year institution, please check the [Transfer Agreements](#) site for articulated pathways that identify required coursework.