

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

## College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

### BSOS Expectations of Students

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences expects that you:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Complete an academic audit 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

### Student Expectations of BSOS

Academic advisors are committed to assist you in meeting your educational 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 when needed
- Providing advising throughout your academic career

## Advising Resources

### BSOS Advising

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

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### Department Advising

*Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses*  
**\*\*All GVPT students will have mandatory advising after 75 credits\*\***

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**Limited Enrollment Program Admission Requirements:** Since Government & Politics has been designated as a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP), the major requires higher standards than the satisfactory progress benchmarks required in non-LEP majors. Students must meet certain minimum criteria in order to remain in the major or to gain access to the major. AP/IB credits will be accepted for gateway/entrance requirements.

#### LEP Enrollment Policies:

- Students can only repeat one requirement one time among the gateway requirements.
- Courses must be taken at UMD unless previously transferred.
- Students may apply only once to an LEP. Students who are academically dismissed or who leave the major cannot return to the major.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

**First semester freshmen entering the University as GVPT major:** Students must complete the following requirements **within 45 credits** (not including AP/IB credits) to remain in the major. *(AP/IB credits OK for requirements)*

- Academic Writing with C- or higher
- MATH 111, 220, 140 **or** STAT 100 with C- or higher
- ECON 200 with C- or higher
- GVPT 100 with B- or higher
- GVPT 170 with B- or higher  
{If AP/IB GVPT 170, then GVPT 241 with B- or higher}

#### Students who wish to be GVPT after their first semester:

Students may submit an application to declare the GVPT major after completing the LEP admission requirements listed below. *(AP/IB credits OK for requirements)*

- Academic Writing with C- or higher
- MATH 111, 220, 140 **or** STAT 100 with C- or higher
- ECON 200 with C- or higher
- GVPT 100 with B- or higher
- GVPT 170 with B- or higher  
{If AP/IB GVPT 170, then GVPT 241 with B- or higher}
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 in all previous

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

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - BACHELOR OF ARTS

General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)			
<b>Fundamental Studies</b>			
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
AW: Academic Writing		3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3	
OC: Oral Communication		3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	*	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	**	3	
<b>Distributive Studies</b>			
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4	
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	GVPT170	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200	3	
HU: Humanities		3	
HU: Humanities		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	GVPT241	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3	
<b>I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)</b>			
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
IS: I-Series		—/3	
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<b>Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)</b>			
<i>Requirements: 4—6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		3	
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1—3	
<b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>			
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits			
<b>Requirements for Graduation:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in each course used to complete CORE/GenEd			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major			
<input type="checkbox"/> Students starting UMD Fall 2012 or later must 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			

GVPT Major Requirements		
<i>Requirements</i> [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<b>Gateway Requirements</b>		
Academic Writing (C– or higher)	—	
MATH 111, 220 [113], 140 [115] or STAT 100 (C– or higher)	—	
ECON 200 (C– or higher)	4	
GVPT 100 (B– or higher)	—/3	
GVPT 170 {If AP/IB, then GVPT 241} (B– or higher)	—/3	
<b>GVPT Theory Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]</b>		
GVPT 241	3	
<b>GVPT Courses of Choice [Grade of C– or higher]</b> <i>No more than 42 GVPT credits can be applied toward graduation credits</i>		
GVPT Course of Choice 1	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 2	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 3	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 4 Upper Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 5 Upper Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 6 Upper Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 7 Upper Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 8 Upper Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 9 Upper Level	3	
<b>GVPT Skills Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]</b> For Foreign Language & Quantitative Skills requirement, refer to: <a href="http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/undergraduate/requirements/SkillsCourses.pdf">www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/undergraduate/requirements/SkillsCourses.pdf</a>		
<b>1. Foreign Language:</b> Choose one from following a) Elementary level course(s) b) High school transcript c) Demonstrate proficiency (through elementary level)	0-12	
<b>2. Quantitative Skills</b>	3	
<b>3. Additional Skills:</b> Choose one of the following a) Intermediate foreign language b) Additional Quantitative	3-4	
<b>GVPT Major Supporting Sequence (15 credits) [Grade of C– or higher]</b> - Courses must be from a single department outside GVPT or have courses from multiple departments approved by a GVPT advisor. - Courses used for the skills requirement cannot be applied to this requirement.		
Supporting Course 1	3	
Supporting Course 2	3	
Supporting Course 3	3	
Supporting Course 4 Upper Level	3	
Supporting Course 5 Upper Level	3	

\*MA Will be fulfilled by completing Gateway Requirements  
 \*\*AR Could be fulfilled by completing Gateway/Quantitative Skills Requirement

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS—Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan!  Gateway Requirements must be completed by 45 UMD credits. Academic Writing (C- or higher) Math 111, 140, 220 or STAT 100 (C- or higher) GVPT 100 (B- or higher) GVPT 170 (B- or higher) ECON 200 (B- or higher) If you have AP credit for 170, you must take GVPT 241 (with B- or higher)  Maintain 2.0 or higher cum gpa	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing )	3	AR (Analytic Reasoning)	3
	MA: Math (Based on Placement/Gateway)	3	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	GVPT 100	3
	GVPT 170 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your gateway progress!  Gateway Requirements must be completed within your first 45 UMD credits. Academic Writing (C- or higher) Math 111, 140, 220 or STAT 100 (C- or higher) GVPT 100 (B- or higher) GVPT 170 (B- or higher) ECON 200 (B- or higher) If you have AP credit for 170, you must take GVPT 241 (with B- or higher)  Maintain 2.0 or higher cum gpa	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	OC (Oral Communications)	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4
	UP (Understanding Plural Societies)	3	CC (Cultural Competency)*	3
	GVPT241 (SP: Scholarship in Practice)	3	HU (Humanities)*	3
	ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	4	GVPT Course of Choice	3
	Elective	3	Foreign Language Requirement	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
Year 3	Fall		Spring	
Complete an academic audit (review of academic record) between 75—89 credits!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	GVPT Course of Choice 2	3	SP: Scholarship in Practice (non –major)*	3
	GVPT Course of Choice 3	3	GVPT Course of Choice 4 Upper Level	3
	Quantitative Skills Requirement	3	GVPT Course of Choice 5 Upper Level	3
	Supporting Sequence 1	3	Additional Skills Requirement	3
	Elective	3	Supporting Sequence 2	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	GVPT Course of Choice 8 Upper Level	3
	GVPT Course of Choice 6 Upper Level	3	GVPT Course of Choice 9 Upper Level	3
	GVPT Course of Choice 7 Upper Level	3	Supporting Sequence 5 Upper Level	3
	Supporting Sequence 3	3	Elective or AR (Analytical Reasoning) if Gateway Math/Quantitative course taken does not satisfy AR requirement	3
	Supporting Sequence 4 Upper Level	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	

**\*Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for I-Series requirement. (I-series are not listed separately on this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.

<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
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