

**College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**  
**College Residency Degree Requirement Policy**  
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In order for a student to earn a degree from a major in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences the following residency requirement must be met:

- Students must complete thirty (30) credits in residence of their final sixty (60) credits
  - In which fifteen (15) of the residence credits must be at the 300-400 level
    - Of which twelve (12) of the residence credits must be in the student's declared major.
- Normally the thirty (30) credits in residence will be in the final thirty (30) credits
  - Credits from a University-approved study abroad program may be included in the final thirty credits
  - Credits from a University, College or Departmental-approved internship program may be included in the final thirty credits
    - A maximum of six (6) credits out of residence or not part of an approved study abroad program or internship program may be included in the final thirty (30)
      - ◆ *Requests for exceptions beyond the six credits will be considered for students who have completed a minimum of sixty (60) credits in residence at the University of Maryland; who have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; who are in good judicial standing; and who only need elective credits. In no circumstances will more than four courses or sixteen credits be approved.*
    - Approval for taking six (6) credits out of residence or in something other than study abroad and /or internships must be given IN advance by the BSOS Departmental Director of UG Programs and the Assistant Dean

*Note: If a student fails to get approval in advance, the Department and the College may refuse to accept the credits that have been taken out of residence of the University of Maryland.*

- If the major has specific upper level degree requirements the Director of Undergraduate Programs for the major can require specific courses to meet the residency requirement which may exceed more than fifteen (15) upper level credits in residence.
- Students who successfully complete community college courses that have content equivalent to a University of Maryland upper level course may be required to take additional upper level University of Maryland major and/or supporting area/and/or general education course work in residence. On a case by case basis, the BSOS Departmental Director of Undergraduate Programs will do an evaluation of the course content based on syllabi, difficulty of course assignments and the length of time that has transpired of when the course had been completed.
- Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland continuously for five years or more will be required to meet the *College's Interrupted Degree Policy*.
- Students must be declared in the major when registering for the final fifteen credits.
- Students are responsible for knowing the degree requirements of their major curricula.
- A minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required for graduation in all curricula; a higher average may be required by an individual department, college, school or program.
- Students must have a minimum of 120 credits to graduate.