

# 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*

2148 Tydings Hall  
(301) 405-1697  
bsosadvising@umd.edu

### 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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(301) 405-4168  
gvptadvising@umd.edu

**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:

- Only one gateway/entrance requirement may be repeated and may only be repeated once.
- When more than one course can satisfy a gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat.
- A grade of a W (Withdrawn) in a course is counted as an attempt.
- Students may apply only once to an LEP. Students who choose to leave the major or are directly admitted and fail to meet the review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students in the major must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.

**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*)

- MATH107\* or STAT100+ with C- or higher. A calculus class (MATH120\*\*, 130, 140) with a grade of C- or higher may be substituted.
- GVPT 170 with B- or higher  
{If AP/IB GVPT 170, then GVPT 241 with B- or higher }

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**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*)

- MATH107\* or STAT100+ with C- or higher. A calculus class (MATH120\*\*, 130, 140) with a grade of C- or higher may be substituted.
- 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 college-level coursework

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - BA**

<b>General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)</b>			
<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	Gateway Math	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	Could be met with Gateway math	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	
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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 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			

<b>GVPT Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<b>Gateway Requirements</b>		
MATH107* or STAT100+ (C– or higher). MATH120**, 130, 140 may be substituted. (C– or higher)	—	
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 Methods Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]</b>		
GVPT201 (formerly GVPT100)	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 4 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 5 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 6 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 7 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 8 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 9 300/400 Level	3	
<b>GVPT Skills Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]</b> For Foreign Language & Quantitative Skills requirement, refer to: <a href="http://ter.ps/79q">ter.ps/79q</a>		
<b>1. ECON 200</b>	3	
<b>2. Foreign Language: Choose one:</b> a) Elementary level course(s) b) High school transcript c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level	0-12	
<b>3. Quantitative Skills</b>	3	
<b>4. Additional Skills: Choose one:</b> 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 4 300/400 Level	3	
Supporting Course 5 300/400 Level	3	

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## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS—Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan!  Gateway Requirements must be completed by 45 UMD credits. MATH107 or STAT100 (C– or higher) [MATH120, 130, 140 may be substituted (C– or higher)] GVPT170 (B- or higher) If you have AP credit for 170, you must take GVPT241 (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	ECON200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	GVPT241 (SP: Scholarship in Practice)	3
	GVPT170 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	Elective	3
	UNIV100	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 by 45 UMD credits. MATH107 or STAT100 (C– or higher) [MATH120, 130, 140 may be substituted (C– or higher)] GVPT170 (B- or higher) If you have AP credit for 170, you must take GVPT241 (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
	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3	HU (Humanities)*	3
	GVPT201	3	GVPT Course of Choice	3
	Elective	3	Foreign Language Requirement	3
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>
Year 3	Fall		Spring	
When you're between 75—89 credits, watch out for an email from your Advisors regarding your remaining degree requirements!	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>
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	Elective	1
		<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>

<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
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**\*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.