

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Interrupted Degree Policy
Revised as of August 2012

Students Who Have Not Been Enrolled at the University of Maryland for Less than Five Years

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for less than five years are not subject to any changes in their major degree requirements even if there has been a change in the degree requirements in the last five years.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for less than five years are not subject to any changes in the general education requirements that have occurred during the last five years.

LIMITED ENROLLMENT PROGRAM MAJORS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for less than five years and left the University with a 2.0 or higher and had not been dismissed from the LEP because of not meeting the gateway requirements are allowed to return to the LEP major. Students who have less than a 2.0 and/or were dismissed from the LEP are not allowed to return to the LEP major but may return to the University of Maryland if they designate a new major.

BENCHMARK REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for less than five years and left the University with a 2.0 or higher and had not been dismissed from their major because of not meeting the benchmark requirements are allowed to return to their previous declared BSOS major. Students who would have been dismissed from the major because of not meeting the benchmark requirements are not allowed to return to their previous BSOS major but may return to the University of Maryland if they designate a new major. Students who would need to exceed the campus's repeat policies may not be allowed to return to their previous BSOS major and may need to designate a new major in order to return to the University of Maryland.

Students Who Have Not Been Enrolled at the University of Maryland for Five Years and Less than Ten Years

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for five years and less than ten years and have not completed their undergraduate degree, but now want to complete their undergraduate degree are required to complete the major requirements currently in effect at the time the student re-enrolls at the University of Maryland.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for five years and less than ten years and have not completed their undergraduate degree, but now want to complete their undergraduate degree are required to complete the general education requirements currently in effect at the time the student re-enrolls at the University of Maryland.

LIMITED ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for five years and less than ten years and left the University with a 2.0 or higher and had not been dismissed from the LEP because of not meeting the gateway requirements are allowed to return to the LEP major. However, students would need to meet the new degree requirements if the degree requirements have changed. Students who have less than a 2.0 and/or were dismissed from the LEP are not allowed to return to the LEP major but may return to the University of Maryland if they designate a new major.

If a major was NOT an LEP when the student was enrolled at the University of Maryland but the major now is, the student will only be allowed to return to the major if the student left the University with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and had not exceeded the current campus's repeat policies including the LEP repeat policy. In addition, students must meet the new degree requirements if the degree requirements have been changed.

BENCHMARK REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for five years and less than ten years and left the University with a 2.0 or higher and had not been dismissed from their major because of not meeting the benchmark requirements are allowed to return to their declared BSOS major. Students who have less than a 2.0 and/or were dismissed from the major because of not meeting the benchmark requirements and/or have exceeded the current campus's repeat policies are not allowed to return to their previous BSOS major but may return to the University of Maryland if they designate a new major.

Students Who Have Not Been Enrolled at the University of Maryland Ten Years or More

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for ten years or more and have not completed their undergraduate degree and now want to complete their undergraduate degree are required to complete a minimum of fifteen credits in residence in which twelve credits must be upper level major courses. In addition, students must complete the major requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment to the University of Maryland.

*Note: A Dean's exception (based on the recommendation of the Director of Undergraduate Programs) to reduce credits which exceed fifteen credits may be made for students who have left the University of Maryland in good academic standing (2.0 or higher) and with a minimum of "C" grades in ALL major courses and supporting area courses; and for students who have been actively involved in work related to their undergraduate degree. **ANY** required major course credits will not be reduced.*

Note: Although an undergraduate degree is a minimum of 120 credits, students may be required to exceed the 120 credits in order to meet the new major degree requirements in effect.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for the last ten years and have not completed their undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland are required to meet the general education course requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment to the University of Maryland.

Note: A Dean's exception may be made for students who have completed 80% of their general education requirements that were in effect when the student started the University of Maryland

and who left the University of Maryland in good academic standing when last enrolled and had earned a minimum of grade of "C" in the general education courses which were completed.

Note: Although, an undergraduate degree is a minimum of 120 credits, students may be required to exceed the 120 credits in order to meet the new general education requirements in effect.

LIMITED ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for more than ten years and have not completed their undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland are not automatically re-enrolled into the student's previous major if the previous major is now a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP) major. Students are required to meet the LEP entrance requirements in effect at the time including the cumulative grade point average when re-enrolling at the University of Maryland. If students do not have the cumulative GPA and/or LEP entrance requirements, students will need to enroll in another UM major and either meet the LEP Gateway requirements and cumulative GPA requirement of the LEP major or complete degree requirements in a non LEP major. Students who were dismissed from the University and/or have exceeded the Campus's repeat policies which include the LEP repeat policy will not be re-admitted to the major if the major is now a Limited Enrollment Program major.

BENCHMARK REQUIREMENTS

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Maryland for ten years or more and left the University with a 2.0 or higher and had not been dismissed from the major are allowed to return to their declared BSOS major (except for a LEP major, please see policy indicated above). However, if students have not completed the current benchmark requirements in effect and if they have been readmitted to their previous BSOS major or to a new BSOS major, students must complete the benchmark requirements before taking upper level major courses in the major. Students who have less than a 2.0 and/or were dismissed from the major and have exceeded the current campus's repeat policies are not allowed to return to their previous BSOS major but may return to the University of Maryland if they designate a new major. A Dean's exception, upon the recommendation of the Director of Undergraduate Program, may be considered under extenuating circumstances for a returning student to exceed the campus's repeat policies.

NOTE: All returning students will be required to have a detailed evaluation of their transcript in which remaining requirements will be outlined. The evaluation will have a degree expiration date. If the expiration date is not met, a new evaluation will be required and a new expiration date will be indicated.