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
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bsosadvising@umd.edu

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ECON Major Benchmarks

Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with University policy, the Department of Economics has established benchmark requirements. Students are expected to demonstrate continuing progress in their majors by completing prerequisite or required courses with the appropriate grades within an established timeframe. Students who do not complete benchmark requirements will need to choose a new major and will not be permitted to return to the Economics major at a later time.

Benchmark 1: ECON majors must complete the following courses within two semesters of entering the major:
- Academic Writing with C– or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course with D– or higher
- ECON200 with C– or higher
- ECON201 with C– or higher
- MATH140 with C– or higher
- Advanced Math: ECON300 or MATH241 and any Statistics course with C– or higher

** More than 3 ECON courses per semester is NOT permitted**
## ECON Major Requirements

### Benchmark 1 Requirements

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<td>MATH140 [MATH115] (C– or higher)</td>
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### Advanced Math: Choose one:

- ECON300 [ECON200 or ECON201 & MATH140]
- MATH241 [MATH141] & any Statistics course

### Additional ECON Requirements (Grade of C– or higher)

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<th>Statistics: Choose one:</th>
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<td>ECON321 [ECON200, ECON201, &amp; Advanced Math]</td>
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<td>or STAT401 [STAT400]</td>
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<td>ECON422 [ECON326 and/or ECON325 &amp; Statistics]</td>
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### ECON BS Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher)*

Must select ECON Courses of Choice from the approved BS course list

Refer to: [http://ter.ps/ECONcourses](http://ter.ps/ECONcourses)

| ECON BS Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 1 | 3 |
| ECON BS Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 2 | 3 |
| ECON BS Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 3 | 3 |

### ECON BS or BA Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher)*

Refer to: [http://ter.ps/ECONcourses](http://ter.ps/ECONcourses)

| ECON BS or BA Course of Choice: 400 Level | 3 |
| ECON BS or BA Course of Choice: 300/400 Level | 3 |

* Prerequisites vary by course, please check the schedule of classes on Testudo for specific prerequisites. Prerequisites are strictly enforced in the ECON major and should be considered when planning future ECON required courses.

The following shows the sequencing of prerequisites:

- ECON200
- ECON201
- MATH140
- Advanced Math
- ECON325
- ECON326
- Statistics
- ECON 400 levels

### Requirements for Graduation:

- Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all courses the ECON BS major
- Earn a D– or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing
- Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements
- 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level
- 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD
- At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD
- Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework
- Earn a minimum of 120 credits

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## General Education Requirements

### Fundamental Studies

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<td>AW: Academic Writing</td>
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<td>PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits</td>
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<td>OC: Oral Communication</td>
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<td>NL: Natural Sciences Lab</td>
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<td>NS: Natural Sciences</td>
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<td>HS: History and/or Social Sciences</td>
<td>ECON200</td>
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<td>SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)</td>
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### I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)

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### Diversity

(overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)

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<td>UP: Understanding Plural Societies</td>
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**TOTAL General Education Credits**

General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits
# ECONOMICS BS—Four Year Academic Plan

## Year 1

### Fall
- **Course**: ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: MATH 140 (MA: Math / AR: Analytic Reasoning)
- **Credit**: 4
- **Course**: ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: UNIV 100
- **Credit**: 1
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: OC (Oral Communication)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON 201 (HS: History/Social Sciences)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 15

## Year 2

### Fall
- **Course**: HU (Humanities)*
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: UP (Understanding Plural Societies)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON 326
- **Credit**: 4
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*
- **Credit**: 4
- **Course**: HU (Humanities)*
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON 325
- **Credit**: 4
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 16

## Year 3

### Fall
- **Course**: PW (Professional Writing)
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: SP (Scholarship in Practice -major)*
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON BS or BA Course of Choice: 300/400 Level
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: CC (Cultural Competency)
- **Credit**: 1
- **Course**: SP (Scholarship in Practice -non-major)*
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON 422
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 15

## Year 4

### Fall
- **Course**: ECON BS Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 1
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON BS or BA Course of Choice: 400 Level
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: NS (Natural Sciences)*
- **Credit**: 3
- **Course**: ECON BS Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 2
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 3
- **Upper Level Elective**
- **Credit**: 3
- **Elective**
- **Credit**: 1

**Total**: 15

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*Important Planning Notes:*

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

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**Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits**: 120

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