As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, you should:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Review your academic audit and evaluate your career planning progress 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

Academic and Career Planning advisors are here to assist you in meeting your educational and professional 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
- Providing academic and career advising throughout your undergraduate career

### Advising Resources

**Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning**

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

2nd Floor Tydings Hall
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Advising Email: BSOSAdvising@umd.edu
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**Department Advising**

Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses

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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
- MATH141 with C– or higher

**More than 3 ECON courses per semester may not be permitted**
### ECON Major Requirements

**Requirements** [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]  

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* 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
- MATH141
- ECON325
- ECON326
- ECON 400 levels

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**General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)**

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**Total General Education Credits**  
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits

**Requirements for Graduation:**

- Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all courses in the GVPT 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
## Year 1

### Fall
- ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing) 3
- MATH 140 (MA: Math / AR: Analytic Reasoning) 4
- ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences) 3
- UNIV 100 or BSOS361 1
- Elective 3

### Spring
- OC (Oral Communication) 3
- ECON 201 (HS: History/Social Sciences) 3
- MATH 141 4
- Elective 3
- Elective 2

### Total
- 15

### Year 2

### Fall
- HU (Humanities)* 3
- ECON 326 3
- ECON 321 3
- Elective 3

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

### Total
- 15

### Year 3

### Fall
- PW (Professional Writing) 3
- SP (Scholarship in Practice-major)* 3
- ECON 422 3
- Elective 3

### Spring
- CC (Cultural Competency) 1
- SP (Scholarship in Practice-non-major)* 3
- ECON 423 3
- Elective 3

### Total
- 15

### Year 4

### Fall
- UP (Understanding Plural Societies) 3
- ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 1 3
- ECON Advanced Analysis 3
- Elective 3

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

### Total
- 15

## Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits

120

*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.