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
(301) 405-1697
Advising Email: BSOSAdvising@umd.edu
Career Planning Email: BSOSCareers@umd.edu

Department Advising
Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses
**All GVPT students will have mandatory advising after 90 credits**
3104 Tydings Hall
(301) 405-4168
gvptadvising@umd.edu

GVPT Major Benchmarks

Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with the University's policies, the Department of Government and Politics expects students to make timely progress toward graduation. Under normal circumstances, full-time students are expected to complete their degree requirements in four years. Students should successfully complete a specific number of courses each academic year. To help measure progress during the early stages of a student's studies in government and politics, students will have to complete courses designated as benchmarks within a specified number of semesters in order to continue in the major.

- GVPT170 with a grade of C- or higher
- One 200-level GVPT course with a grade of C- or higher (may not be experiential learning)
- One of STAT100, MATH107, MATH120, MATH135, MATH136, or MATH140 with a grade of C- or higher
- Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher

Note: At least one of the GVPT courses must not be from AP/IB/CLEP credit.

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

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**GVPT Theory Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]**

| GVPT 241 (may satisfy Benchmark)               | —/3     |             |

**GVPT Methods Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]**

| GVPT201 (may satisfy Benchmark)               | —/3     |             |

**GVPT Courses of Choice [Grade of C– or higher]**

No more than 42 GVPT credits can be applied toward graduation credits

| GVPT Course of Choice 1 (may satisfy Benchmark) | —/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       |             |

**GVPT Skills Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]**

For Foreign Language & Quantitative Skills requirement, refer to: go.umd.edu/gvptmaj

1. ECON 200

2. **Foreign Language:** Choose one:
   a) Elementary level course(s)
   b) High school transcript
   c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level

3. **Quantitative Skills**

4. **Additional Skills:** Choose one:
   a) Intermediate foreign language
   b) Additional Quantitative

   *STAT100 preferred

**Students are strongly encouraged to add a minor or double major, as well as participate in experiential learning opportunities such as internships, research, or study abroad.**
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**Year 1**

- **Fall**
  - Course: ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing and Benchmark)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: MA: Benchmark Math (Based on Placement)*
  - Credit: 3/4
  - Course: HU (Humanities)*
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT170 (HS: History/Social Sciences and Benchmark)
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 16

- **Spring**
  - Course: AR (Analytic Reasoning)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: ECON200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT241 (SP: Scholarship in Practice and 200-level Benchmark course)
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 15

**Notes:**
- Complete your graduation plan!
- Benchmark Requirements must be completed within two semesters of entering the major.
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- One 200-level GVPT course with a grade of C- or higher (may not be experiential learning).
- One of STAT100, MATH107, MATH120, MATH135, MATH136, or MATH140 with a grade of C- or higher.
- Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher.
- Note: At least one of the GVPT courses must not be from AP/IB/CLEP credit.
- Maintain 2.0 or higher cum gpa.

**Year 2**

- **Fall**
  - Course: OC (Oral Communications)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: UP (Understanding Plural Societies)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: NS (Natural Sciences)*
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT201
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 15

- **Spring**
  - Course: NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*
  - Credit: 4
  - Course: CC (Cultural Competency)*
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 1
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 16

**Notes:**
- Maintain 2.0 or higher cum gpa.

**Year 3**

- **Fall**
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 2
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 3
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: Quantitative Skills Requirement
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 15

- **Spring**
  - Course: SP: Scholarship in Practice (non-major)*
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 4 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 5 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 15

**Notes:**
- When you’re between 75—89 credits, watch out for an email from your Advisors regarding your remaining degree requirements!
- GVPT Course of Choice 2
- GVPT Course of Choice 3
- Quantitative Skills Requirement
- Elective
- Elective
- **Total**: 15

**Year 4**

- **Fall**
  - Course: PW (Professional Writing)
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 6 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 7 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - **Total**: 15

- **Spring**
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 8 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 9 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Course: GVPT Course of Choice 10 Upper Level
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 3
  - Elective
  - Credit: 1
  - **Total**: 13

**Notes:**
- Apply for graduation!
- PW (Professional Writing)
- GVPT Course of Choice 6 Upper Level
- GVPT Course of Choice 7 Upper Level
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- **Total**: 13

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

**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.

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