

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

International Relations Concentration

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

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

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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.

Benchmark 1: Students must complete the following four courses within two semesters of entering 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, 120, 135, 136, or 140 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.

⁺STAT100 preferred

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

NAME: _____

UID: _____ DATE: _____

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General Education Requirements				GVPT Major - International Relations Concentration Requirements		
Fundamental Studies				<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>				Benchmark Requirements		
AW: Academic Writing		3		GVPT170 (C- or higher)	3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3		One of STAT100 ⁺ , MATH107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 (C- or higher)	3/4	
OC: Oral Communication		3		One 200-level GVPT course (may not be experiential learning) (C- or higher)	3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	Benchmark Math	3		Academic Writing (C- or higher)	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	Could be met with Benchmark math	3		GVPT Theory Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)		
Distributive Studies				GVPT241	3	
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>				GVPT Methods Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)		
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4		GVPT201	3	
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4		GVPT Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher)		
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	GVPT170	3		GVPT200	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200	3		GVPT280 or GVPT282	3	
HU: Humanities		3		GVPT Course of Choice	3	
HU: Humanities		3		GVPT Course of Choice 300/400 Level	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	GVPT241	3		IR or Comparative Course of Choice 1 300/400 Level	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3		IR or Comparative Course of Choice 2 300/400 Level	3	
Signature Courses (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)				IR or Comparative Course of Choice 3 300/400 Level	3	
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>				IR or Comparative Course of Choice 4 300/400 Level	3	
IS: Big Question		—/3		IR or Comparative Course of Choice 5 300/400 Level	3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Signature Course)				1. ECON200	3	
<i>Requirements: 4–6 credits</i>				2. Foreign Language: Choose one: a) Elementary level course(s) b) High school transcript c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level		
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	GVPT200	3		3. Quantitative Skills		
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1–3		4. Intermediate Foreign Language Course		
TOTAL General Education Credits						
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits						
Requirements for Graduation:						
<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						
<p>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.</p>						

⁺STAT100 preferred

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS—Graduation Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan! Benchmark Requirements must be completed within two semesters of entering 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, 120, 135, 136, or 140 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.	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing and Benchmark)	3	AR (Analytic Reasoning)	3
	MA: Benchmark Math (Based on Placement/)	3	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	GVPT 241 (SP: Scholarship in Practice and 200-level Benchmark)	3
	GVPT 170 (HS: History/Social Sciences and Benchmark)	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100 or BSOS 361	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
Total		16	Total 15	
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark progress!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	OC (Oral Communications)	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4
	GVPT 200 (UP: Understanding Plural Societies)	3	CC (Cultural Competency)*	3
	ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	HU (Humanities)*	3
	Elective	3	GVPT 201	3
	Elective	3	Elementary Foreign Language	3
	Total		15	Total 16
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 280	3	SP: Scholarship in Practice (non –major)*	3
	GVPT Course of Choice	3	GVPT Course of Choice UL	3
	Quantitative Skills Requirement	3	IR/Comparative Course of Choice 1 UL	3
	Elective	3	Intermediate Foreign Language	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total		15	Total 15
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	IR/Comparative Course of Choice 4 UL	3
	IR/Comparative Course of Choice 2 UL	3	IR/Comparative Course of Choice 5 UL	3
	IR/Comparative Course of Choice 3 UL	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	1
	Total		15	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 the SCIS: Big Question requirement. (Big Question courses are not listed separately in this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.