

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

## Bachelor of Science 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\*\***

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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
- GVPT201 with a grade of C- or higher
- One of STAT100<sup>+</sup>, MATH107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 with a grade of C- or higher
- Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher

<sup>+</sup>STAT100 preferred

**Benchmark 2:** Students must complete the following course within one semester of completing Benchmark 1:

- GVPT320 with a grade of C- or higher

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

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UID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - BS

General Education Requirements			
Fundamental Studies			
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
AW: Academic Writing		3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3	
OC: Oral Communication		3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	Benchmark Math	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	Could be met with Benchmark math	3	
Distributive Studies			
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4	
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	GVPT170	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON200	3	
HU: Humanities		3	
HU: Humanities		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)	GVPT201	3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3	
Signature Courses (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)			
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
IS: Big Question		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Signature Courses)			
<i>Requirements: 4–6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
UP: Understanding Plural Societies		3	
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1—3	
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			

GVPT Major Requirements		
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
GVPT170 (C- or higher)	3	
GVPT201(C- or higher)	3	
One of STAT100+, MATH107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 (C- or higher)	3/4	
Academic Writing (C- or higher)	3	
Benchmark 2 Requirement		
GVPT320 (C- or higher)	3	
GVPT Methods Requirements (Grade of C– or higher) List of approved courses available at <a href="http://go.umd.edu/gvptbs">go.umd.edu/gvptbs</a>		
GVPT Methods Course 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Quantitative Methods Course 1 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Quantitative Methods Course 2 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Foundational Course (Grade of C– or higher)		
One of GVPT200, GVPT280, or GVPT282	3	
GVPT Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher)		
GVPT Course of Choice 1	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 2	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 3 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 4 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Course of Choice 5 300/400 Level	3	
GVPT Skills Requirement (Grade of C– or higher) List of approved Foreign Language & Quantitative Skills courses available at <a href="http://go.umd.edu/gvptskills">go.umd.edu/gvptskills</a>		
1. ECON200	3	
2. Foreign Language <sup>†</sup> : Choose one: a) Elementary level course(s) b) High school transcript c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level	0-12	
3. Quantitative Skills 1 - B.S. track	3-4	
4. Quantitative Skills 2 - B.S. track	3-4	

**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.**

<sup>†</sup> Students may be eligible for an exemption from the Elementary level foreign language requirement if they completed foreign language study in high school (entire Level 3 with C– or higher) or can otherwise demonstrate proficiency. Detailed information available at [go.umd.edu/gvptbs](http://go.umd.edu/gvptbs)

<sup>†</sup>STAT100 preferred

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS BS— Graduation Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan!  <b>Benchmark 1 requirements must be completed within two semesters of entering the major.</b> GVPT170 with C– or higher GVPT201 with C– or higher One of STAT 100, MATH 107, 120, 135, 136, or 140 with C– or higher Academic Writing with C– or higher	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing )	3	AR (Analytic Reasoning)	3
	MA: Benchmark Math (Based on Placement)	3	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	GVPT 201 (SP: Scholarship in Practice)	3
	GVPT 170 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100 or BSOS 361	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
<b>Benchmark 2 requirements must be completed within one semester of completing Benchmark 1.</b> GVPT320 with C– or higher	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	OC (Oral Communications)	3	UP (Understanding Plural Societies)*	3
	GVPT 320	3	HU (Humanities)*	3
	ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	GVPT Methods Course UL	3
	Foreign Language Requirement	4	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
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 200/280/282	3	GVPT Quantitative Methods Course 2 UL	3
	GVPT Quantitative Methods Course 1 UL	3	GVPT Course of Choice 1	3
	Quantitative Skills 1 Course	3	Quantitative Skills 2 Course	3
	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4	SP: Scholarship in Practice (non-major)*	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	GVPT Course of Choice 4 UL	3
	GVPT Course of Choice 2	3	GVPT Course of Choice 5 UL	3
	GVPT Course of Choice 3 UL	3	Elective	3
	CC (Cultural Competency)*	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>
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**\*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.