# International Relations
## 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 IR students will have mandatory advising after 90 credits***

3104 Tydings Hall
(301) 405-4168
gvptadvising@umd.edu

## International Relations B.S. Major Benchmarks

**Benchmark Requirements:** In accordance with University policy, the Department of Government and Politics 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 International Relations major at a later time.

**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[+], MATH 107,113,115,120,135,136 or 140 with a grade of C- or higher

- ☐ Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher

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

- ☐ GVPT320 with a grade of C- or higher

[+]STAT100 preferred

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

NAME: _____

UID: _____ DATE: _____

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS - B.S.

## General Education Requirements

### Fundamental Studies

| Requirements: 15 credits | Course | Credits | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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

| Requirements: 25 credits | Course | Credits | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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 | |
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| 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)

| Requirements: 6 credits | Course | Credits | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| IS: Big Question | Could be met with GVPT IR/CP course 100/200 level | —/3 | |
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### Diversity
(overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or Signature Courses)

| Requirements: 4—6 credits | Course | Credits | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| UP: Understanding Plural Societies | GVPT200 | 3 | |
| CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies | | 1—3 | |

| TOTAL General Education Credits | |
|---|---|

### Requirements for Graduation:

- ☐ Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements
- ☐ 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

## IR B.S. Major Requirements

| Requirements (see go.umd.edu/IRBS) | Credits | Grade |
|---|---|---|
| **Benchmark 1 Requirements** | | |
| GVPT170 with a grade of C- or higher | 3 | |
| GVPT201 with a grade of C- or higher | 3 | |
| One of STAT100+, MATH 107,113,115,120,135,136, or 140 with a grade of C- or higher | 3/4 | |
| Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher | 3 | |
| **Benchmark 2 Requirement** | | |
| GVPT320 with a grade of C- or higher | 3 | |
| **Foundational Courses [Grade of C– or higher]** | | |
| GVPT200 | 3 | |
| GVPT280 or GVPT282 | 3 | |
| GVPT IR/CP Course 100/200 level<br>For approved options, refer to: go.umd.edu/IRBS | 3 | |
| **Methods Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]**<br>For approved options, refer to: go.umd.edu/IRBS | | |
| GVPT Methods Course 300/400 level | 3 | |
| GVPT IR/CP Quantitative Methods Course 300/400 level | 3 | |
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| **Courses of Choice [Grade of C– or higher]**<br>For approved options, refer to: go.umd.edu/IRBS | | |
| GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 1 300/400 level | 3 | |
| GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 2 300/400 level | 3 | |
| GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 3 300/400 level | 3 | |
| **Skills Requirement [Grade of C– or higher]**<br>For approved options, refer to: go.umd.edu/gvptskills | | |
| **1. ECON200** | 3 | |
| **2. Foreign Language†:** Choose one:<br>a) Elementary level course(s)<br>b) High school transcript<br>c) Demonstrate proficiency through elementary level | 0-12 | |
| **3. Quantitative Skills - B.S. track** | 3 | |
| **4. Additional Skills:** Choose one:<br>a) Intermediate foreign language<br>b) Additional Quantitative Skills - B.S Track | 3-6 | |

† 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.

**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.**

+STAT100 preferred

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, B.S. — Graduation Plan

| Year 1 | Fall | | Spring | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Complete your graduation plan!<br><br>Benchmark 1 Requirements must be completed within two semesters of entering the major:<br><br>GVPT170 with a grade of C- or higher<br><br>GVPT201 with a grade of C- or higher<br><br>One of STAT100, MATH 107,113,115,120,135, 136, or 140 with a grade of C- or higher<br><br>Academic Writing with a grade of C- or higher | Course | Credit | Course | Credit |
| | ENGL101 (AW: Academic Writing and Benchmark) | 3 | AR (Analytic Reasoning) | 3 |
| | MA: Benchmark Math (Based on Placement) | 3/4 | NS (Natural Sciences)* | 3 |
| | HU (Humanities)* | 3 | GVPT201 (SP: Scholarship in Practice and Benchmark) | 3 |
| | GVPT170 (HS: History/Social Sciences and Benchmark) | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | UNIV100 | 1 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | | |
| | **Total** | **16** | **Total** | **15** |

| Year 2 | Fall | | Spring | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark progress!<br><br>Benchmark 2 Requirements must be completed within one semester of completing Benchmark 1:<br><br>GVPT320 with a grade of C- or higher | Course | Credit | Course | Credit |
| | OC (Oral Communications) | 3 | CC (Cultural Competency)* | 3 |
| | GVPT200 (UP: Understanding Plural Societies) | 3 | HU (Humanities)* | 3 |
| | GVPT320 (Benchmark 2) | 3 | GVPT280 or GVPT282 | 3 |
| | ECON200 (HS: History/Social Sciences) | 3 | Elementary Foreign Language Requirement | 4 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 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 |
| | NL (Natural Sciences Lab)* | 4 | SP: Scholarship in Practice (non–major)* | 3 |
| | GVPT IR/CP 100/200 | 3 | GVPT IR/CP Quantitative Methods Course 300/400 level | 3 |
| | Quantitative Skills Requirement | 3 | GVPT Methods Course 300/400 level | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Additional Skills course | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | **Total** | **16** | **Total** | **15** |

| Year 4 | Fall | | Spring | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Apply for graduation! | Course | Credit | Course | Credit |
| | PW (Professional Writing) | 3 | GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 2 300/400 level | 3 |
| | GVPT Quantitative Methods Course 300/400 level | 3 | GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 3 300/400 level | 3 |
| | GVPT IR/CP Course of Choice 1 300/400 level | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 | | |
| | **Total** | **15** | **Total** | **12** |

| | Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits | 120 |
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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.

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