

ECONOMICS

Bachelor of Arts

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

Effective Spring 2016 and later

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

Career Planning Email: BSOSCareers@umd.edu

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
- ☐ MATH120 or 140 (or higher) with C– or higher

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

General Education Requirements			
Fundamental Studies			
Requirements: 15 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
AW: Academic Writing	ENGL101	3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3	
OC: Oral Communication		3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	MATH 120/140	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	MATH 120/140	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	ECON200	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON201	3	
HU: Humanities		3	
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SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)		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		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Signature Courses)			
Requirements: 4—6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
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			

ECON Major Requirements		
Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	Credits	Grade
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
Academic Writing (C– or higher)	—	
Additional Gen Ed course (D– or higher)	—	
ECON200 [MATH107 or pre-calculus math placement] (C– or higher)	—	
ECON201 [MATH107 or pre-calculus math placement] (C– or higher)	—	
Calculus: Choose one: MATH120 [MATH113] (C– or higher) or MATH140 [MATH115] (C– or higher)	—	
Additional ECON Requirements (Grade of C– or higher)		
Statistics: Choose one: ECON230 [ECON200, ECON201 & MATH107 or pre-calculus math placement] or BMGT230 [MATH113/115 or Calculus math placement]	3	
ECON306 [ECON200, ECON201, and Calculus]	4	
ECON305 [ECON200, ECON201, and Calculus]	4	
ECON Quantitative Methods: Choose one: ECON402, ECON414, ECON424, ECON425, ECON426	3	
ECON Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher) *		
Must select ECON Courses of Choice from the approved BA course list Refer to: http://ter.ps/ECONcourses		
ECON Course of Choice: 300/400 Level Course 1	3	
ECON Course of Choice: 300/400 Level Course 2	3	
ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 1	3	
ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 2	3	
ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 3	3	
Experiential Learning		
ECON386 or Other Experiential Learning course(s) approved by department (Refer to: http://ter.ps/ECONcourses) or Additional ECON Course of Choice: 300/400 Level	3	
* Prerequisites vary by courses, 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	}	Statistics
ECON201		ECON 300 level Courses of Choice
ECON200	}	ECON305
ECON201		ECON306
MATH120/140		ECON 400 levels

ECONOMICS BA-Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan! Benchmark 1 requirements must be completed in 2 semesters Academic Writing Gen Ed Course ECON 200 ECON 201 MATH 120/140 <i>NOTE: This sample plan assumes a math placement of MATH 120 or higher. If you have a lower math placement, you are required to meet with an ECON advisor to sign your individualized benchmark contract.</i>	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communication)	3
	MATH 120/140 (MA: Math / AR: Analytic Reasoning)	3	ECON 201 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3
	ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice -non-major)*	3
	UNIV 100 or BSOS361	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	2		
	Total	15	Total	15
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	HU (Humanities)*	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4
	ECON 230/ BMGT 230	3	HU (Humanities)*	3
	ECON 306	4	ECON 305	4
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	1
	Total	16	Total	15
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
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	CC (Cultural Competency)	1
	SP (Scholarship in Practice -major)*	3	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
	ECON Quantitative Methods Course	3	ECON Course of Choice: 300/400 Level Course 2	3
	ECON Course of Choice: 300/400 Level Course 1	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
			Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	16
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	UP (Understanding Plural Societies)	3	ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 2	3
	Experiential Learning	3	ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 3	3
	ECON Course of Choice: 400 Level Course 1	3	Elective	3
	Upper Level Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	1
	Total	15	Total	13

***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.

Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits	120
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