Suggested Planning Guide for UMBC-Shady Grove's
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

FCC Foundation and Distribution Courses	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
English 101 (EN 101)*		3					
Math Foundation (MA 103, 105 or 206)		3					
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (PI 104)*		3					
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (EC 201, EC 202, or other)		3					
Arts Elective (AR 100, 101, 103-106, DR 101, MU 101, MU 103, or MU 104)		3					
Humanities Elective (World Language 201-Level)		3					
Communication Elective (CMSP 103, CMSP 105, or EN 102)		3					
Biological and Physical Sciences with Lab		4					
Biological and Physical Sciences		3/4					
Interdisciplinary and Emerging Issues Elective/PE Elective (PE 154)		3					
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Cultural Competency Course/Elective		3					
Additional UMBC-Needed GEP Courses	**Course**	**Credits**	**S1**	**S2**	**S3**	**S4**	**Grade**
GEP Culture (World Language: 101 Level)		3					
GEP Culture (World Language: 102 Level)		3					
GEP AH		3					
GEP Social Science (EC 201, EC 202, or other)		3					
PE Course		1					
FCC Elective Courses/Program Prerequisites	**Course**	**Credits**	**S1**	**S2**	**S3**	**S4**	**Grade**
PI 105, PI 206, PI 207, PI 215*		3					
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TOTAL FCC CREDITS: 64-65			(Maximum # Transferable to UMBC: 60)				

Program Requirements	Course	Credits	S5	S6	S7	S8	Grade
POLI 300 or POLI 301		3					
POLI Course (300 or 400 level)		3					
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POLI Course (400 level)		3					
POLI Course (400 level)		3					
Additional Elective Courses/GEP Requirements	**Course**	**Credits**	**S5**	**S6**	**S7**	**S8**	**Grade**
GEP Writing Intensive Elective		3					
Upper Level Electives		36					
TOTAL UMBC CREDITS: 60							

*Program Prerequisites.

NOTE: This suggested planning guide is NOT intended to serve as an official articulation agreement. Please review the next page for further details on course requirements. See your FCC counselor and/or a UMBC-Shady Grove program representative for more information.

General UMBC Notes:

- UMBC requires 120 credits for graduation; the final 30 credits may not be transferred from an outside institution.
- Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits from a two-year school to UMBC.
- Once enrolled in a degree program at UMBC, courses listed in ARTSYS may no longer apply. Students will need to check with their advisors and complete a Verification of Transferability form in order to ensure proper transfer of coursework.
- **Math Requirement** - MA 103 or 105 will only fulfill the UMBC GEP Mathematics requirement if a student completes the course with a C- or better prior to transferring to UMBC.
- **World Language Requirement** - A single language through the 201-level; exemptions based on proof of completion of Level 4 of a language in high school or results of a language proficiency exam. Students may demonstrate foreign language proficiency through other methods, see: http://www.umbc.edu/mll/gfrs.html. If exempt, take a general elective in place of language courses.
- **Physical Education Requirement** - UMBC requires that all students complete two Physical Education activity courses, with some exceptions: students who are 30 years of age or older at the time they begin their studies at UMBC and/or students who have served in the military (must submit copies of their DD-214 paperwork to Office of the Registrar). Students with medical reasons for exemption should contact their Program Director at UMBC. PE credits are not counted towards the final 120 academic credits required by UMBC.

Specific Political Science Program Notes:

- No grade lower than a "C" in any course will be counted toward the required total credits for the major.
- If PI 207 is taken, it will only transfer in as a 200-level course.
- Math Recommendation – While students who transfer from FCC may use MA 103 or 105 to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirements, MA206 (Statistics) is the recommended course to fulfill both the Gen Ed requirement and to prepare the student for POLI 300.
- Students are encouraged to participate in an internship experience during their program. The program can assist with placement and academic credit is awarded if students submit weekly reports and a final paper. However, an internship is not required for the POLI major. Please see your Program Director for more information.

If you have questions or would like more information about UMBC's Political Science Program at Shady Grove, please contact Dr. Sunil Dasgupta, Program Director, at sunildasgupta@umbc.edu or 301-738-6313.