

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



MC Foundation and Distribution Courses	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
English 101 (EN 101)		3					
English Foundation (EN 102 or EN 109)*		3					
Math Foundation (MA 110 or higher)		3					
Speech Foundation (SP 108 or 112)		3					
Health Foundation (HE 101, 111, 130, 202, 205, or 230)		3					
Arts Distribution		3					
Arts or Humanities Distribution		3					
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Behavioral/Social Science Distribution (PS 201, 203, 209, 210, 241, 250, or 282)*		3					
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Natural Sciences Lab Distribution		4					
Natural Sciences Non-Lab or Lab Distribution		3/4					
PE Distribution		1					
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					
World Language: 201 Level		3					
GEP Social Science (non-PS course)		3					
PE Course		1					
MC Elective Courses/Program Prerequisites	Course	Credits	S1	S2	S3	S4	Grade
PS 101*		3					
PS 201, 203, 209, 210, 241, 250, or 282		3					
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Elective		3					
TOTAL MC CREDITS: 63-64		(Maximum	# Tran	sferable	to UM	BC: 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					

*Program Prerequisites

Upper Level Elective
TOTAL UMBC CREDITS: 60

POLI Course (400 level)

GEP Writing Intensive Elective

Upper Level Elective

Additional Elective Courses/GEP Requirements

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 MC counselor and/or a UMBC-Shady Grove program representative for more information.

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S8

Grade

Course

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 110 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. However, HE 109 includes a physical activity portion, therefore 1.5 credits fulfill 1 PE requirement and 1.5 credits will transfer as elective credits.

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.
- Math Recommendation While students who transfer from MC may use MA 110 to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirements, MA116 (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.