

ECONOMICS

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

BSOS Expectations of Students

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences expects that you:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Complete an academic audit 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

Student Expectations of BSOS

Academic advisors are committed to assist you in meeting your educational 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 when needed
- Providing advising throughout your academic career

Advising Resources

BSOS Advising

General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns

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Department Advising

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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 D- or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course with D- or higher
- ECON 200 with C- or higher
- ECON 201 with C- or higher
- MATH 220 or 140 (or higher) with C- or higher
- ECON 300 with C- or higher

Benchmark 2: *ECON majors must complete the following courses within one semester of meeting Benchmark 1:*

- ECON 326 with C- or higher
- ECON 321 with C- or higher

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

ECONOMICS - BACHELOR OF ARTS

General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)			
Fundamental Studies			
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
AW: Academic Writing	ENGL101	3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3	
OC: Oral Communication		3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	MATH 220/140	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	MATH 220/140	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	ECON200	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	ECON201	3	
HU: Humanities		3	
HU: Humanities		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3	
I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)			
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
IS: I-Series		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)			
<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 D– or higher in each course used to complete CORE/GenEd			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major			
<input type="checkbox"/> Students starting UMD Fall 2012 or later must 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		
<i>Requirements</i> [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
Academic Writing (D– or higher)	—	
Additional Gen Ed course (D– or higher)	—	
ECON 200 (C– or higher)	—	
ECON 201 (C– or higher)	—	
MATH 220 [MATH 113] or MATH 140 [MATH 115] (C– or higher)	—	
ECON 300 [ECON 200, 201, & MATH 220 or 140] or MATH 240 or 241 by department permission (C– or higher)	3	
Benchmark 2 Requirements		
ECON 321 [ECON 200, 201, & MATH 220 or 140] or STAT 400 [MATH 141] (C– or higher)	3	
ECON 326 [ECON 300] (C– or higher)	3	
Additional ECON Requirements [Grade of C– or higher]		
ECON 325 [ECON 300]	3	
ECON History & Development <i>Choose one of the following:</i> 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 317, 412 or 416	3	
ECON Quantitative & Analytic Methods <i>Choose one of the following:</i> 402, 414, 422, 424, 425, or 426	3	
ECON 400 Level Course 1 [ECON 326 and/or ECON 325 and/or ECON 321]	3	
ECON 400 Level Course 2 [ECON 326 and/or ECON 325 and/or ECON 321]	3	
ECON 400 Level Course 3 [ECON 326 and/or ECON 325 and/or ECON 321]	3	
ECON 300, 321, 325, and 326 must be completed at UMD		
ECON Major Supporting Courses (15 credits) [Grade of C– or higher]		
<i>-Courses used to satisfy this requirement must be taken at the upper-level (300-400), or any math courses beyond 220 or 140 (except MATH 274).</i>		
<i>-Options may include additional upper level ECON courses or courses from other departments.</i>		
<i>- ECON 386 may be used to satisfy this requirement.</i>		
<i>- ECON 387, internship, professional writing and 386 outside of economics MAY NOT be used to satisfy this requirement.</i>		
Supporting Course 1		
Supporting Course 2		
Supporting Course 3		
Supporting Course 4		
Supporting Course 5		

ECONOMICS-Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
<p>Complete your graduation plan!</p> <p>Benchmark 1 requirements must be completed in 2 semesters</p> <p>Academic Writing Gen Ed Course ECON 200 ECON 201 MATH 220/140 ECON 300</p> <p><i>NOTE: This sample plan assumes a math placement of MATH 220 or higher, and reflects an extension to benchmark requirements which can only be granted by an ECON advisor. You are required to meet with an ECON advisor to sign your individualized benchmark contract.</i></p>	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communication)	3
	MATH 220/140 (MA: Math / AR: Analytic Reasoning)	3	ECON 201 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	4
	ECON 200 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	4	SP (Scholarship in Practice -non-major)*	3
	UNIV 100	1	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	14	Total	16
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
<p>Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!</p> <p>Benchmark 2 requirements must be completed within 1 semester of completing Benchmark 1.</p> <p>ECON 326 ECON 321</p>	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4	HU (Humanities)*	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	ECON 326	3
	ECON 300	3	ECON 321	3
	Supporting Course 1 Upper Level	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	Total	16	Total	14
Year 3	Fall		Spring	
<p>Complete an academic audit (review of academic record) between 75—89 credits!</p>	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	PW (Professional Writing)	3	CC (Cultural Competency)	1
	SP (Scholarship in Practice -major)*	3	ECON 400 Level Course 1	3
	ECON History and Development	3	ECON Quantitative & Analytic Methods	3
	ECON 325	3	Supporting Course 3 Upper Level	3
	Supporting Course 2 Upper Level	3	Elective	3
			Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	16
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
<p>Apply for graduation!</p>	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	UP (Understanding Plural Societies)	3	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
	ECON 400 Level Course 2	3	ECON 400 Level Course 3	3
	Supporting Course 4 Upper Level	3	Supporting Course 5 Upper Level	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Upper Level Elective	3	Elective	2
	Total	15	Total	14

***Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the I-Series requirement. (I-Series 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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