



<b>MC Foundation and Distribution Courses</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Intro to College Writing (EN 101/ ENGL 101)		3					
Critical Read/Write/Research (EN 102/ ENGL 102) OR Critical Read/Write/Research at Work (EN 109/ ENGL 103)*		3					
Math Foundation (Survey of College Math or Higher) (MA 110/MATH 110)		3					
Intro to Human Communication (SP 108/COMM 108) OR Business & Professional Speech Communication (SP 112/COMM 112)		3					
Health Foundation (Choose One): Personal & Comm Health (HE 101/HLTH 105), Drugs & Lifestyle Wellness (HE 111/HLTH 131) , Intro to Aging (HE 130/HLTH 170), Controlling Stress & Tension (HE 202/HLTH 212) , Emergency Medical Responder (HE 205/HLTH 220), or Health in the Later Years (HE 230/HLTH 230)		3					
Arts Distribution		3					
Arts or Humanities Distribution		3					
Humanities Distribution		3					
Behavioral/Social Science Distribution (Choose One)*: Comparative Politics & Governments (PS 201/POLI 211) Race & Ethnicity in US Politics (PS 210/POLI 252), Western Political Thought (PS 241/POLI 221) or Politics of the Third World (PS 282/POLI 256)		3					
Behavioral/Social Science Distribution (Choose One)*: Comparative Politics & Governments (PS 201/POLI 211) , Race & Ethnicity in US Politics (PS 210/POLI 252), Western Political Thought (PS 241/POLI 221) or Politics of the Third World (PS 282/POLI 256)		3					
Natural Sciences Lab Distribution		4					
Natural Sciences Non-Lab or Lab Distribution		3/4					
Physical Education Distribution		1					
<b>Additional UMBC-Needed GEP Courses</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade</b>
GEP Culture (World Language: 101 Level)		3					
GEP Culture (World Language: 102 Level)		3					
World Language: Intermediate Level		3					
GEP Social Science (non-Political Science course)		3					
Physical Education Distribution		1					
<b>MC Elective Courses/Program Prerequisites</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Grade</b>
American Government (PS 101/POLI 101)*		3					
Choose One: Comparative Politics & Governments (PS 201/POLI 211) , Race & Ethnicity in US Politics (PS 210/POLI 252), Western Political Thought (PS 241/POLI 221) or Politics of the Third World (PS 282/POLI 256)		3					
Choose One: Comparative Politics & Governments (PS 201/POLI 211) , Race & Ethnicity in US Politics (PS 210/POLI 252), Western Political Thought (PS 241/POLI 221) or Politics of the Third World (PS 282/POLI 256)		3					
Elective		3					
<b>TOTAL MC CREDITS: 63-64</b>		<b>(Maximum # Transferable to UMBC: 60)</b>					
<b>Program Requirements</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Grade</b>
POLI 300 or POLI 301		3					
POLI Course (300 or 400 level)		3					
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<b>Additional Elective Courses/GEP Requirements</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Upper Level Elective		3					
GEP Writing Intensive Elective		3					
Upper Level Elective		33					
<b>TOTAL UMBC CREDITS: 60</b>							

\*Program Prerequisites

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

#### **General UMBC Notes:**

- UMBC requires a minimum of 120 credits and a minimum 2.0 GPA for graduation
- Students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits from a two-year school and up to 90 credits from a four-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** - Survey of College Math 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. Please see your academic advisor for more information. 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. MC's Personalized Health Fitness course includes a physical activity portion; therefore, it will fulfill 1 PE requirement.

#### **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 Survey of College Math to fulfill the Gen Ed Math requirements, MC's Elements of Statistics course 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](mailto:sunildasgupta@umbc.edu) or 301-738-6313.**