



OFFICE OF EXTENDED STUDIES

Freshmen Connection 2018 Course Recommendations

Government & Politics

Carefully review the information below for help in determining which courses to choose this fall if you are considering a Government & Politics degree. You may take up to 17 credits.

Required Fall courses for Government & Politics majors:

- GVPT170 and/or GVPT241
- MATH107, STAT100 (recommended), MATH120 or MATH140
- UNIV100

Note: All Government & Politics students must take the above required classes to remain in the major. They are considered GVPT gateway requirements and fall under a number of limited enrollment program policies. Those policies can be found at www.lep.umd.edu. Students are encouraged to reach out to GVPT advising with any questions or concerns.

Recommended Fall courses for Government & Politics majors:

Choose 2 or 3 courses from among the following:

- GVPT200 (*especially if you are interested in the official International Relations concentration*) or GVPT273
- ECON200 (*we recommend taking ECON200 in the fall only if you have a strong math background*)
- 1 of the following General Education requirements: AW, OC, NS, NL, HU (up to 2), SP, IS (*see [Courses by General Education Requirement](#) sheet*)

- 1) If you are taking AP/IB exams or bringing in Transfer Credit, visit the [University's Transfer Credit Services](#) to see how your credits will transfer. You may be bringing in credit for a required/recommended course. If this is the case, do NOT take the course at the University of Maryland.

Example: If you anticipate receiving a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP U.S. Government exam, do NOT enroll in GVPT170 even if it is listed as a "Required" course above.

- 2) Times and course descriptions for all classes may be found on the [Schedule of Classes](#). You will need to make sure that the courses you choose are open and that the times do not conflict (you can download a schedule worksheet [here](#)).
- 3) If a mathematics course is required, choose the course that seems like the best fit based on your level of high school math. If more than one math course is listed, include the lower-numbered course as an alternate in case you do not test into the course of your choosing.

Students may also access the [UMD Math Testbank](#) to review prior years' final exams, answer keys and syllabi.

If a course you choose has a mathematics prerequisite (such as ECON200), you MUST list an alternate course.

- 4) If a course is required for your intended major, include it on your enrollment form even if it appears closed. Be sure to list an alternate course.
- 5) Once you have chosen sections of the above courses that do not conflict, include them under the Primary Course Request and Alternate Course Request table on the [FC Enrollment Form](#).
- 6) Your Course Request will be reviewed by a Freshmen Connection Advisor and you will be contacted by e-mail if there are any issues with the courses you have chosen. If you need additional assistance choosing classes, please contact a Freshmen Connection Advisor at 301.405.7762 or fc@umd.edu. In-person and phone appointments are available Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.