

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Limited Enrollment Programs

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Several majors at the University of Maryland, known as Limited Enrollment Programs, have limited space and, therefore, have more competitive admission criteria beyond the university's general admission requirements. Students interested in an LEP major must successfully complete a specific set of courses, or "Gateway" requirements, before being reviewed for admission to the major. Review both pages of this sheet to learn about the Gateway requirements and further information.

Gateway Requirements

Gateway Courses	Required Grade	UMD Course	Transfer Institution (if not completed at UMD)	Transfer Course	Grade Received
American Government	B-	GVPT 170*			
Statistics or Introduction to Math Modeling and Probability	C-	STAT 100 or MATH 107**			

*Students who have Advanced Placement credit for GVPT 170 must complete one of the following with a grade of B- or higher: GVPT200 [International Political Relations], GVPT 241 [The Study of Political Philosophy: Ancient and Modern], GVPT280 [The Study of Comparative Politics], or GVPT282 [Politics and the Developing World]. External students whose institutions do not have GVPT200, GVPT 241, GVPT280, or GVPT282 must complete a 200-level or higher GVPT course.

** The following courses are approved substitutes for STAT 100 or MATH 107: MATH 120, MATH135, MATH 136, or MATH 140.

GPA and Minimum Credit Requirement

A minimum grade point average of 2.7 across ALL attempted college coursework is required for consideration for all applicants.

LEP Policies

- Only one Gateway course may be repeated to earn the required grade and that course may only be repeated once. Withdrawing from a course that results in a 'W' counts as an attempt at fulfilling the requirement.

- When more than one course can satisfy a Gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat.
- Students who are directly admitted and fail to successfully complete the Gateway courses and maintain the minimum GPA will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.
- Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal to the Associate Dean of the College.

Applying to the Major

External Transfer Students: Students applying to the University of Maryland from other institutions apply to LEPs through the general application for admission to the University by indicating their major of interest. Students are first reviewed for admission to the University, and then, if admitted, are reviewed for admission to Limited Enrollment Program majors based on LEP standards. Applicants who have completed all required Gateway courses at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision in late April for fall admission and late October for spring admission. Students who are in the process of completing the required Gateways at the time of their application are notified of their admission decision to the university at the previously mentioned times, but will be notified about the major decision after the semester has ended and final grades for the semester have been calculated. Students should be sure to send their final transcript from their previous institutions if they are taking classes at the time of application.

Current UMD Students (Internal Transfer Students): First semester freshman wanting to change to or add a BSOS LEP have until the last day of classes in their first semester to change/add a BSOS LEP. First semester freshman meeting this deadline will be treated as directly admitted freshmen and will not have to complete the entrance requirements prior to admissions. Current Maryland students applying to change/add a major after completing their first semester as a freshman must complete the entrance requirements before submitting their LEP application, which is obtained from a department advisor. The GPA requirement for entrance into a BSOS LEP major is based on ALL previous college level coursework. This includes courses taken at other institutions that may not have been accepted as credit here at Maryland. Please see the department website for specific requirements.

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Majors Offered:

- *Government & Politics*
- *International Relations*

Shady Grove Campus

Major not available at Shady Grove Campus