

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE:

UMBC AT THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE



Our Reputation,
Your Backyard.

Political Science is an exciting discipline, and at UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) students can share and participate in that excitement. Students in UMBC's Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Program receive an exceptional opportunity to see how the lives of citizens are affected by government and politics.

Students in the Political Science Department have continued on to prestigious schools like Yale, Harvard, William and Mary, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Chicago. Students have received highly competitive scholarships like the Truman Scholarship for graduate studies. Graduates are currently working as judges, partners in major law firms, public affairs officers, directors of non-profit institutions, college professors and researchers, foreign service officers and have achieved cabinet level positions in state and local governments.

UMBC's Political Science program opens the door for graduates to pursue careers in government, politics, law, journalism, business, education, diplomacy, and lobbying.

The Political Science program at UMBC-Shady Grove is for students who want to make a difference. The faculty and staff have helped me develop my career goals. The program offers a great variety of courses that have given me the skills and the breadth of knowledge I will need to be successful in my advanced educational pursuits.

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Political Science, B.A.

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GUIDE TO SUCCESS: BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

STEP ONE: PLAN AHEAD

Plan early and plan often. Come to an information session as soon as you are considering UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove so that we can help you decide which courses to take while you are still at community college. Register for an upcoming information session at www.umbc.edu/shadygrove.

Prerequisites for Admission:

- American Government (PS 101 or equivalent)
- Two 200-level Political Science courses
- English Composition (EN 102 or EN 109)

Recommended Coursework:

- **Arts and Humanities:** Three courses, at least two in the same area. For example, take two music classes and a philosophy class.
- **Social Science:** Two additional 200-level Political Science courses plus another social science – psychology, sociology, history or economics are all good choices.
- **Mathematics:** MA 110 will suffice, but MA 116 is a good idea. Statistics forms an excellent foundation for the courses in political methodology and other aspects of the major.
- **Science:** Two, one with a lab, one without. This can be biology, chemistry, physics, nutrition or several others.
- **Physical Education:** Take two activity courses in physical education. There are certain exceptions to this, so check with an advisor.
- **Language and Culture:** You must meet the equivalent of the 201 level in a foreign language and take at least one other culture class. This requirement can be complicated, so see an advisor at UMBC to find out how you can fulfill this requirement.

NOTE: Course designations are for Montgomery College only. Please consult ARTSYS (<http://artweb.usmd.edu>) to determine transferability of other courses from other institutions. This information does not indicate a comprehensive listing of all degree requirements. Additional information about academic rules and general education requirements can be found in the UMBC Undergraduate Catalog. Students should always consult with an advisor to ensure appropriate course selection.

STEP TWO: APPLY

Applications are available at www.umbc.edu/shadygrove. For additional information, contact the UMBC Enrollment Specialist at 301-738-6081 or via e-mail at shadygrove@umbc.edu.

Submit your application and official transcripts to:
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
UMBC
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250

Fall Admission Deadlines:

Priority: March 15
Final: May 31

Spring Admission Deadlines:

Priority: November 1
Final: December 15

After the final deadline, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis. To be considered for academic scholarships, you must apply by the priority deadline.

STEP THREE: ATTEND

If you are admitted to UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove, you will attend an orientation session before you start classes. The orientation session gives you a chance to meet your classmates, learn about UMBC and The Universities at Shady Grove services, and register for classes. We look forward to working with you as you reach your goals. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the UMBC Enrollment Specialist at **301-738-6081** or via e-mail at shadygrove@umbc.edu.

UMBC AT SHADY GROVE

Through community college partnerships, UMBC offers B.A. programs in Management of Aging Services, History, Political Science, Psychology and Social Work. A dynamic mix of talented, engaged and experienced professors teach students in small classroom-sized settings. UMBC also offers graduate programs focusing on Industrial/Organizational Psychology and Geographic Information Systems.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UMBC awards transfer scholarships to academically talented community college students. To be considered for academic scholarships, you must apply by the priority deadline and meet minimum GPA requirements. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year for each of two years of study.

FINANCIAL AID

Approximately 55% of undergraduate students at UMBC receive some form of aid: grants, work study, and loans. To apply for financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) listing UMBC's Federal School Code 002105. The required FAFSA form is available on the Web at: www.fafsa.ed.gov, at the Office of Student Services at Shady Grove, or at your community college's financial aid office. For maximum consideration of need-based funding, valid FAFSA results (SAR) should be on file with the Federal Processor by February 14 prior to the upcoming academic year.

In order to estimate your educational expenses, please refer to our interactive cost calculator at www.umbc.edu/shadygrove (see "Cost Calculator" under "Financial Aid").

ADMISSIONS

By attending UMBC at The Universities at Shady Grove, you will benefit from having small class sizes and personal relationships with faculty, staff, and your fellow students. The UMBC programs offered at The Universities at Shady Grove have the same requirements as those offered on campus at UMBC. Program and graduation requirements, admission criteria, faculty and academic policies are the same; however, only UMBC's upper level courses are available at The Universities at Shady Grove. You must complete the lower-level course requirements at a local community college or at UMBC in suburban Baltimore. The admissions committee will evaluate your application on the basis of academic achievements at previous institutions. Cumulative grade point average, academic performance trends, strength of curriculum and performance in courses related to the intended area of study are also considered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the programs UMBC offers at The Universities at Shady Grove, visit us online at www.umbc.edu/shadygrove, call us by phone at **301-738-6081**, or e-mail shadygrove@umbc.edu

