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College of Arts and Humanities
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
Oral Communication	C-	COMM 107 or COMM 200 or COMM 230			
Introduction to Communication Inquiry	C-	COMM 250**			
Statistics	C-	STAT 100*			

* The following courses are approved substitutes for STAT 100: BMGT 230, CCJS 200, EDMS451, PSYC 200 or SOCY 201.

** **External transfer students who attend an institution that does not offer COMM 250: Introduction to Communication Inquiry, and who will earn 60 credits or more in the semester they apply, with a transfer GPA of 3.5 or higher, will be admitted directly to the major if they satisfy all other gateway requirements. These students must earn a grade of C– or higher in COMM 250 during their first semester at UMD. If they fail to earn a C– or higher, they must repeat the course in their second semester and earn a grade of C– or higher to remain in the major.

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 institution 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 institution if they are taking classes at the time of application.

Current UMD Students (Internal Transfer Students): Students currently attending the University of Maryland who wish to switch to an LEP or add an LEP as a second major can submit an LEP application through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The LEP application is made available following the add/drop deadline of each semester. Internal transfer students should complete the application either during the semester in which they complete the required gateway courses or at the end of the semester. This timeline is dependent upon the application deadline for the student's preferred major. When previewing the application prior to submission, you will see all portions of the online application form, including those not relevant to the program for which you are applying. This is to be expected and will not impact your application provided you completed the sections relevant to your desired LEP major.

Please note: Students applying for the fall semester are able to complete a gateway course during the summer, either at UMD or another institution. In order to be considered, courses must be taken during UMD's Summer 1 Session. If the course is taken at another institution, it must be completed by the end of UMD's Summer 1 Session. Students applying to change their major for the spring semester are not able to complete gateway courses during the winter term.

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Majors Offered:
- *Communications Studies, with an emphasis in Digital Media & Visual Communication*

Communication at Shady Grove is not a Limited Enrollment Program. All students entering a Communication major at Shady Grove will have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, completed 60 credits and successfully completed the following courses/requirements with a C or higher:
- *COMM 107 Oral Communication*
- *COMM 250 Introduction to Communication Inquiry*
- *STAT 100 or BMGT 230 Statistical Analysis All General Education requirements with the exception of Professional Writing*