

TIPS ON MAKING YOUR Four Year Plan

TESTUDO	Pay attention to co-requisites, pre-requisites and course restrictions on Testudo.
ONCE A YEAR	Check course offerings. Some are only offered in the fall or spring semester. For example CHEM395, CHEM401, and BCHM485 are only offered in the spring.
SHORT TERMS	A limited number of science and math classes are offered in the summer and almost none in the winter due to condensed terms.
FULL TIME	You need 12 credits per semester to be a full time student. A maximum of 17 credits can be taken in a fall or spring semester without special permission. There is a 4 credit max in the winter, and an 8 credit max for each summer session.
TYPICAL LOAD	A typical course load for a student in CMNS is anywhere from 13-17 credits per semester.
CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS	Major and supporting courses that are part of a sequence should be taken in consecutive semesters.
TWO LAB CLASSES	For BSCI/BCHM/CHEM/ENSP majors: Take a maximum of two lab classes per semester. If possible, take only one 300 or 400-level lab at a time.
TWO TECHNICAL CLASSES	All other majors: Take a maximum of two technical classes per semester. Technical classes include major and supporting requirements (e.g. math courses) and labs.
BLEND	In general, try to combine science and non-science classes each semester.
GEN ED	English 101 must be attempted in your first 30 credits.
STUDY ABROAD	You can study abroad during any part of the school year (fall, spring, summer, and winter).
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS	Know what professional school courses are required and recommended before making your plan.
MINORS	Minors range from 15-24 credits. An updated list can be found on the Undergraduate Catalog at umd.edu/catalog .

The CMNS Peer Mentors are available to assist you in developing your four-year plan.

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