A yellow compass with a graduation cap

Description automatically generated***B’More Prepared! Academic Planning Workshop***

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**Today we’ll learn the steps involved in creating your own academic plan!**

**Step 1: Know your graduation requirements!** Fill in what requirements you still have left to complete. Check off any category that is already complete.

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| **Graduation Requirements** | **General Education Requirements** | |
| \_\_\_\_ / 120 Total Credits  \_\_\_\_ / Current GPA (minimum of 2.00)  \_\_\_\_ / 45 Upper-Level Credits (300/400)  \_\_\_\_ / Writing Intensive Course | \_\_\_\_ / English Composition  \_\_\_\_ / 3 Arts and Humanities  \_\_\_\_ / 3 Social Sciences  \_\_\_\_ / 1 Math  \_\_\_\_ / 2 Sciences | \_\_\_\_ / Culture (BS-1, BA-2)  \_\_\_\_ / 201 Language |

**Step 2: Talk to the right people!**

List some contacts/offices/faculty/staff you think it would be useful for you to connect with:

List some events or support services you think it would be useful for you to participate in:

**Step 3: Research using planning tools** – Check out the following tools available to you in your myUMBC profile:

* Degree audit
* What-if degree audit
* Advising Profile
* Advising notes
* Transfer credit report
* Academic Pathways
* Degree Planner

**Step 4: Map out the components of your degree.** Start your graduation plan by mapping outyour Spring 2024 courses. Use this to jumpstart your planning for future semesters!

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| **Next Semester Courses** | **Justification for Next Semester Courses**  **(Major/Minor/GEP)** |
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What other experiences do you want to incorporate by the time you graduate? *(examples: study abroad, research, internships, service learning, student leadership/student organizations, jobs, applying to graduate or professional programs – be specific!)*

**Step 5: Evaluate your Plan and Timeline** – Reflect on your current plan and go back to any of the other steps as needed! Think about the following questions to get you started:

How am I balancing my outside responsibilities with my academics?

Do I feel like I have a good mentor or advisor?

What kinds of changes (if any) should I make to my academic plan?

Think about the other experiences you want to include in your plan – when do you want to incorporate those experiences in your timeline?