

ENSP – Transfer Orientation

Welcome! I've developed this guide so we can work together effectively in the time available. While the time we spend together at Orientation won't be long, **you can have as much time as you need from me** over e-mail and once classes begin. My e-mail address is: abm13@umd.edu, so feel free to contact me. There is also lots of good information on our website: www.ensp.umd.edu

- **Our goal is to get you happily registered in 13-16 credits.** NOTE: If you are working > 20 hours/week during school, LIMIT yourself to 12-13 credits. **

Credits	Possible courses (13-16 credits, total)	Rationale / Math placement required. NOTE: Avoid any course that looks like an AP exam you've taken or transfer credit you've earned.
3-4	MATH as placed	-- You must take Math every semester until you have completed your Concentration requirements. MATH120 (Elem. Calc) or MATH140 (Calculus I) is required for ENSP, depending on the concentration you choose.
3	ENGL 101 (FSAW) <i>or</i> INAG110 (FSOC)	-- If you have completed an English Composition course, you may postpone this one semester while your transfer course is being evaluated. -- Take Oral Communication on the "opposite" semester from your ENGL101.
3	ENSP 101 (DSNS) <i>or</i> ENSP 102 (DSHS)	-- ENSP101 (Intro to Env. Sci): offered Fall semesters only. -- ENSP102 (Intro to Env Policy) is offered Spring semesters only.
3/1	BSCI 160/161 (DSNL) and/or CHEM 131/132 (DSNL) and/or GEOG 201/211 (DSNL) or another Earth Science with lab.	-- BSCI 160/161 is applicable to <u>all</u> concentrations. Requires MATH120 placement. -- CHEM 131/132 is applicable to <u>all science</u> concentrations. Requires MATH120 placement. -- GEOG 201/211 is applicable to <u>all policy</u> and <u>many science</u> concentrations. -- Choose GEOL120/110 if you are interested in Environmental Geosciences & Restoration.
3	Any Gen Ed course (DSHU, DVUP, I-Series, Professional Writing, etc)	Please explore the options on TESTUDO so you can come with several ideas.
3-4	Concentration requirement <i>or</i> Gen Ed	Please explore the options on the ENSP webpage so you can come with several ideas.

If you have completed most of the courses listed above, prepare to take courses for your intended ENSP Concentration (which you must choose if you have over 40 credits completed). View all ENSP Concentrations and their Degree Requirements [HERE](#).

Stay Alive at 55! My assumption: You are smart enough to get into Maryland; you are smart enough to do well at Maryland; however, your first semester may be *challenging*.

Good students (3.0+ GPA) spend about (credit hours x 2) on academic preparation. Therefore,

- **12 credits → 24 preparation hours per week** (reading, study groups, re-writing notes, writing/editing papers, library research, reviewing for exams).
- **12 class hours + 24 prep hours + 20 p/t job hours = 56 → manageable;** you can be a good student and have a life :+)

90% of students < 3.0 GPA do not spend enough preparation time (10% may have other challenges).

- 15 class hours + 30 prep hours + 20 p/t job hours = 65 → academic disaster
- 12 class hours + 24 prep hours + 30 p/t job hours = 66 → academic disaster
 - Best case scenario: you do poorly on your first exam, then try to learn what you missed on your first exam while at the same time learning for the second exam (impossible in Math) ... You feel pressured for time and your stress level goes through the roof. You have to drop a course.

- Worst case scenario: you deny you have a problem until Exam #2 – by then it's too late to drop, and you do poorly, perhaps in more than one course.

Prepare to be a good student by “staying alive at 55!” i.e., by balancing your study time and work life at a new school.