

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

Public Policy Concentration

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

BSOS Expectations of Students

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences expects that you:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Complete an academic audit during your junior year
- Take appropriate actions to remove registration blocks and register on time
- Adhere to University and College policies and deadlines
- Be responsible for your academic actions and decisions

Student Expectations of BSOS

Academic advisors are committed to assist you in meeting your educational goals. Therefore, the College is committed to the following:

- Introducing you to major and University requirements upon your entrance to a BSOS major
- Providing assistance during academic difficulty
- Referring you to helpful campus resources when needed
- Providing advising throughout your academic career

Advising Resources

BSOS Advising

General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns

2148 Tydings Hall
(301) 405-1697

Department Advising

Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses
****All AASD students have mandatory advising every semester****

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AASD Major Benchmarks

Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with University policy, the African American Studies Department has established benchmark requirements. Students are expected to demonstrate continuing progress in their majors by completing prerequisite or required courses with the appropriate grades within an established timeframe. Students who do not complete benchmark requirements will need to choose a new major and will not be permitted to return to the African American Studies major at a later time.

Benchmark 1: *AASD majors must complete the following courses within two semesters of entering the major:*

- Academic Writing with C- or higher
- Fundamental Studies Math with D- or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 1 with D- or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 2 with D- or higher
- Choose **one** Foundation Course: AASP100 **or** 200 with C- or higher
- AASP101 with C- or higher

NAME: _____

UID: _____ DATE: _____

AASD Public Policy - BA

General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)			
Fundamental Studies			
<i>Requirements: 15 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
AW: Academic Writing	ENGL101	3	
PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits		3	
OC: Oral Communication		3	
MA: Fundamental Studies Math	Benchmark Math	3	
AR: Analytic Reasoning	*	3	
Distributive Studies			
<i>Requirements: 25 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4	
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	AASP100	3	
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HU: Humanities	AASP200	3	
HU: Humanities		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)		3	
SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)		3	
I- Series (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)			
<i>Requirements: 6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
IS: I-Series		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)			
<i>Requirements: 4—6 credits</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	AASP100	3	
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies		1—3	
TOTAL General Education Credits			
General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits			
Requirements for Graduation:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements			
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level			
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD			
<input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits			

AASD Major Requirements		
<i>Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
Academic Writing (C– or higher)	—	
Fundamental Studies Math (D– or higher)	—	
Additional Gen Ed course 1 (D– or higher)	—	
Additional Gen Ed course 2 (D– or higher)	—	
Choose one Foundation Course: AASP100 or AASP200 (C– or higher)	3	
AASP101 (C– or higher)	3	
AASP Foundation Courses (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP100 or AASP200 <i>{Choose course not taken for Benchmark requirement}</i>	3	
AASP Methods Requirements (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP210	3	
AASP395	3	
AASP Research Labs (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP399: Research in African American Studies 1	1	
AASP399: Research in African American Studies 2	1	
AASP Analytic Skills Development (Grade of C– or higher)		
ECON200	3	
AASP301	3	
PLCY388** or PLCY401	3	
AASP Upper-Level Policy Courses (Grade of C– or higher) - Courses must be from approved list		
AASP Policy Course 1 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Policy Course 2 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Policy Course 3 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Capstone (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP397: Senior Thesis or AASP401: Professional Seminar or Education Abroad experience (must be approved by AASD department)	3	

* Could be completed by benchmark math

** Needs to be approved by the Department

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES: PUBLIC POLICY– FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

Year 1	Fall		Spring	
Complete your graduation plan! Benchmark 1 Requirements must be completed in 2 semesters -Academic Writing -Fundamental Studies Math -Additional Gen Ed Course 1 -Additional Gen Ed Course 2 -AASP101 -Choose one AASP Foundation course: AASP 100 or 200	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communication)	3
	MA (Fundamental Studies Math—based on placement)	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4
	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice (non-major))*	3
	AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies) or AASP 200 (HU: Humanities)	3	AASP 101 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100	1		
	Total	16	Total	16
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies) or AASP 200 (HU: Humanities)	3	AASP395	3
	AASP210	3	AASP399: Lab 2	1
	AASP399: Lab 1	1	ECON 200	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	16	Total	16
Year 3	Fall		Spring	
When you're between 75—89 credits, watch out for an email from your Advisors regarding your remaining degree requirements!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP301	3	ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing)	3
	SP (Scholarship in Practice)*	3	PLCY388 or 401	3
	Elective	3	UP/CC (Understanding Plural Societies/ Cultural Competency)*	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	1	Elective	1
	Total	13	Total	13
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP Policy Course 1 Upper Level	3	AASP Capstone	3
	AASP Policy Course 2 Upper Level	3	AASP Policy Course 3 Upper Level	3
	Elective Upper Level	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15

Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits	120
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***Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the I-Series requirement. (I-series are not listed separately in this plan)