**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**Public Policy Concentration**

**College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

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### 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

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### 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
### AASD Major Requirements

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### AASD Foundation Courses (Grade of C– or higher)

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<td>AASP100 or AASP200 (Choose course not taken for Benchmark requirement)</td>
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### AASP Methods Requirements (Grade of C– or higher)

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<td>AASP210</td>
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### AASP Research Labs (Grade of C– or higher)

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<td>AASP399: Research in African American Studies 1</td>
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### AASP Analytic Skills Development (Grade of C– or higher)

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<td>PLCY388** or PLCY401</td>
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### AASP Upper-Level Policy Courses (Grade of C– or higher)

- Courses must be from approved list

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<td>AASP Policy Course 1 300/400 Level</td>
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### AASP Capstone (Grade of C– or higher)

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<td>AASP397: Senior Thesis or AASP401: Professional Seminar or Education Abroad experience (must be approved by AASD department)</td>
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* 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**
- ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing) 3
- MA (Fundamental Studies Math—based on placement) 3
- NS (Natural Sciences)* 3
- AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies) 3
- Elective 3
- UNIV 100 1

**Spring**
- OC (Oral Communication) 3
- NL (Natural Sciences Lab)* 4
- SP (Scholarship in Practice (non-major))* 3
- AASP 101 (HS: History/Social Sciences ) 3
- Elective 3

**Total 16**

### Year 2
**Fall**
- AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies) 3
- AASP210 3
- AASP399: Lab 1 1
- HU (Humanities )* 3
- Elective 3

**Spring**
- AASP395 3
- AASP399: Lab 2 1
- ECON 200 3
- Elective 3

**Total 16**

### Year 3
**Fall**
- AASP301 3
- SP (Scholarship in Practice)* 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

**Spring**
- ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing) 3
- PLCY388 or 401 3
- UP/CC (Understanding Plural Societies/ Cultural Competency)* 3
- Elective 3

**Total 13**

### Year 4
**Fall**
- AASP Policy Course 1 Upper Level 3
- AASP Policy Course 2 Upper Level 3
- Elective Upper Level 3
- Elective 3

**Spring**
- AASP Capstone 3
- AASP Policy Course 3 Upper Level 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

**Total 15**

*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)

**Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits 120**

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