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
bsosadvising@umd.edu

Department Advising
Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses

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1111 Taliaferro Hall
(301) 405-1170
vskeeter@umd.edu

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 D– 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 first AASP Required Course: AASP 100, 101, 200, or 202 with C– or higher
- Choose second AASP Required Course: AASP 100, 101, 200, or 202 with C– or higher
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| - Courses must be upper-level (300 or 400), excluding AASP 386  
- African and Afro-American studies courses taken in other departments can be used to satisfy AASP Upper-Level Courses requirements if they are approved by an AASD advisor prior to enrollment | |
| AASP Course of Choice 1 Upper Level | 3 | |
| AASP Course of Choice 2 Upper Level | 3 | |
| AASP Course of Choice 3 Upper Level | 3 | |
| AASP Course of Choice 4 Upper Level | 3 | |
| AASP Course of Choice 5 Upper Level | 3 | |
| AASP Course of Choice 6 Upper Level | 3 | |
| **AASP Seminar Course (Grade of C– or higher)** | |
| AASP 400 [AASP 100 or 202] or AASP 402 [AASP 100 or 202] | 3 | |
| **Thesis or Non-Thesis Option:** (Grade of C– or higher) | |
| Choose one of the following options | |
| **Senior Thesis Option:** AASP 397 [AASP 297 & Senior Standing] | 3 | |
| **OR** | |
| **Non-Thesis Option:** Must complete both courses AASP 386 [Junior Standing] | 3 | |
| AASP 396 [AASP 297, 386 & Senior Standing] | 3 | |

*Will be fulfilled with benchmark math course  
** Could be completed by benchmark math
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## Year 1
### Fall
- **Course**: ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: MA (Fundamental Studies Math—based on placement)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: NS (Natural Sciences)*  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies)  
  **Credit**: 3  
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  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: UNIV 100  
  **Credit**: 1

### Spring
- **Course**: OC (Oral Communication)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*  
  **Credit**: 4  
- **Course**: AASP 200 (HU: Humanities)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  

**Total**: 16

## Year 2
### Fall
- **Course**: AR (Analytical Reasoning)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: HU (Humanities)*  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: SP (Scholarship in Practice-non-major)*  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP 202 (UP: Understanding Plural Societies)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP 395  
  **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: SP (Scholarship in Practice)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 1 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 15

## Year 3
### Fall
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 2 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP 386 (Junior standing)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP 297 (Junior standing)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 3 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 13

## Year 4
### Fall
- **Course**: AASP 400 or 402  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 4 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3

### Spring
- **Course**: AASP 396 (Senior standing)  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 5 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: AASP Course of Choice 6 Upper Level  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3  
- **Course**: Elective  
  **Credit**: 3

**Total**: 15

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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)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses will be satisfied with AASP100 and AASP202.

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

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