

# 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*

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### 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 **first** Required Course: AASP 100, 101, 200, **or** 202 with C– or higher
- Choose **second** Required Course: AASP 100, 101, 200, **or** 202 with C– or higher

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# AASD Public Policy - BA

General Education Requirements (Fall 2012 and later)			
Fundamental Studies			
Requirements: 15 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
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	STAT100	3	
Distributive Studies			
Requirements: 25 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
NL: Natural Sciences Lab		4	
NS: Natural Sciences		3/4	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	AASP100	3	
HS: History and/or Social Sciences	AASP101	3	
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)			
Requirements: 6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
IS: I-Series		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or I-Series)			
Requirements: 4—6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	AASP202	3	
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies	AASP100	1—3	
<b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>			
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		
Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	Credits	Grade
Benchmark 1 Requirements {Segment 1}		
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)	—	
Required Course 1 (C– or higher): AASP 100, 101, 200, <b>or</b> 202	3	
Required Course 2 (C– or higher): {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1} AASP 100, 101, 200, <b>or</b> 202	3	
AASP Required Courses {Segment 1} Grade of C– or higher		
Required Course 3: {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1 & 2} AASP 100, 101, 200, <b>or</b> 202	3	
Required Course 4: {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1, 2 & 3} AASP 100, 101, 200, <b>or</b> 202	3	
AASP 297 {Must be completed in junior year}	3	
AASP Analytical Skills Development {Segment 2} Grade of C– or higher		
STAT 100 {or any pre-approved statistics course} *Fundamental Studies Math will be fulfilled by completing this requirement	3	
ECON 200	4	
ECON 201	4	
AASP 301	3	
AASP 303	3	
AASP 305	3	
Analytical Skills course of choice in student's area of specialization; must be pre-approved by AASP advisor	3	
AASP Policy Courses {Segment 3} Grade of C– or higher		
- Courses must be upper-level (300 or 400), excluding AASP 386		
- The public policy concentration's sequence of courses combines the historical scholarships of Segment 1 with the analytical tools of Segment 2. Therefore, AASP 301, 303, and the statistics and economics requirements before taking any courses in Segment 3.		
AASP Policy Course 1 Upper Level	3	
AASP Policy Course 2 Upper Level	3	
Thesis OR Non-Thesis Option: Choose one of the following options Grade of C– or higher		
<b>Senior Thesis Option:</b> AASP 397 [AASP 297 & Senior Standing]	3	
OR		
<b>Non-Thesis Option: Must complete both courses</b> AASP 386 [Junior Standing]	3	
AASP 396 [AASP 297, 386, & Senior Standing]	3	

## 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 -Choose one course from: AASP 100, 101, 200, or 202 -Choose second course from: AASP 100, 101, 200, or 202	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communication)	3
	STAT 100: (MA: Fundamental Studies Math & AR : Analytical Reasoning & AASP Analytical Skills Development )	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)	3	AASP 101 (HS: History/Social Sciences )	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100	1		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP 200 (HU: Humanities)	3	AASP 202 (UP: Understanding Plural Societies)	3
	HU (Humanities )*	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice)*	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
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
	AASP 301	3	ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing)	3
	AASP 386 (Junior Standing)	3	AASP 297 (Junior standing)	3
	ECON 200	4	ECON 201	4
	Elective	3	Elective	3
			Elective	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP 396 ( Senior Standing)	3	AASP 303	3
	AASP Policy Course 1 Upper Level	3	AASP 305	3
	AASP Analytical Skills Course of Choice	3	AASP Policy Course 2 Upper Level	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>			<b>120</b>	

**\*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 will be satisfied by completing AASP 100 and AASP 202.