

# African American Studies

## Cultural & Social Analysis 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 Department of African American Studies 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 satisfactory completion D- or higher
- Fundamental Studies Math with satisfactory completion D- or higher
- CORE Distributive Studies course 1 with D- or higher
- CORE Distributive Studies 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

# AASD Cultural & Social Analysis - BACHELOR OF ARTS

CORE Requirements				AASD Major Requirements			
<b>CORE Fundamental Studies</b> For SAT and AP exemptions, refer to <a href="http://www.ugst.umd.edu/core/elements/FundaSt.html">http://www.ugst.umd.edu/core/elements/FundaSt.html</a>				Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]		Credits	Grade
<b>CORE Distributive Studies</b>				<b>Benchmark 1 Requirements</b>			
Requirements	Course	Credits	Grade	Fundamental Studies Math (D– or higher)	—		
FE: Academic Writing	ENGL101	—/3		Academic Writing (D– or higher)	—		
FM: Fundamental Studies Math	*	—/3		CORE Distributive Studies course 1 (D– or higher)	—		
Requirements	Course	Credits	Grade	CORE Distributive Studies course 2 (D– or higher)	—		
HL: Literature		3		Required Course 1 (C– or higher) AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), <b>or</b> 202 (SH/D)	3		
HA: History/Theory of the Arts		3		Required Course 2 (C– or higher) {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1} AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), <b>or</b> 202 (SH/D)	3		
HL/HA/HO (Humanities Other)/ IE (Interdisciplinary & Emerging)	AASP200	3		<b>AASP Required Courses (C– or higher)</b>			
PL/LL: Physical or Life Science with Lab		4		Required Course 3: {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1 & 2} AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), <b>or</b> 202 (SH/D)	3		
PS/LS/PL/LL: Physical or Life Science with Lab or Non-Lab		3/4		Required Course 4: {Choose course not taken for Required Course 1, 2 & 3} AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), <b>or</b> 202 (SH/D)	3		
MS: Math and Formal Reasoning	**	3/4		AASP 297 {Must be completed in junior year}	3		
SH: Social or Political History	AASP100	3		AASP 395 [MATH 110]	4		
SB1: Behavioral & Social Science	AASP101	3		<b>AASP Upper-Level Courses (C– or higher)</b>			
SB2: Behavioral & Social Science		3		- Courses must be upper-level (300 or 400), excluding AASP 386 - Courses may not be apply to the CORE Advanced Studies requirement - 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			
<b>CORE Diversity</b>				AASP Course of Choice 1 UL	3		
Requirements	Course	Credits	Grade	AASP Course of Choice 2 UL	3		
D: Diversity	AASP100	—/3		AASP Course of Choice 3 UL	3		
<b>Advanced CORE: Taken after earning 60 credits</b>				AASP Course of Choice 4 UL	3		
Requirements	Course	Credits	Grade	AASP Course of Choice 5 UL	3		
ENGL 39X (Professional Writing: Refer to Testudo for course options)		—/3		AASP Course of Choice 6 UL	3		
Advanced Studies Course 1***	(AASP397)	3		<b>AASP Seminar Course (C– or higher)</b>			
Advanced Studies Course 2***		3		AASP 400 [AASP 100 or 202] <b>or</b> AASP 402 [AASP 100 or 202]	3		
***Courses must range from 300-400 level. Major, supporting sequence, professional writing, internship, or other experiential courses may not fulfill these requirements.				<b>Thesis or Non-Thesis Option (C– or higher):</b> Choose one of the following options			
<b>Requirements for Graduation:</b>				Senior Thesis Option: AASP 397 [AASP 297 & Senior Standing]	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in each course used to complete CORE/GenEd				<b>OR</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major				Non-Thesis Option: Must complete both courses AASP 386 [Junior Standing]	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> Students starting UMD Fall 2012 or later must earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements.				AASP 396 [AASP 297, 386 & Senior Standing]	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level				*Will be fulfilled by completing benchmark math ** Could be completed by benchmark math			
<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							