

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 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** 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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CORE Requirements				AASD Major Requirements			
CORE Fundamental Studies <i>For SAT and AP exemptions, refer to</i> http://www.ugst.umd.edu/core/elements/FundaSt.html				Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]		Credits	Grade
CORE Distributive Studies				Benchmark 1 Requirements {Segment 1}			
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Fundamental Studies Math (D– or higher)		—	
FE: Academic Writing	ENGL101	—/3		Academic Writing (D– or higher)		—	
FM: Fundamental Studies Math	STAT100	—/3		CORE Distributive Studies course 1 (D– or higher)		—	
CORE Distributive Studies				CORE Distributive Studies course 2 (D– or higher)		—	
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	Required Course 1 (C– or higher) AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), or 202 (SH/D)		3	
HL: Literature		3		Required Course 2 (C– or higher) <i>{Choose course not taken for Required Course 1}</i> AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), or 202 (SH/D)		3	
HA: History/Theory of the Arts		3		AASP Required Courses {Segment 1} (C– or higher)			
HL/HA/HO (Humanities Other)/ IE (Interdisciplinary & Emerging)	AASP200	3		Required Course 3: <i>{Choose course not taken for Required Course 1 & 2}</i> AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), or 202 (SH/D)		3	
PL/LL: Physical or Life Science with Lab		4		Required Course 4: <i>{Choose course not taken for Required Course 1, 2 & 3}</i> AASP 100 (SH/D), 101 (SB), 200 (HO), or 202 (SH/D)		3	
PS/LS/PL/LL: Physical or Life Science with Lab or Non-Lab		3/4		AASP 297 <i>{Must be completed in junior year}</i>		3	
MS: Math and Formal Reasoning	STAT100	3/4		AASP Analytical Skills Development {Segment 2}(C-or higher)			
SH: Social or Political History	AASP100	3		STAT 100 {or any pre-approved statistics course}		3	
SB1: Behavioral & Social Science	AASP101	3		ECON 200		4	
SB2: Behavioral & Social Science	ECON200	3		ECON 201		4	
CORE Diversity				AASP 301		3	
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	AASP 303		3	
D: Diversity	AASP100	—/3		AASP 305		3	
Advanced CORE: Taken after earning 60 credits				Analytical Skills course of choice in student’s area of specialization; must be pre-approved by AASP advisor		3	
<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Grade</i>	AASP Policy Courses {Segment 3}(C– or higher)			
ENGL 39X (Professional Writing: Refer to Testudo for course op- tions)		—/3		- Courses must be upper-level (300 or 400), excluding AASP 386 - Courses may not be apply to the CORE Advanced Studies requirement - 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.			
Advanced Studies Course 1**	(AASP 397)	3		AASP Policy Course 1 UL		3	
Advanced Studies Course 2**		3		AASP Policy Course 2 UL		3	
**Courses must range from 300-400 level. Major, supporting sequence, professional writing, internship, or other experiential courses may not fulfill these requirements.				Thesis OR Non-Thesis Option: (C– or higher) <i>Choose one of the following options</i>			
Requirements for Graduation:				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				OR			
<input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in each course required for the major				Non-Thesis Option: <i>Must complete both courses</i> 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							
<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							

*Will be fulfilled by completing benchmark math