

AFRICAN AMERICAN & AFRICANA STUDIES

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

Effective Fall 2019 and later

As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, you should:

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Review your academic audit and evaluate your career planning progress 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

Academic and Career Planning advisors are here to assist you in meeting your educational and professional 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
- Providing academic and career advising throughout your undergraduate career

Advising Resources

Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns, career planning

2nd Floor Tydings Hall
(301) 405-1697

Advising Email: BSOSAdvising@umd.edu
Career Planning Email: BSOSCareers@umd.edu

Department Advising

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

All AAAS students have mandatory advising every semester

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AAAS Major Benchmarks

Benchmark Requirements: In accordance with University policy, the African American & Africana 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 & Africana Studies major at a later time.

Benchmark 1: *AAAS 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 **two** AASP Foundation Courses from the list with C- or higher:
AASP100
AASP200
AASP101 or AASP202

NAME: _____

UID: _____ DATE: _____

African American & Africana Studies - BA

General Education Requirements			
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	*	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	**	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	
Signature Courses (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or Diversity)			
Requirements: 6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
IS: Big Question		—/3	
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Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies and/or Signature Courses)			
Requirements: 4–6 credits	Course	Credits	Grade
UP: Understanding Plural Societies	AASP100	3	
CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies	***	1–3	
TOTAL General Education Credits			
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			

AAAS Major Requirements		
Requirements [Courses in brackets are prerequisite courses]	Credits	Grade
Benchmark 1 Requirements (Complete within 2 semesters)		
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)	—	
Choose two AASP Foundation Courses from list (C– or higher): AASP100 AASP200 AASP101 or AASP202	6	
AASP Foundation Courses (Grade of C– or higher)		
Choose one additional AASP Foundation Course from this list: AASP100 AASP200 AASP101 or AASP202 {Choose requirement not taken for Benchmark requirement}	3	
AASP Methods Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP210	3	
AASP Advanced Methods: AASP390 or AASP395	3	
AASP Research Labs (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP399: Research in African American Studies 1	1	
AASP399: Research in African American Studies 2	1	
AASP Upper-Level Courses of Choice (Grade of C– or higher) - Refer to AAAS department for suggested focus areas		
AASP Course of Choice 1 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Course of Choice 2 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Course of Choice 3 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Course of Choice 4 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Course of Choice 5 300/400 Level	3	
AASP Capstone (Grade of C– or higher)		
AASP397: Senior Thesis or AASP401: Professional Seminar or Education Abroad experience (must be approved by AAAS department)	3	

* Could be completed by benchmark math

** Could be completed by AASP101

*** Could be completed by AASP202

AFRICAN AMERICAN & AFRICANA STUDIES -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, 200, or 101 or 202 - Choose second course from : AASP 100, 200, or 101 or 202	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communication)	3
	MA (Fundamental Studies Math—based on placement)	3	NL (Natural Sciences Lab)*	4
	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3	AASP 200 (HU: Humanities)	3
	AASP 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences & UP: Understanding Plural Societies)	3	Elective	3
	AASP 101 (HS: History/Social Sciences) or AASP 202 (UP/CC: Understanding Plural Societies/Cultural Competency)	3	Elective	3
	UNIV 100 or BSOS361	1		
	Total	16	Total	16
Year 2	Fall		Spring	
Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AR (Analytical Reasoning)	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice)*	3
	HU (Humanities)*	3	AASP390 or 395	3
	SP (Scholarship in Practice-non-major)*	3	AASP399 Lab 2	1
	AASP210	3	Elective	3
	AASP399 Lab 1	1	Elective	3
	Elective	1	Elective	3
	Total	14	Total	16
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 Course of Choice 1 Upper Level	3	ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing)	3
	HS (History/Social Science) or UP/CC (Understanding Plural Societies/Cultural Competency)*	3	AASP Course of Choice 2 Upper Level	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	1	Elective	3
	Total	13	Total	15
Year 4	Fall		Spring	
Apply for graduation!	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
	AASP Course of Choice 3 Upper Level	3	AASP Capstone	3
	AASP Course of Choice 4 Upper Level	3	AASP Course of Choice 5 Upper Level	3
	Elective Upper Level	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15	Total	15

***Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the SCIS: Big Question requirement. (Big Question courses are not listed separately in this plan)

Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits	120
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