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The College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) at the University of Maryland increases understanding of and pursues innovative solutions to the complex challenges facing our world. BSOS draws on local, national and global connections to enrich its teaching, learning, research, and service.

In all that we do, BSOS aims to Be the Solution to the world's great challenges.

The UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences will advance innovative and student-centered teaching and learning; produce cutting-edge research and data-driven solutions to critical challenges; and build collaborations with our broad-ranging local, state, national and global partners. Together, our diverse community will create more equitable, healthy, and sustainable societies.

For more information, please visit the BSOS Strategic Plan. (https://bsosstrategicplan.umd.edu/bsos-strategic-plan-introduction/)

DEPARTMENTS
Departments and Units

- African American and Africana Studies (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/)
- Anthropology (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/anthropology/)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/criminology-criminal-justice/)
- Economics (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/economics/)
- Geographical Sciences (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/geographical-sciences/)
- Government and Politics (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/government-politics/)
- Hearing and Speech Sciences (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/hearing-speech-sciences/)
- Psychology (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology/)
- Sociology (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
Majors

- African American and Africana Studies Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/african-american-africana-studies-major/)
- Anthropology Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/anthropology/anthropology-major/)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-criminal-justice-major/)
- Economics Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/economics/economics-major/)
- Environmental Science and Policy Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/agriculture-natural-resources/environmental-science-policy/environmental-science-policy-major/)
- Geographical Sciences Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/geographical-sciences/geographical-sciences-major/)
- Government and Politics Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/government-politics/government-politics-major/)
- Hearing and Speech Sciences Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/hearing-speech-sciences/hearing-speech-sciences-major/)
- International Relations Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/government-politics/international-relations-major/)
- Neuroscience Major (BSOS) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology/neuroscience-major/)
- Psychology Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-major/)
- Social Data Science Major (BSOS) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/social-data-science-major/)
- Sociology Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-major/)

Minors

- African Studies Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/african-studies-minor/)
- Anti-Black Racism Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/anti-black-racism-minor/)

- Black Women's Studies Minor (BSOS) (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/black-womens-studies-minor/)
- Demography Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/demography-minor/)
- Economics Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/economics/economics-minor/)
- Geographic Information Science Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/geographical-sciences/geographic-information-science-minor/)
- Global Terrorism Studies Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/global-terrorism-studies-minor/)
- Hearing and Speech Sciences Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/hearing-speech-sciences/hearing-speech-sciences-minor/)
- International Development and Conflict Management Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/government-politics/international-development-conflict-management-minor/)
- Law and Society Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/law-society-minor/)
- Neuroscience Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/psychology/neuroscience-minor/)
- Remote Sensing of Environmental Change Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/geographical-sciences/remote-sensing-environmental-change-minor/)
- Sociology Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-minor/)
- Survey Methodology Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/survey-methodology-minor/)

Certificate

- African American and Africana Studies Certificate (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/behavioral-social-sciences/african-american-africana-studies/african-american-africana-studies-certificate/)

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Degree Requirements/Degree Options

- Each student must complete a minimum of 120 hours of credit with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Courses must include the credits required in the university's general education requirements and the specific major and supporting course and grade requirements of the programs in the academic departments offering bachelor's degrees.
- Students must have a minimum "C" (2.00) cumulative grade point average across all courses used to satisfy major degree requirements.
- Upon entering BSOS as a freshman, transfer, or by major change, students must complete and submit a graduation plan to the college advising office for review and approval.
- In accordance with university policy, fundamental English and Math requirements must be attempted by 30 credits and successfully completed by 60 credits.
- Students must complete 15 upper level credits in the student's final 30 credits.
- All students are responsible for carefully tracking completion of degree requirements using UAchieve. Students are urged to meet with an academic advisor in their major or college if they have any questions. Advising is especially important two semesters before graduation to discuss final graduation requirements.

ADVISING

Feller Center for Advising & Career Planning

2148 Tydings Hall
Phone: 301-405-1697

The Feller Center (https://fellercenter.umd.edu/) in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is a co-located hub for academic advising, student success, and career planning.

Read more about our services or schedule an appointment with the Feller Center's staff or Department Advisors by visiting our website, https://fellercenter.umd.edu/aboutus (https://fellercenter.umd.edu/aboutus/)

OPPORTUNITIES

The Feller Center - Advising and Career Planning

The Feller Center (https://fellercenter.umd.edu/) for Advising & Career Planning in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is a co-located hub for academic advising, student success, and career planning.

The Advising team meets with students to foster constructive academic advising interactions, oversees new student orientations, new student onboarding courses, training, facilitation of student leadership opportunities, collaboration with campus-wide student-serving units, and graduation clearance.
The Student Success team ensures that BSOS Student Services continue to understand and adapt to all students' changing needs through implementing college-wide student success initiatives, connecting students to campus resources, and conducting ongoing assessment of the college's student services

The Feller Center's Career Planning team works closely with BSOS undergraduate students, as well as faculty, instructors, and departments within BSOS, to integrate career exploration and professional development into each student's academic experience. Additionally, we complement the services offered by the University Career Center to provide enhanced support for BSOS majors and minors.

Departments and Centers

Departments and Research Centers are linked from the College website homepage at http://bsos.umd.edu.

In addition, the college co-sponsors interdisciplinary majors in Environmental Science and Policy (https://ensp.umd.edu), Neuroscience (https://neur.umd.edu), and Social Data Science (https://sdsc.umd.edu).

Living-Learning Programs

Participating in one of Maryland's living-learning communities is one great way for BSOS students to share their common interests with each other and with faculty in a small, academic, residential community.

The BSOS College is the academic home for four of these living-learning programs (https://bsos.umd.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/#majors-programs).

College Honors Program

Departmental Honors Programs are offered in each of the departments within the college. Students in a Departmental Honors Program are also members of the campus Honors College.

Dean's List. Any student who has passed at least 12 hours of academic work under the regular grading method in the preceding semester, without failure of any course, and with an overall average grade of at least 3.5, will be placed on the Dean's List. The Distinguished Dean's List consists of students who have completed successfully a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester with a 4.0.

Honor Societies. Students who excel in their academic discipline may be selected for membership in an honorary society. Examples include:

- Alpha Kappa Delta -- Sociology
- Alpha Phi Sigma -- Criminal Justice
- Gamma Theta Upsilon -- Geography
- Pi Sigma Alpha -- The National Political Science Honor Society
- Psi Chi -- Psychology

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

Students who are interested in organizations and honor societies related to their fields of study should consult with departmental websites.

For more information about these student organizations or starting a new student group, please contact the Office of Campus Programs, Adele H. Stamp Student Union, 301-314-7174 or http://terplink.umd.edu.

Financial Assistance

The college offers scholarship opportunities to current students on a competitive basis. Each scholarship has eligibility criteria. Scholarship information and applications are available on the scholarships page on the BSOS website: https://bsos.umd.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-scholarships/.

The college also offers student experience funds to help support research, internship, and other extracurricular activities. For more information, please visit: https://bsos.umd.edu/undergraduate/bsos-undergraduate-experience-funds/.

The National Scholarships Office at the University of Maryland provides information on nationally competitive scholarships at the undergraduate (and graduate) level. For more information, please visit: http://scholarships.umd.edu.

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OFSA) administers all types of federal, state, and institutional financial assistance programs and, in cooperation with other university offices, participates in the awarding of scholarships to deserving students. For more information, visit: http://financialaid.umd.edu.

Research Units

Undergraduate research is valuable whether or not you plan to be a researcher in the future. BSOS is home to 10 diverse, interdisciplinary departments and many centers and programs, all committed to investigating and improving the human condition. In addition to the opportunities available within the college, BSOS students have access to over 200 research centers (http://www.umd.edu/directories/centers.cfm) on or just off campus at the University of Maryland. **If you are interested in exploring an undergraduate research experience, visit the** Feller Center **(**https://fellercenter.umd.edu/gain-experience/research/**) website for more details.**

Student Engagement and Service Units

For more information regarding engagement and service opportunities, please visit our website (https://fellercenter.umd.edu/gain-experience/).