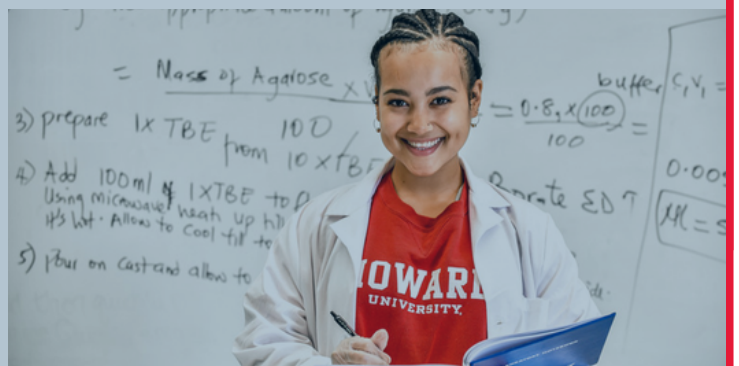


Welcome to the Flagship

The College of Arts and Sciences Welcome Packet 2026



Welcome From Your Flagship Captain!

Rubin Patterson, Ph.D.

Dean

College of Arts and Sciences



Welcome Class of 2030! It is my supreme pleasure to welcome all of you to Howard University's flagship college, the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS). I speak for the entire COAS faculty and staff when I say it is our absolute pleasure to provide a far-reaching and impactful educational experience for your class and for all our continuing students.

The College of Arts and Sciences is a liberal arts college that studies and teaches about humans, their cultures, their societies, and their scientific approaches and discoveries throughout history. The liberal arts education delivered at Howard University involves explorations of humans and their institutions across space and time in a manner influenced by global African diasporic experiences and perspectives.

The education you will receive over the next four years from faculty members and from fellow students in residence halls, in classrooms, on The Yard, and in cocurricular activities represents the uniquely culturally relevant Howard educational experience. You are poised to proceed on a journey of tremendous intellectual and personal growth that you can feel, and your family and friends will witness.

That said, recognize and prepare yourself mentally and emotionally at the outset for unknown ways you will be tested like never before, which will require you to show grit and resilience to continue marching toward your goal of graduating on time from Howard University. The toughness that you develop and demonstrate to achieve your goal will also prepare you for the future as a professional and a leader in helping to build a more inclusive and decent society.

I look forward to working with all my colleagues throughout COAS and across the university to support your academic success on campus as you prepare for future success in the broader society.

Once again, welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences at The Howard University!

Rubin Patterson, Ph.D.
Dean



**College of
Arts and Sciences**

Dr. LaTanya Brown-Robertson

Associate Dean

Office of Academic Innovation and Student Success



Welcome to the 2026–2027 Academic Year, Class of 2030!

I'm so excited to welcome you to the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) at Howard University! As a proud Howard alum, I can tell you there's something truly special about this place. You're now part of a powerful legacy that continues to shape leaders, change-makers, and innovators around the world.

This is the beginning of an incredible journey. You're stepping into a community that believes in your potential and is committed to helping you succeed. The opportunities waiting for you, from hands-on research and global learning to mentorship and leadership development are here for you to take full advantage of.

Our AIS² team is here to support you as you navigate your academic path and grow into the version of yourself you're working toward. Whether you're still finding your footing or already chasing big goals, we're here to walk alongside you.

As you begin this new chapter, stay curious, stay grounded, and never forget the power of your voice, your story, and your dreams. You belong here and we can't wait to see what you'll do.

Welcome to Howard. Welcome to the Flagship. Welcome home.

Dr. LaTanya Brown-Robertson
Associate Dean



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COAS Bison Week Schedule

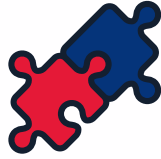
Fall 2026

COAS Bison Week Activities and Events

August 10–14, 2026

Monday, August 10

COAS Connect: Ask an E-Fellow
Hosted by the COAS E-Fellows



Locke Hall | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Meet the COAS E Fellows to get your questions answered about academics, campus life, internships, study abroad, and more. You'll also receive helpful resources to start your Howard journey with confidence.

Tuesday, August 11

Boots on the Yard: Line Dance Social
Locke Hall Patio/The Yard |



Session 1: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Session 2: 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Learn popular line dances, meet fellow COAS students, and kick off Bison Week with music, fun, and community led by the COAS E-Fellows.

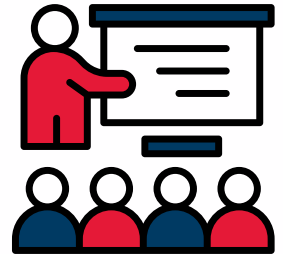
Wednesday, August 12

COAS New Student Orientation (Mandatory)
Cramton Auditorium

Session 1: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Session 2: 11:00 AM – 12:30 AM

Your official launch into COAS—meet leadership, get tips, and start strong.



Please attend the orientation session designated for your major.

Session 1: African Studies, Afro-American Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Data Science, Earth, Environment, & Equity (Environmental Science, Environmental Studies and Atmospheric Science), Economics, English, HHPSM (Health Education, Human Performance, Sport Management), History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Math.

Session 2: Philosophy, Physics & Astronomy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology & Criminology, World Languages & Cultures (Spanish), Undecided Majors.

COAS Departmental Breakout Sessions (Mandatory)

Various Locations (see next page) | 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Meet your department, faculty, and peers to kick off your academic journey.

Thursday, August 13

Meet your Leaders:
Hosted by the COAS
Student Council



Locke Hall | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Explore student leadership opportunities through an interactive “speed dating” session. Learn about pathways such as Freshman Council, Freshman Senator-at-Large, Miss Freshman, COAS Associates, and more.

COAS Honors Program Experience
Blackburn Digital Auditorium
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Meet the Honors Program faculty and student leaders to learn about the opportunities, resources, and experiences that will support your academic and professional success.

Monday August 10 , Tuesday August 11, and Thursday August 13

Departmental Breakout Session Locations

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Ready to dive into your major? The Departmental Breakout Sessions are your chance to meet department chairs, professors, advisors, and fellow students who will shape your academic journey. Learn what to expect in your courses, how to get involved in research or creative projects, and what opportunities are waiting for you in your field. This is where your path begins, don't miss it!

African Studies: Graduate School Room 101

Afro-American Studies: Locke Hall Room 203

Biology: Cramton Auditorium

Chemistry: Chemistry Building Auditorium Room 108

Earth, Environment, & Equity: (Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, and Atmospheric Science): The Oliver room 114

Economics: Academic Support Building B Room 103

English: Locke Hall - Writing Center

HHPSM:

- **Health Education:** Burr Gym 2020
- **Sport Management:** Burr Gym 2011
- **Human Performance:** Burr Gym 2013

History: Douglass Hall Room 311

Interdisciplinary Studies: [Please click here to join the virtual session](#)

Mathematics and Data Science: Academic Support Building B Room 109

Philosophy: Undergraduate Library Seminar Room G023

Physics & Astronomy: Banneker Building C - Room Co6

Political Science: Douglass Hall 2nd Floor

Psychology: To be announced

Sociology & Criminology: School of Social Work Auditorium

World Languages & Cultures: Locke Hall Room 340

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (COAS) – THE FLAGSHIP OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY

The Oldest. The Largest. The Boldest.

At the heart of Howard University, COAS is home to **4,000+** students, **18 majors**, a renowned **Honors Program**, **ROTC programs**, and **Pre-Professional education** (Pre-Med & Pre-Law).

Our Mission

We provide an undergraduate education rooted in intellectual freedom, social justice, artistic expression, and the pursuit of knowledge. Our goal is to develop critical and creative thinkers ready to solve global challenges in the sciences, arts, and humanities.

Majors & Programs

African Studies • Afro-American Studies • Biology • Chemistry • Data Science • Earth, Environment & Equity • Economics • English • Health, Human Performance & Leisure Studies • History • Interdisciplinary Studies • Mathematics • Philosophy • Physics & Astronomy • Political Science • Psychology • Sociology & Criminology • World Languages & Cultures • Aerospace Studies (Air Force ROTC) • Military Science (Army ROTC)

Your COAS Experience

In COAS, you'll join a community that values academic excellence, leadership, global awareness, and diversity of thought. You'll expand your critical thinking, engage in civil discourse, and develop empathy through high-impact academic and extracurricular opportunities.

Students Receive:

- Free Passports & Study Abroad Opportunities
- Hands-On Internships
- Digital Badging
- AI Opportunities
- Access to Competitive Scholarships
- Leadership Development Experiences
- And so much more!



MEET THE COAS AIS² TEAM



Welcome, COAS Scholars!

On behalf of the Dean's Office, welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) and the Flagship! We are excited to introduce you to the Office of Academic Innovation and Student Success (AIS²).

AIS² is dedicated to supporting your academic journey through innovative programs, meaningful learning opportunities, and community engagement. We look forward to helping you grow, succeed, and make a lasting impact during your time at Howard University.



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**Office of the Dean
College of Arts and Sciences**

COAS DIGITAL BADGING PROGRAM

TURN YOUR JOURNEY INTO A BADGE OF HONOR

Empowering Every Bison to Build, Lead, and Launch.

The College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Digital Badging Pathway — a dynamic, skill-building experience designed to help you translate academic learning into real-world readiness. Whether you're just getting started or already taking bold steps toward your future, this pathway acknowledges your growth and leadership at every step.

Through a structured series of four progressive badge levels, you'll explore your career interests, build essential NACE-aligned skills, gain real-world experience, and lead meaningful change in your community.

WHAT YOU GET



Taking charge of your own growth



A digital badge you share on LinkedIn, resumes, and portfolios



Priority Registration to career and leadership events



Growing your impact



Recognition from The College of Arts and Sciences



Sustainable leadership

DIGITAL BADGING WEBPAGE

Please be sure to review the Digital Badging webpage before Bison Week begins. Then, check out the information on the pages below to learn how you can earn badges throughout Bison Week!

[Click here to learn more about Digital Badging in COAS!](#)



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Bison Week Badging Fit

The events below marked with the seal  are **badging fit** — students who attend can already put these toward their badging requirements. Each marked event counts as material students can log for **Level 1: Exploration** credit in the COAS Experiential Learning & Leadership Badging Program (career readiness & community engagement).



Look for this seal throughout the calendar — it flags which Bison Week events are **badging fit**. Go collect some credit, Bison!

FRIDAY*August 7***8:30 PM****Screen on the Green**

The Yard (Upper Quad)

SUNDAY*August 9***11:00 AM****A Call to Chapel — Welcome to Heart of the Mecca: Class of 2030**

Cramton Auditorium

6:00 PM**Freshman Pinning Ceremony**

Greene Memorial Stadium



College of Arts and Sciences

9:30 – 10:45 AM

College of Engineering & Architecture Orientation: Day 1

Mackey Building, Innovation Space (G01)

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

COAS Connect: Ask an E-Fellow

Locke Hall (College of Arts & Sciences)

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

COAS Honors Program Experience

Blackburn Digital Auditorium

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

College of Nursing & Allied Health Science — Division of Nursing Only

SOE Auditorium

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In-Person Math Placement Testing

Louis Stokes Library, Testing Room, 4th Floor

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thriving as an ACE Scholar: Building Your Foundation for Excellence

Miner Hall, Room 218

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

College of Engineering & Architecture Orientation: Day 1

Mackey Building, Innovation Space (G01)

12:00 – 3:00 PM

Makerspace Open House

Founders Library, L116

1:30 – 3:30 PM

In-Person Math Placement Testing

Louis Stokes Library, Testing Room, 4th Floor

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Bison Week: VIP Meet and Greet — Bison Panel

Blackburn Center, Blackburn Ballroom

2:00 – 3:30 PM

College of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences — Division of Allied Health Science Welcome Session

VIRTUAL

Virtual Event

2:30 – 4:00 PM

College of Engineering & Architecture Orientation: Day 1

Mackey Building, Innovation Space (G01)

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Vitals & Vision: Mapping Your Med School Journey

Miner Hall, Room 218

5:00 PM

D.C. Night Tour

Carnegie Building

TUESDAY

August 11

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

COAS Honors Program Experience

Blackburn Digital Auditorium

9:15 AM – 3:00 PM

College of Engineering & Architecture Orientation: Day 2

Mackey Building, Innovation Space (G01)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In-Person Math Placement Testing

Louis Stokes Library, Testing Room, 4th Floor

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Boots on the Yard: Line Dance Social

Locke Hall Patio / The Yard

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Bison Week: Soundcheck — State Fair

The Yard (Upper Quad)

WEDNESDAY

August 12

2:00 – 6:00 PM

Bison Week: BisonVille Vendor Pop Up

The Yard (Upper Quad)

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Career Readiness Through an Inclusive Lens: Advising LGBTQ+ Students for Professional Belonging

Miner Hall, Room 218

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Majors that Matter

Miner Hall, Room 114

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Brotherhood Social

Blackburn Gallery Lounge

6:30 PM

Matter of HeArt Bible Study

Carnegie Building

THURSDAY

August 13

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

COAS Honors Program Experience

Blackburn Digital Auditorium

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Let's Talk Business: Federal Work-Study & Part-time Employment



Miner Hall, Room 112

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Annual Howard University Safety Fair

Main Yard

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

CEA Council presents "CEA Island": Speed Friending

Mackey Building, Innovation Space (G01)

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Discover the Data Base



UGL, L038

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Graduate School Abroad: Getting Started



Miner Hall, Room 218

1:00 – 2:00 PM

The Bison Advantage

Miner Hall, Room 217

1:00 – 2:30 PM

LEVEL UP: AI Strategies for Classroom Success



Miner Hall, Room 123

2:00 – 3:15 PM

Howard University Pre-Med & Pre-Dent Freshman Orientation

VIRTUAL



Virtual Event

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Bison Week: All Access White Party

Blackburn Center, Blackburn Ballroom

Howard University

Bison Week 2026

events.howard.edu/bison-week

FRIDAY

August 14

All Day

Howard University Day of Service

Burr Gymnasium

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

LEVEL UP: AI Strategies for Classroom Success

Miner Hall, Room 123

2:00 PM

School of Education New Student Orientation

Miner Building (School of Education)

3:00 – 7:00 PM

Bison Week: Taste of Howard

The Yard (Upper Quad)

SATURDAY

August 15

4:00 PM

Mentally Strong Field Day

The Yard (Upper Quad)

SUNDAY

August 16

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Call to Chapel

Cramton Auditorium

7:00 PM

Burning of Fears

Center of the Yard

[Click here to view the full Bison Week event schedule](#)

ACADEMIC INNOVATION IN COAS

Get on B.A.S.E: Bison Abroad Study Experience

Whether you're thinking about a short trip, a semester abroad, or doing research in another country, B.A.S.E is your starting point. We're breaking down the barriers and showing you how studying abroad can fit into your journey—no matter your major, background, or budget.

[Click here to learn more about Studying Abroad in COAS!](#)

Artificial Intelligence Integration in COAS

From humanities to the natural sciences, students are engaging with artificial intelligence through coursework, research, and workshops. COAS is building pathways for all students to explore ethical, hands-on applications of AI in their fields.

[Click here to learn more about AI in COAS!](#)

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Innovation happens when students apply their learning in real-world settings. COAS is expanding internship partnerships and embedding hands-on projects into the classroom to connect theory with practice.

[Click here to learn more about Experiential Learning in COAS!](#)

Student Success Opportunities

We offer intentional support through academic coaching, peer mentoring, enrichment workshops, and pathway programs that help students stay on track, build confidence, and reach their full potential.

[Click here to learn more about Student Success in COAS!](#)



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IMPORTANT RESOURCES!

Please use the QR codes below to access important documents that will come in handy as a COAS Bison!



**COAS Academic Innovation and
Student Success Website**



**Follow us on Instagram!
@huflagship_aIS2**



COAS FAQ



Etiquette List

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AT HU!

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we provide our students and the entire COAS community with safe environments where we show up each day feeling welcome and encouraged to interact among one another within the beauty of our differences. We nurture all academic interests with a variety of curriculum and degree programs as well as a sense of duty to the global society.

Diversity & Inclusion Resources at HU!

LGBTQ+ Support

Find resources for LGBTQ+ students and to support LGBTQ+ students.



Requesting Accommodations

Request academic or physical accommodations through the Office of Student Services.



International Student Resources

The International Student Services department supports international students with resources and guidance.



The HU Store

The Store@HU is Howard University's **student pantry**. It is designed to support the short-term food insecurity needs among our students and provides basic hygiene items, such as deodorant, soap, toothpaste, and feminine products.



CAMPUS MAP



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