Bachelor of Art in Interdisciplinary Studies (Community Development)

Howard University

College of Arts & Sciences

Catalog: Fall 2023 – Present

Quick Summary - What You Need to Graduate

Total Credits	Minimum GPA	IDSD Credits	Last 30 Credits
120	2.0	36	At Howard

- ☐ **Your Degree Breakdown:**
- ☐ Major Requirements: 36 Interdisciplinary Studies credits (12 courses)
- ☐ General Education: 30 credits (approximately 15 courses)
- ☐ Math Requirements: Math 005 or higher 3-4 credits (1 course)
- ☐ Free Electives: Remaining credits to reach 120 (varies by track)
- ☐ Complete all 7 ELOs (can overlap with courses)
- ☐ COAS Experiential (1 course) & COAS Innovative Learning (1 course)
- ☐ Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam

Important: Double-Dipping Made Simple!

One course can fulfill BOTH a General Education requirement AND an Essential Learning Outcome (ELO) at the same time. You don't need separate courses for each! This helps you graduate efficiently without taking extra classes.

Major credits **cannot** be double dipped with minor credits. Minors require **15–18 credits that are not applied to their major requirements**. Minor coursework must remain distinct and separate from major coursework.

University-Wide Requirements

- ☐ **Minimum GPA:** 2.0 for all undergraduate coursework
- ☐ **Residency:** Complete last 30 credits at Howard University
- ☐ **Exit Requirement:** Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- ☐ **Total Credits:** 120 credits required

General Education Requirements (30 Credits / ~15 Courses)

Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs)

Students must complete courses covering all seven outcome areas. Remember, these can overlap with other requirements!

- ☐ **ELO 1:** U.S. and Global African Diasporic Developments
- ☐ **ELO 2:** Human Cultures and Creative Expression
- ☐ **ELO 3:** The Physical and Natural World
- ☐ **ELO 4:** Intellectual and Practical Skills
- ☐ **ELO 5:** Social Responsibility and Political Institutions
- ☐ **ELO 6:** Leadership and Applied Learning
- ☐ **ELO 7:** Comprehensive Wellness Practices

Note: ELO courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Freshman Experience (1 Credit / 1 Course)

- **FRSM 001** - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

Core Writing & Communication (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- ☐ **ENGW 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
  - If you take ENGW 102, then you take ENGW 103. If you take ENGW 104, then your take ENGW 105
- ☐ **ENGW 103 or 105 -** First-Year English Writing II (3 credits)
- ☐ **Third Writing Course** - Upper-level writing (3 credits)
- ☐ **COMM 101**- Principles of Speech (3 credits)

Mathematics (3-4 Credits / 1 Course)

- **Any MATH 005 or higher** - College Algebra I or higher (3-4 credits)

Health & Wellness (2 Credits/ 1 Course)

- **HHPL Course -** Health, Human Performance, and Leisure (2 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course** - (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language** - 4 courses (12 credits total, same language)
    - COAS requires 3 semesters, major requires a fourth semester

Humanities, Social Science & Philosophy (24 Credits / 8 courses)

- **Four Humanities Courses** - (3 credits each)
    - Different from major courses
- **Three Social Science Courses** - (3 credits each)
- **Philosophy Elective** (3 credits)
    - PHIL 051/053/055/057/ or 059

Natural Sciences (9-12 Credits / 3 Courses)

- **Three Natural Science Courses** (9-12 credits)
    - At least 2 different departments

General Electives

- **4 courses in different general education disciplines** (12 credits)

COAS Special Requirements

Experiential Learning (1 course required)

Examples of COAS Experiential Learning Course but are not limited to:

- Internship (ECON, POLS, SOCI)
- Any 890 course
- Study abroad

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

- ☐ **ECON 180** Statistics-Bus & Econ (3 credits)

Note: COAS Special Requirements courses are tagged in Bison Hub under the course description

Free Electives

- **Credits needed to reach 120 credits**

Community Development Major Requirements (36 Credits / 12 Courses)

Core Required Courses (33 Credits / 11 Courses)

- ☐ **ECON 001** - Principles of Economics I (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 002** - Principles of Economics II (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 138** – Seminar in Community Development (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 188/788** – The Econ of BLK Community Development (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 180 –** Statistics-Bus & Econ (3 credits)
- ☐ **SOCI 111-** Sociological Methods (3 credits)
- ☐ **SOCI 140** – Urban Sociology (3 credits)
- ☐ **POLS 187** – Urban Black Politics (3 credits)
- ☐ **POLS 007** – Introduction to Black Politics (or POLS 006 or 008 or 183) (3 credits)
- ☐ **POLS, ECON or SOCI**- Internship (3 Credits)
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Community Development Elective (3 Credits / 1 Course) Choose 1 of the following:

- ☐ **NUTR 183** – Community Nutrition (prerequisites) (3 credits)
- ☐ **ECON 199**– Urban Economics (3 credits)
- ☐ **SOCI 151**– Sociology of Poverty (3 credits)

Minor Requirements (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

5 courses as a minor from another Major's courses. These courses serve Community Development (CD) Majors to satisfy their CD scheme's requirement to have an outside minor (15 Credits/ 5 courses)

Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 6 Courses)

- [ ] FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- [ ] ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 001 Principles of Economics I (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities I Course (3 credits)
- [ ] MATH 005 or higher (3-4 credits)
- [ ] HHPL Course (2 credits)

First Year: Spring Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ENGW 103/105 - First Year Writing II (3 credits)
- [ ] African American Cluster Course (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 002 Principles of Economics II (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language I (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities II Course - (3 credits)

Second Year: Fall Semester (15-16 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] Humanities III Course (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 188/788 The Econ of BLK Community Development (3 credits)
- [ ] Natural Science I (3 credits)
- [ ] PHIL 051/053/055/057/ or 059
- [ ] Foreign Language II (3 credits)

Second Year: Spring Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] ECON 138 Seminar in Community Development (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science I (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language III (3 credits)
- [ ] Minor Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Natural Science II Course - (3 credits)

Third Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] Minor Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Natural Science III Course (3 credits)
- [ ] 3rd Writing Course (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language IV (3 credits)
- [ ] ECON 180 Statistics-Bus & Econ (3 credits)

Third Year: Spring Semester (15 / 5 Courses Credits)

- [ ] SOCI 111 Sociological Methods (3 credits)
- [ ] Community Development Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Minor Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] COMM 101 – Principles of Speech (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science II *(*3 credits)

Fourth Year: Fall Semester (15 Credits / 5 Courses)

- [ ] Minor Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] SOCI 140 Urban Sociology (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities IV (3 credits)
- [ ] POLS 187 Urban Black Politics (3 credits)
- [ ] POLS, ECON or SOCI Internship (3 Credits) Experiential Learning

Fourth Year: Spring Semester (12+ Credits / 4+ Courses)

- [ ] POLS, ECON, or SOCI Internship (6 credits) Experiential Learning
- [ ] Minor Elective (3 credits)

- [ ] Social Science III (3 credits)
- [ ] Innovative Learning Course (if not completed)
- [ ] Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- [ ] Free Electives (if needed credits to reach 120)
- [ ] Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Minor GPA:** 2.0 (separate courses from major)
- **Credits in Community Development:** 30 minimum
- **Foreign Language:** 12 credits in the same language required
- **Mathematics:** 3-4 credits of MATH 005 or higher
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University

Important Notes

- **Core Courses:** Complete all core courses.
- **Graduate Preparation:** Consider research opportunities and advanced coursework.
- Consult with your academic advisor each semester for course planning.

Resources

- **Academic Advisor:** Contact Office of Undergraduate Studies for assignment
- **Department Office:** Interdisciplinary Department, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Experiential Learning:** Connect with the Career Center and department for internship opportunities
- **Graduate School Advising:** Meet with faculty advisors if considering graduate programs