Bachelor of Art in Interdisciplinary Studies (Bioethics)

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	30	At Howard

- ☐ **Your Degree Breakdown:**
- ☐ Major Requirements: 30 Interdisciplinary Studies credits (10 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 101, 102, or 104 -** First-Year English Writing I (3 credits)
- ☐ **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)

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

Health & Wellness (4 Credits/ 2 Courses)

- **HHPL –** Activity/Health Course (4 credits)

Cultural and Global Awareness (12 Credits / 4 Courses)

- **African American Cluster Course** - (3 credits)
- **Foreign Language** - 3 courses (9 credits total, same language)
    - 1 course can be substituted for intercultural knowledge course

Humanities, Social Science & Philosophy (15 Credits / 5 courses)

- **Two Humanities Courses** - (3 credits each)
- **Two Social Science Courses** - (3 credits each)
- **Philosophy Elective** (3 credits)

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
- ☐ Any 890 course
- ☐ Study abroad

Innovative Learning Requirement (1 course required)

- ☐ Complete at least one course marked as 'innovative'

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

Free Electives

- **Credits needed to reach 120 credits**

Bioethics Major Requirements (30 Credits / 10 Courses)

Core Required Courses (21 Credits / 7 Courses)

- PHIL 116 – Introduction to Interdisciplinary Bioethics (3 credits)
- PHIL 173 – The Ethics of Medical Care (3 credits)
- SOCI 015- Medical Traditions Across Cult (3 credits)
- SOCI 183 Introduction to Medic al Sociology (3 credits)
- BIOL/ EEED 204 – Science and Public Policy (3 credits)
- PHIL 200 or PHIL 195- Senior Seminar OR Senior Colloquium (3 credits)
- PHIL 205 – Seminar in Bioethics (3 credits)

Core Required Research Methods Course: Choose 1 of the following (3 credits / 1 Course)

- SOCI 111 Social Methods and Techniques
- POLS 002 Intro to Research in Political Science
- POLS 199 Behavioral Research Methods

Electives Choose 2 of the follow 100 level or higher from PHIL, POLS, AFRO 101 AFST 101 or higher (6 Credits / 2 Courses)

- SOCI 186 Death and Dying (3 credits)
- SOCI 110 Elementary Statistic (3 credits)
- SOCI 184 Seminar: Sociology of Mental Health (3 credits)
- PHIL Choose from 100 – 257 including:
    - PHIL 112 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (3 credits)
    - PHIL 146 Ethics and Public Policy (3 credits)
    - PHIL 151 Philosophy of Law (3 credits)
    - PHIL 153 Philosophy of Culture (3 credits)
    - PHIL 114 Feminist Philosophy (3 credits)
    - PHIL 174 Philosophy of Science (3 credits)
    - PHIL 193 Comparative Philosophy (3 credits)
    - PHIL 117 Philosophy of Social Science (3 credits)
    - SOCI 079 Internship (3 credits)

Sample Degree Progress Checklist

Always consult with your academic advisor for personalized guidance

First Year: Fall Semester (15-16 Credits / 6 Courses)

- [ ] FRSM 001 - Freshman Seminar (1 credit)
- [ ] ENGW 101/102/104 - First Year Writing I (3 credits)
- [ ] PHIL 116: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Bioethics (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities 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)
- [ ] SOCI 183 Intro to Medical Sociology (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language I (3 credits)
- [ ] Humanities Course - (3 credits)

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

- [ ] PHIL 173 Ethics of Medical Care (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science (3 credits)
- [ ] Philosophy Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language II (3 credits)

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

- [ ] SOCI 015 Medical traditions across Cultures (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science (3 credits)
- [ ] Foreign Language III (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)

- [ ] Free Elective (3 credits)

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

- [ ] Core Research Methods Course (3 credits)
- [ ] Bioethics Elective #1 (3 credits)
- [ ] 3rd Writing Course (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] Free Elective (3 credits)

Third Year: Spring Semester (16 / 5 Courses Credits)

- [ ] BIOL/ EEED 204 – Science and Public Policy (3 credits)
- [ ] Bioethics Elective #2 (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] COMM 101 – Principles of Speech (3 credits)
- [ ] Social Science (3 credits)
- [ ] HHPL Course (2 credits)

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

- [ ] PHIL 200 or PHIL 195- Senior Seminar OR Senior Colloquium (3 credits)
- [ ] Experiential Learning - (if not completed)
- [ ] SOCI 140 Urban Sociology (3 credits)
- [ ] Free Elective (3 credits)
- [ ] General Elective (3 credits)

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

- [ ] PHIL 205 Senior Seminar in Bioethics (Capstone) (3 credits)
- [ ] Free Elective (credits needed to reach 120)
- [ ] Innovative Learning Course (if not completed)
- [ ] Complete Undergraduate Comprehensive Exam
- [ ] Free Electives (needed credits to reach 120)
- [ ] Apply for graduation

Key Requirements

- **Minimum Major GPA:** 2.0
- **Credits in Bioethics:** 30 minimum
- **Foreign Language:** 9 credits in the same language required
- **Mathematics:** 3-4 credits of MATH 005 or higher
- **Residency:** Last 30 credits at Howard University
- **General Education:** Must span at least 4 different disciplines

Important Notes

- **Core Courses:** Complete all eight core courses.
- **Foreign Language:** All 9 credits must be in the same language.
- **Minimum Minor GPA:** 2.0 **if declared** (15 credits minimum)
- **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