

Students may enter the College of Arts & Sciences as an "undeclared" student. Many students are interested in a number of different disciplines and are unsure of exactly what to study. Others are looking to gain admittance into a program of study but must meet some additional requirements to be fully accepted.

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) introduces Arts and Sciences Undeclared (ASU) students to an array of disciplines to help you make a decision about your major, and can help you work towards meeting any needed requirements so that you can apply to the program of your choice in a later semester.

Curriculum overview

In your first semester at UMassD you will register for a special selection of core courses. For all first year students, these courses are more general in nature and meet university studies and college distribution requirements. The courses will introduce you to a variety of subjects. They usually include critical reading and writing, as well as a variety of introductory courses in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and sciences.

You will take a range of courses in the social sciences disciplines such as psychology, sociology, anthropology, crime and justice studies, economics, political science, policy studies, and women's studies. You'll also take humanities courses such as English, history, philosophy, global languages and cultures, art history, and music.

All College of Arts & Sciences first year students take CAS101 or CAS103 which is an introduction to college and to the various programs we offer. You'll focus on study skills, time management, resources on campus, health and wellbeing - and will be exposed to a variety of programs and options for areas of study. You'll meet many other students who like yourself, have not yet declared a major, and are exploring a variety of options. You'll also meet many students who have declared a major - but decide to change it as they discover new interests!

STAR CENTER

CAS undeclared and major students have access to the stellar advising team of the STAR Center - from exploring majors to study skills and more the STAR Center advising team is there to support the whole student experience.



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ARTS & SCIENCES UNDECLARED

Maybe you're unsure of what to study. Maybe you're interested in a lot of disciplines. The College of Arts and Sciences introduces students who are undecided to an array of disciplines to help you make a decision about your major. umassd.edu/cas

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Choosing a major

Students are free to explore majors upon matriculation at UMass Dartmouth, providing the opportunity to determine one that complements your interests and abilities. A final decision on a major does not need to be made until the end of the first semester of your sophomore year. We'll help you choose a major in the following ways:

- You'll consult with faculty, advisors and the career center to identify what career you'd like to pursue after you finish college
- You'll work closely with a professional advisor who will assist you in selecting a major
- You can participate in student organizations that can help you focus your interests
- You can gain hands-on work experience through internships

In addition to majors in the College of Arts and Sciences you may choose to pursue a major in one of the other colleges. Your advisor will work with you to understand the requirements for transitioning into any majors of interest.