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 introduces 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 freshmen, 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 freshmen in the College of Arts & Sciences take a special course their first semester (either 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!

Choosing a major
You are not required to select a major right away. You have time 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

Majors, Minors and Concentrations
The following programs are available in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Majors
• Biology BS
• Chemistry BS
• Communication BA
• Crime & Justice Studies BA
• Data Science BS, BS/MS
• Economics BA
• English BA
• French BA
• Health and Society BA
• Healthcare Services Administration BA
• History BA
• Liberal Arts BA
• Mathematics BA, BS
• Multi-Disciplinary Studies BA/BS
• Philosophy BA
• Political Science BA
• Portuguese BA
• Psychology BA
• Public Administration BA/BS
• Sociology & Anthropology BA
• Spanish BA
• Women’s & Gender Studies BA

Minors and Concentrations
• Aging and Health
• Applied & Computational Mathematics
• Biochemistry
• Black Studies
• Chemistry
• Communication
• Creative Writing
• Data Analytics
• Economics
• French
• History
• International Politics
• Leadership & Civic Engagement
• Literature and Criticism
• Marine Biology
• Philosophy
• Political Science
• Portuguese
• Religious Studies
• Sociology & Anthropology
• Spanish
• Sustainability
• Urban Studies
• Women’s & Gender Studies
• Writing, Rhetoric & Communication

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.

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