

HISTORY, BA

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The Bachelor of Arts in History looks at the range of human experience: how people have lived in the past, how they live and coexist in the present, and the links between the two. Students learn to interpret the past by examining a variety of original sources: newspapers, letters and diaries, literature, government records, images, films, oral interviews, and more. Majors hone their skills in collecting, interpreting, and communicating information. Majors move on to careers in government, law, and management, as well as teaching and graduate study.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major with at least 18 credits at the 300 and 400 levels. Additional credits of history in excess of 36 may be presented as elective credits to be counted toward graduation. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the major.

HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) may not be used to satisfy the geographic distribution requirements in U.S. history, European history, and global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern history. No more than 3 credits of ARTH coursework may apply to the History BA. For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Before registering, students should see an advisor to help plan their history program to meet Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and college-level requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives or a minor.

Major without Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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Total Credits 6

U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6

HIST 121	Formation of the American Republic (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885	
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HIST 334	American Scriptures (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
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HIST 339	History of Baseball	
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HIST 340	Basketball and the American Experience	
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HIST 341	History of Sport in the United States	
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HIST 342	History of the Olympics and the United States	
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HIST 343	Women during the Enslavement Era	
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HIST 344	Black Social Movements	
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HIST 345	Women's Activism: From Jim Crow to Black Power	
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HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
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HIST 351	History of the Old South	
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HIST 352	The South since 1865	
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HIST 370	War and American Society	
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HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
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HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 378	History of Aviation	
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HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
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HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History	
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HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800	
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HIST 401	Colonial America	
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HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	
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Total Credits 6

European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6

HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
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HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization
HIST 301	Classical Greece
HIST 302	Classical Rome
HIST 304	Western Europe in the Middle Ages
HIST 305	The Renaissance
HIST 306	The Reformation
HIST 307	Old Regime and Revolutionary Europe
HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 309	Europe in Crisis: 1914-1948
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe
HIST 314	History of Germany (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 321	Modern France
HIST 322	Modern Britain
HIST 326	Stalinism
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 388	Topics in European History

Total Credits 6

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Used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in Western civilization may also fulfill 3 credits of this requirement

Global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern History

Approved courses in history used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in global understanding and the college-level requirement in non-Western culture may be used to fulfill this requirement.

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Select two courses from the following: 6		
HIST 125	Introduction to Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 353	History of Traditional China
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 394	Globalization and History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century

Total Credits 6

Electives in the Major

Students may also meet the elective requirement by completing an optional concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four electives in history ¹		12
Total Credits		12

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Students should choose courses in history at the 300 or 400 levels to meet this requirement if they need credits to complete the 18-credit, upper-level history requirement. In addition to HIST courses, history majors may use one 300-level ARTH course and HNRS 240 Reading the Past (Topic Varies) to fulfill this requirement.

Major with Concentration

Available Concentrations

- Concentration in Digital History (HISD)
- Concentration in Public History (HISP)

- Concentration in Global History (HISG)
- Concentration in U.S. History (HISU)
- Individualized Concentration (IND)

Concentration in Digital History (HISD)

In this concentration, students explore and develop skills in using digital methods for the research, analysis, and presentation of history. Students interested in graduate education or careers in the digital humanities and new media or in working with digital methods in museums, archives, and other public history institutions should consider this concentration.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Select three electives from the following (must include at least 6 credits in HIST):		9
HIST 395	Topics in Digital History (can be repeated for credit when topic is different)	
ENGH 375	Web Authoring and Design	
ENGH 376	Rhetoric and New Media	
other coursework, including internships, approved by the program director		
Total Credits		18

U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 121	Formation of the American Republic (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	6
HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 334	American Scriptures (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885	
HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
HIST 339	History of Baseball	
HIST 340	Basketball and the American Experience	
HIST 341	History of Sport in the United States	
HIST 342	History of the Olympics and the United States	
HIST 343	Women during the Enslavement Era	
HIST 344	Black Social Movements	
HIST 345	Women's Activism: From Jim Crow to Black Power	
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	

HIST 351	History of the Old South	
HIST 352	The South since 1865	
HIST 370	War and American Society	
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 378	History of Aviation	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History	
HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800	
HIST 401	Colonial America	
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	
Total Credits		6

European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	6
HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization	
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization	
HIST 301	Classical Greece	
HIST 302	Classical Rome	
HIST 304	Western Europe in the Middle Ages	
HIST 305	The Renaissance	
HIST 306	The Reformation	
HIST 307	Old Regime and Revolutionary Europe	
HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 309	Europe in Crisis: 1914-1948	
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 314	History of Germany (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 321	Modern France	
HIST 322	Modern Britain	
HIST 326	Stalinism	
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 388	Topics in European History	
Total Credits		6

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Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 125	Introduction to Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	6
HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 394	Globalization and History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Public History (HISP)

In this concentration, students explore a variety of issues related to preserving historical materials and presenting historical information to a broader public. Students interested in graduate education in public history or in working in public history institutions such as museums, libraries, archives, and historic sites should consider this concentration.

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HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 396	Introduction to Public History	3
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 399	Internship ¹	3
Select one elective from the following:		3
HIST 397	Topics in Public History	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
ARTH 494	The Museum (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ENGH 370	Documentary and Non-Fiction Film/Media (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
other coursework, not including internships, approved by the program director		
Total Credits		18

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Students work individually with the department's internship coordinator to find appropriate internships. HIST 399 may be repeated up to a maximum of 9 credits, and students in the public history concentration are encouraged to take more than 3 credits of internships, with additional credits beyond the first 3 counting as general electives.

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HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 334	American Scriptures (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 345	Women's Activism: From Jim Crow to Black Power
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HIST 370	War and American Society
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 378	History of Aviation
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History
HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800
HIST 401	Colonial America
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812
Total Credits	6

European History

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Select two courses from the following: 6		
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HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization	
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HIST 306	The Reformation	
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HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 314	History of Germany (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 321	Modern France	
HIST 322	Modern Britain	
HIST 326	Stalinism	
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	

HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 388	Topics in European History
Total Credits	6

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HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 394	Globalization and History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Global History (HISG)

In this concentration, students explore the interconnected histories of major world regions beyond the United States and Europe. Students interested in graduate education in global history or careers in government or business or with non-governmental organizations or other employers operating in the international arena should consider this concentration. Students in the global history concentration are especially encouraged to study abroad as part of their undergraduate program.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 394	Globalization and History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

Select five courses chosen from the following lists. Three of the five courses must be chosen from one of the following areas: Asian, African, Latin American, Middle Eastern and North African, or Russian and Central Asian history. No more than 3 credits of ARTH coursework may apply to the History BA.

Asian History

HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

African History

HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

Latin American History

HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

Middle Eastern & North African History

HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	

HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Russian & Central Asian History		
HIST 326	Stalinism	
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
World History		
HIST 125	Introduction to Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
Optional foreign language skills development course in history ²		1
HIST 386	Topics in History	
Select four electives in history ³		11-12
Total Credits		36

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Depending on topic.

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Working individually with their instructor for an upper-level HIST course, students may pursue historical reading or other work to develop skills in an appropriate foreign language in which they have already met the CHSS requirement for intermediate-level proficiency.

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Students should choose courses in history at the 300- or 400-levels to meet this requirement if they need to complete the 18-credit, upper-level history requirement. In addition to HIST courses, students may apply HNRS 240 Reading the Past (Topic Varies) and/or one 300-level ARTH course not counted above toward this requirement. In total, no more than 3 credits of ARTH may be applied to the history BA.

Concentration in U.S. History (HISU)

In this concentration, students focus in-depth on the history of the United States while developing research and writing skills and completing at least one course in applied history. Students interested in law, government, and other career paths or in graduate education in U.S. history should consider this concentration.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Select one applied history elective from the following:		3
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 395	Topics in Digital History	
HIST 396	Introduction to Public History	
HIST 397	Topics in Public History	
HIST 399	Internship	
Total Credits		9

U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
Select five U.S. history courses from the following, with at least two from each list.		15

Origins to 1877

HIST 121	Formation of the American Republic (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885	
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
HIST 351	History of the Old South	
HIST 370	War and American Society	
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800	
HIST 401	Colonial America	
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History ¹	

1877 - Present

HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 334	American Scriptures (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
HIST 339	History of Baseball	
HIST 340	Basketball and the American Experience	
HIST 341	History of Sport in the United States	

HIST 342	History of the Olympics and the United States	
HIST 343	Women during the Enslavement Era	
HIST 344	Black Social Movements	
HIST 345	Women's Activism: From Jim Crow to Black Power	
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
HIST 352	The South since 1865	
HIST 370	War and American Society	
HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 378	History of Aviation	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History ¹	
Total Credits		15

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When topic applies and with department approval.

European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	6
HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization	
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization	
HIST 301	Classical Greece	
HIST 302	Classical Rome	
HIST 304	Western Europe in the Middle Ages	
HIST 305	The Renaissance	
HIST 306	The Reformation	
HIST 307	Old Regime and Revolutionary Europe	
HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 309	Europe in Crisis: 1914-1948	
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 314	History of Germany (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 321	Modern France	
HIST 322	Modern Britain	
HIST 326	Stalinism	
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 388	Topics in European History	
Total Credits		6

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Used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in Western civilization may also fulfill 3 credits of this requirement

Global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern History

Students in the concentration in U.S. History are encouraged to take at least one course with a broadly global perspective such as HIST 394 Globalization and History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>). Approved courses in history used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in global understanding and the college-level requirement in non-Western culture may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 125	Introduction to Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	6
HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 394	Globalization and History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
Total Credits		6

Individualized Concentration (IND)

Students who wish to design their own concentration must submit a one-page proposal and create a curriculum plan to be approved by the program director. This option may be particularly appropriate for students who want to focus on U.S. history or European history without emphasis on digital or public history methods.

All students in the individualized concentration will be required to complete HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), and 15-18 credits of breadth requirements modeled on the geographic distribution coursework in the history BA without concentration. For their remaining 12-15 credits in history, students will work with the program director to plan coursework that explores their chosen concentration across time periods and geographical lines as appropriate.

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated as "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in history may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		3

Upper Level Requirement

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

Additional Electives

Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		
	PHIL (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/) ¹	3
	RELI (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/reli/)	

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Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature>) requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits of social and behavioral sciences from the following (additional to the Mason Core social and behavioral sciences requirement) ¹		
	ANTH (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/)	
	CRIM (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/crim/)	
	ECON (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/)	
	GOVT (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/govt/)	
	HIST (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/) ²	
	LING (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/)	
	PSYC (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/)	
	SOCI (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/)	

Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 103	Human Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies	
GGS 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 305	Economic Geography	
GGS 306	Urban Geography	
GGS 315	Geography of the United States	
GGS 316	Geography of Latin America	
GGS 320	Geography of Europe	
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GGS 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	

GGG 357	Urban Planning
GGG 380	Geography of Virginia

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The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

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HIST 100 and HIST 125 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
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Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language, fulfilled by:¹

Completing 3 credits in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher level courses taught in the language) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/>)

Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test

Or completing the following ASL three course sequence:

EDSE 115	American Sign Language (ASL) I
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EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II
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EDSE 219	American Sign Language (ASL) III
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Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Non-Western Culture

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

Code	Title	Credits
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Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Understanding requirement)¹

ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
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ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 314	Zombies	3
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ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	3
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ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
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ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
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ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
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ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
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ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
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ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
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CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
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DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 317	Geography of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3-6
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 317	Daoism	3
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3	RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
			RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
			RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Integration Requirements	
WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3	Written Communication (upper-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
			Writing Intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) ²	3
			Mason Apex (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex) ³	3
			Total Credits	40

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A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global>) requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>).

Mason Core

Some Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>) for more information.

- VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.&S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication (lower-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
	Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
Exploration Requirements		
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3

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In addition to covering content related to the designated category, Exploration level courses marked with a *Just Societies* "flag" are specifically designed to help students learn how to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, including those with backgrounds and beliefs that differ from their own. Courses marked with the Just Societies flag are available for students starting in Fall 2024. Students admitted prior to the Fall of 2025 are not required to take courses with a Just Societies flag but may wish to do so to increase their knowledge and skills in this important area. Students interested in this approach to completing their Mason Core Exploration Requirements should work closely with their advisor to identify the appropriate Just Societies-flagged courses.

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Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

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Minimum 3 credits required.

4-Year Plan

Bachelor of Arts in History Sample Plan of Study

A sample four year graduation plan and degree planning worksheet can be found at <https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets> (<https://academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu/undergraduate-students/advising/advising-sheets/>). The plan is a recommended sequencing of courses based on prerequisites and scheduling. This may not fit every student's needs and is a guideline, not a requirement. Students should confirm major requirements with their academic advisor each semester and with their PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

Program Outcomes

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1. Research. History majors will demonstrate historical thinking skills, including the ability to find appropriate historical evidence, evaluate

evidence, synthesize evidence, and critically read and evaluate both primary and secondary sources.

2. **Written communication.** History majors will develop the skills necessary to communicate the findings of their research. Through a curriculum that emphasizes progressively longer and more sophisticated writing projects, History majors will become proficient at effective written communication in general as well as in the specific disciplinary requirements of History.
3. **Oral communication.** In almost all cases, students in History classes are called on to defend historical conclusions aloud. History majors will learn to give organized, clear presentations in which they both offer complicated historical analysis aloud and defend their conclusions in front of an audience.
4. **Digital literacy.** History majors will learn to apply the tools and methods of the digital humanities for historical research and for the communication of the fruits of historical research.
5. **Synthesis.** History majors are taught how best to combine the different elements of the skillset they have built up in the program. Students in the program pull together a variety of sources, analyze and weigh evidence to make an argument, situate that argument within the relevant scholarly literature, connect it to important social concerns, and then communicate all this clearly and effectively both in person and in print.

Honors

Honors in the Major

History majors who have completed 75 credits (a minimum of 15 in history, 6 of which must have been taken at Mason) with an overall GPA of 3.50 and a GPA of 3.50 in history courses are eligible to apply to graduate with honors in history. Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>). The statement of application should include references from at least one Mason history faculty member. If a major part of the student's work includes transfer credit, transcripts may be required. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are guaranteed acceptance into honors in the major.

Students pursuing honors in the major will take a two-semester course sequence: HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings and HIST 491 Honors Directed Research. HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings will focus on the design of a major research project and HIST 491 Honors Directed Research will focus on completing that project. To graduate with honors in the major, students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the honors courses and a minimum GPA of 3.50 in history courses applied to the degree. A grade of B or higher in HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings is required to proceed to HIST 491 Honors Directed Research. The two honors courses (6 credits) may be applied to the requirement of 36 credits in history and successful completion of HIST 491 Honors Directed Research satisfies the seminar course requirement in place of HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>).

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's programs listed below specify the BA in history as a feeder degree for their programs. Many other accelerated master's programs are also available for any bachelor's degree at

Mason. See the full list of degrees (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at George Mason.

History, BA/History, Accelerated MA Overview

Highly-qualified Mason undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA in History and an MA in History in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-hist/application/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, including HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) with a minimum grade of B+.

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admissions Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MA program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- Completion of a HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or HIST 491 Honors Directed Research
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits)

500- or 600-level HIST courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/>)

HIST 610 The Study and Writing of History is preferred, but not required

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

500- or 600-level HIST courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/>)

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements see AP.6.7 Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.

History, BA/Curriculum and Instruction, Accelerated MEd (Secondary Education History and Social Science Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's option and obtain a BA in History and an MEd in Curriculum and Instruction (Secondary Education History and Social Science concentration) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/curriculum-instruction-med/>) in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 143 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

This accelerated option is offered jointly by the Department of History and Art History (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/history-art/>) and the School of Education (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/bachelors-accelerated-masters-program/>).

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, and additional unit-specific criteria.

Students who are accepted into the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and course-specific pre-requisites.

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MEd program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- 3.0 overall GPA
- Completion of specific undergraduate coursework
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following which can be taken as Advanced Standing or Reserve Graduate credit (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#text>) (to be determined by the student and their advisor):

Code	Title	Credits
EDRD 619	Disciplinary Literacy	3
SEED 522	Foundations of Secondary Education	3
SEED 540	Human Development and Learning: Secondary Education	3
SEED 567	Teaching Social Studies in the Secondary School	3
SEED 667	Advanced Methods of Teaching Social Sciences in the Secondary School	3
SEED approved elective (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/seed/)		

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.