

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES, BA (COS)

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The BA in Environmental and Sustainability Studies is a joint program between the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Science.

This degree provides students with theoretical and practical knowledge of three aspects of environmental and sustainability studies: people, prosperity, and planet. In addition to required core courses, students develop more in-depth knowledge in their choice of concentration. This degree prepares students for employment and graduate study in fields related to social justice, business and public policy, and environmental protection as they relate to the environment and sustainability.

This is a Green Leaf program.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

University-wide admissions policies can be found in the Undergraduate Admissions Policies section of this catalog.

To apply for this program, please complete the George Mason University Admissions Application (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>).

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete a minimum of 60 credits within the major, with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

This is a Green Leaf program.

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

Of the credits required for this degree, 14 credits simultaneously fulfill core requirements for the major and Mason Core requirements, and, depending on the concentration and electives chosen, up to 9 credits may simultaneously fulfill Mason Core requirements and college BA requirements.

Core Courses in the Major

Core requirements may satisfy Mason Core requirements in natural science (EVPP 110 The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental

Science I (Mason Core), EVPP 111 The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science II (Mason Core)) and the college BA requirement for social and behavioral science (GOVT 361 Introduction to Environmental Policy).

Code	Title	Credits
Environmental Science and Society		
EVPP 377	Applied Ecology	3
And three courses from one of the following groups:		11-12
EVPP 110 & EVPP 111 & EVPP 336	The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science I (Mason Core) and The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science II (Mason Core) and Human Dimensions of the Environment	
EVPP 110 & EVPP 112 & EVPP 113 & EVPP 336	The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science I (Mason Core) and Ecosphere: Introduction to Environmental Science II-Lecture (Mason Core) and Ecosphere: Introduction to Environmental Science II-Lab (Mason Core) and Human Dimensions of the Environment	
EVPP 210 & EVPP 301 & EVPP 302	Environmental Biology: Molecules and Cells and Environmental Science: Biological Diversity and Ecosystems and Environmental Science: Biomes and Human Dimensions	
Individual and Group Behavior		
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core)	4
Business and Public Policy		
ECON 105 or ECON 100	Environmental Economics for the Citizen (Mason Core) Economics for the Citizen (Mason Core)	3
EVPP 322	Business and Sustainability	3
EVPP 361 or GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy ¹ Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
Statistics		
Select one course from the following:		3-4
SOCI 313	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core)	
BIOL 214	Biostatistics for Biology Majors	
STAT 250	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core)	
Integration, Analysis, Innovation		
INTS 210	Sustainable World (Mason Core)	4
EVPP 480	Sustainability in Action (Mason Core)	4
Select one from the following:		3
INTS 390	International Internship (minimum of 3 credits required)	

INTS 490	Internship (minimum of 3 credits required)	
Total Credits		41-43

¹ Satisfies the college BA requirement for social and behavioral science.

Concentration in the Major

Available Concentrations

- Concentration in Business and Sustainability (BUSU)
- Concentration in Climate Change and Society (CCSO)
- Concentration in Conservation and Sustainability (CSUS)
- Concentration in Environmental Policy and Economics (EVPE)
- Concentration in Equity and Environmental Justice (EQEJ)
- Concentration in Sustainable Food and Agriculture (SFG)

Concentration in Business and Sustainability (BUSU)

The requirements for this concentration, depending on the electives chosen, may satisfy the college BA requirement in philosophy and religious studies (PHIL 243 Global Environmental Ethics (Mason Core), PHIL 305 Business Ethics).

Students who have already taken and received credit for MGMT 303 Principles of Management or OM 303 Operations Management shall substitute MGMT 303 Principles of Management for MBUS 301 Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy and OM 303 Operations Management for MBUS 306 Managing Projects and Operations. Both courses cannot be taken for credit. Students who have taken and received credit for both ACCT 203 Survey of Accounting and FNAN 303 Financial Management shall substitute the combination for MBUS 300 Accounting in a Global Economy. All three courses cannot be taken for credit.

For this concentration, students may substitute OM 211 Honors Statistical Analysis for Management for SOCI 313 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core) (core requirement for degree). Students cannot receive credit for more than one of these.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

MBUS 300	Accounting in a Global Economy	3
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy	3
MBUS 306	Managing Projects and Operations	3

Additional Course

Select one course (3 credits) from the following: 3

GOVT 353	Social Entrepreneurship	
IT 495	Turning Ideas into Successful Companies	
MBUS 304	Entrepreneurship: Starting and Managing a New Enterprise	
MGMT 451	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	

Total Credits 12

Two Courses

Code	Title	Credits
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Select two courses (6 credits) from the following: 6

ECON 335	Environmental Economics	
EVPP 338	Economics of Environmental Policy	

EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	
GGS 307	Geographic Approaches on Sustainable Development	
INTS 204	Leadership Theory and Practice	
PHIL 243	Global Environmental Ethics (Mason Core)	
PHIL 305	Business Ethics	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Climate Change and Society (CCSO)

The requirements for this concentration, depending on the electives chosen, may satisfy the college BA requirement in philosophy and religious studies (PHIL 243 Global Environmental Ethics (Mason Core), PHIL 343 Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core)).

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
CLIM 101	Global Warming: Weather, Climate, and Society (Mason Core)	3-4
or GGS 121	Dynamic Atmosphere and Hydrosphere (Mason Core)	
EVPP 432	Energy Policy	3
EVPP 436	The Human Dimensions of Global Climate Change	3
Total Credits		9-10

Three Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses (9 credits) from the following:		9

EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	
GGS 302	Global Environmental Hazards	
GGS 304	Population Geography (Mason Core)	
GGS 309	Meteorology and Climate	
GGS 312	Physical Climatology	
GGS 314	Severe and Extreme Weather	
PHIL 243	Global Environmental Ethics (Mason Core) ¹	
PHIL 343	Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) ¹	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		9

¹ Satisfies the college BA requirement in philosophy and religious studies.

Concentration in Conservation and Sustainability (CSUS)

Smithsonian-Mason Program

Students complete one of the programs offered through the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation in cooperation with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute.

Conservation, Biodiversity and Society Option (16 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
CONS 320	Conservation in Practice	3
CONS 401	Conservation Theory	3
CONS 402	Applied Conservation	4
CONS 410	Human Dimensions in Conservation (Mason Core)	3

CONS 490	RS: Integrated Conservation Strategies (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		16

Wildlife, Ecology, and Conservation Option (16 credits)

Offered only in Fall semesters, students complete four required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
CONS 400	Conservation Seminar	2
CONS 404	Biodiversity Monitoring	4
CONS 405	Landscape and Macrosystems Ecology	4
CONS 496	Research in Conservation (Mason Core)	6
Total Credits		16

Endangered Species and Conservation Option (16 credits)

Offered only in Spring semesters, students complete four required courses:

Code	Title	Credits
CONS 400	Conservation Seminar	2
CONS 406	Small Population Management	4
CONS 491	RS: Conservation Management Planning (Mason Core)	4
CONS 496	Research in Conservation (Mason Core)	6
Total Credits		16

Three Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of three credits from the following: 3		
BIOL 472	Introductory Animal Behavior	
EVPP 401	Integrated Environmental Assessment	
EVPP 419	Marine Mammal Biology and Conservation	
EVPP 421	Marine Conservation	
EVPP 430	Fundamentals of Environmental Geographic Information Systems	
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)	
INTS 211	Introduction to Conservation Studies (Mason Core)	
INTS 311	The Mysteries of Migration: Consequences for Conservation (Mason Core)	
INTS 370	Sustainable Food Systems	
INTS 371	Food Systems and Policy (Mason Core)	
INTS 403	Conservation Behavior (Mason Core)	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		3

Concentration in Environmental Policy and Economics (EVPE)

The requirements for this concentration satisfy the Mason Core requirement in social and behavioral science (ECON 104 Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core)) and, depending on the elective chosen, may fulfill the college BA requirement in non-Western culture (ECON 362 African Economic Development (Mason Core)).

Required Courses

Completion of these courses will satisfy the Mason Core social and behavioral science requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
ECON 104	Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
EVPP 338	Economics of Environmental Policy	3
EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	3
or GOVT 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	3
Total Credits		12

Six Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of six credits from the following: 6		
CONF 340	Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Mason Core)	
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	
ECON 311	Intermediate Macroeconomics	
ECON 330	Public Finance	
ECON 345	Introduction to Econometrics	
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core)	
ECON 412	Game Theory and Economics of Institutions	
EVPP 337	Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries	
EVPP 396	Directed Topic in Environmental Science and Policy	
EVPP 401	Integrated Environmental Assessment	
EVPP 432	Energy Policy	
GEOL 420	Earth Science and Policy (Mason Core)	
GGS 305	Economic Geography	
GGS 307	Geographic Approaches on Sustainable Development	
GOVT 339	Issues in the Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies	
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core)	
INTS 371	Food Systems and Policy (Mason Core)	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Equity and Environmental Justice (EQEJ)

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	3
EVPP 436	The Human Dimensions of Global Climate Change	3
INTS 336	Poverty, Wealth and Inequality in the US (Mason Core)	3

INTS 337	Social Justice Consciousness and Personal Transformation	3
Total Credits		12

Six Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of six credits from the following: 6		
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
GGs 304	Population Geography (Mason Core)	
GGs 307	Geographic Approaches on Sustainable Development	
GOVT 445	Human Rights	
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core)	
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core)	
INTS 338	Animal Rights and Humane Education	
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights (Mason Core)	
INTS 402	Plants and People - Sustenance, Ceremony, and Sustainability	
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core)	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core)	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Sustainable Food and Agriculture (SFG) Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
INTS 370	Sustainable Food Systems	6
INTS 371	Food Systems and Policy (Mason Core)	3
INTS 470	Professional Pathways in Sustainable Food Systems	1
Total Credits		10

Eight Credits

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of eight credits from the following: 8		
ANTH 366	Food and Human Evolution	
ANTH 376	Food and Culture	
BIOL 344	Plant Diversity and Evolution	
BIOL 345	Plant Ecology	
EVPP 436	The Human Dimensions of Global Climate Change	
GGs 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)	
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core)	
INTS 338	Animal Rights and Humane Education	
INTS 402	Plants and People - Sustenance, Ceremony, and Sustainability	
NUTR 295	Introduction to Nutrition (Mason Core)	
NUTR 408	Food Security	
Other course work with advisor approval		
Total Credits		8

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated as "writing intensive" in their major at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in environmental and sustainability studies should consult an advisor to learn how to fulfill this requirement.

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.

Mason Core

Some 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 requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
Written Communication (ENGL 101)		3
Oral Communication		3
Quantitative Reasoning		3
Information Technology and Computing		3
Exploration Requirements		
Arts		3
Global Understanding		3
Literature		3
Natural Science		7
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3
Western Civilization/World History		3
Integration Requirements		
Written Communications (ENGL 302)		3
Writing-Intensive ¹		3
Synthesis/Capstone ²		3
Total Credits		40

¹ 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.

² Minimum 3 credits required.

College Level Requirements for the BA degree

In addition to the 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 requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following: 3		
PHIL ¹		
RELI		

¹ 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 Philosophy and Literature (Mason Core) and RELI 235 Religion and Literature (Mason Core) cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the 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 **3**

ANTH
CRIM
ECON
GOVT
HIST ²
LING
PSYC
SOCI

Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)
GGS 103	Human Geography (Mason Core)
GGS 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGS 301	Political Geography
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)
GGS 304	Population Geography (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 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States
GGS 357	Urban Planning
GGS 380	Geography of Virginia

¹ The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

² HIST 100 History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) and HIST 125 Introduction to World History (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

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

Completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher level courses taught in the language)	
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
EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II
EDSE 219	American Sign Language (ASL) III

¹ 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
Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Understanding requirement) ¹		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core)	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core)	3

ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core)	3	HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core)	3	HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core)	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)	3-6
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core)	3	HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	3
FREN 451	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	3
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
GOVT 328	Global Political Theory	3	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	3	RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 338	Government and Politics of Russia	3	RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	RELI 272	Islam	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 379	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 387	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core)	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3			
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3			
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	3			

¹ A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding 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>).

Accelerated Master's

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/ Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Social Justice and Human Rights Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in select majors (listed below) may apply to the accelerated master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn an undergraduate degree in their chosen major and a master's in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometimes within five years.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Selected Majors

Anthropology, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Sociology, English, History, Philosophy, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Psychology, Government and International Politics, Integrative Studies, and Communication.

Application 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. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application>) on the departmental web site.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights and one course chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of B in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit (chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights). These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. The ability to take courses for reserve

graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the program. Permission to take a graduate course for reserve graduate credit is normally granted only to Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Code	Title	Credits
	Select up to 6 credits from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights	6
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Total Credits		6