

INTO MASON: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES GRADUATE PATHWAYS

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Requirements

Graduate International Pathways to master's degrees in Humanities and Social Sciences

INTO Mason provides four Graduate International Pathways for international students to enter various graduate degrees in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) at George Mason University. The pathways give students the academic foundation, essential language skills, and cultural knowledge to successfully move on to their master's degree programs. For most students, enrolling in a Graduate International Pathway will add one or two additional semesters to their overall master's degree program.

The following are the available Graduate International Pathways at INTO Mason to degrees in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at GMU:

- Economics
- Global Affairs
- Linguistics
- Psychology

The following are the types of pathways available:

- **One Term pathways (Accelerated):** These pathways lead students through their first semester of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. Two of the four CHSS pathways have one-term options available (Economics and Psychology only).
- **Two Term pathways (Standard):** These pathways lead students through their first year of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. All four CHSS pathways have two-term options available.
- **Bridge pathways:** These pathways provide foundational coursework designed to substitute for an additional year of undergraduate academic coursework, to render students with three-year baccalaureate degrees eligible to move on to their graduate degree program. Students will often move on to those degree-seeking programs with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. Three of the four pathways have Bridge options available (all except Linguistics).

Graduate International Pathways are designed for international students who:

- Need further English language development. Students who require a moderate amount of English language support can enter all available

International Pathways to strengthen their language proficiency and ensure their long-term academic success

- Require a fourth year of undergraduate study. Students who hold three-year baccalaureate degrees that are not formally evaluated as equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree may enter many Graduate International Pathways. For these students, their pathway acts as a "bridge" enhancing their international educational background with academic coursework to meet the eligibility for admission to a GMU graduate degree program
- Fall short of meeting the minimum GPA or admission test score requirements
- Need to improve study skills for success in their chosen field of study
- Any or all of the above

Administered through INTO Mason in partnership with the academic units across the university, the courses in each Graduate International Pathway are taught by highly qualified Mason instructional faculty members and supported by International Pathways academic advisors.

Students enrolled in any Graduate International Pathway should review the program's student guidebook for specific details related to program requirements and expectations.

Program Requirements

The following Graduate International Pathways are offered by INTO Mason in collaboration with George Mason University's College of Humanities and Social Sciences:

Economics Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2		
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 501	Graduate Transitions for International Students I	2
Language Support Course ¹		0-2
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I ²	3
Total Credits		9-11

- ¹ Students will be assigned a second major course by the program on the basis of English language placement results upon arrival.
- ² A degree in economics is not required but it is encouraged that applicants should have satisfactorily completed the following before enrolling in graduate courses: [1] Intermediate microeconomics (ECON 306), [2] Intermediate macroeconomics (ECON 311), [3] at least one semester of calculus (MATH 113 or equivalent), and [4] at least one semester of statistics (OM 210 or STAT 250 and STAT 350, or equivalent). Depending on the academic background of the student, s/he may be required to take one or more of these pre-requisite classes during the pathway, which will be determined in consultation with an advisor. Any pre-requisites taken will not count toward the MA in Economics degree.

The following grid is for the second semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2		
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines II	4
INYO 502	Graduate Transitions for International Students II	2
Language Support Course ¹		0
Required Major Courses (students will take two of the following courses): ²		6
ECON 535	Survey of Applied Econometrics	
ECON 615	Macroeconomic Theory	
ECON 5--	Economics Elective ³	
ECON 6--	Economics Elective ³	
Total Credits		12

¹ Continuing students may be required to take an additional language support course.

² A degree in economics is not required but it is encouraged that applicants should have satisfactorily completed the following before enrolling in graduate courses: [1] Intermediate microeconomics (ECON 306), [2] Intermediate macroeconomics (ECON 311), [3] at least one semester of calculus (MATH 113 or equivalent), and [4] at least one semester of statistics (OM 210 or STAT 250 and STAT 350, or equivalent). Depending on the academic background of the student, s/he may be required to take one or more of these pre-requisite classes, which will be determined in consultation with an advisor. Any pre-requisites taken will not count toward the MA in Economics degree.

³ ECON Electives will be chosen in consultation with advisors.

The following grid is for the single semester of the accelerated, 1-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Accelerated semester 1 of 1		
EAP 508	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines III	4
INYO 504	Accelerated Graduate Transitions for International Students	3
Required Major Courses (students will take two of the following courses): ¹		6
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I	
ECON 611	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 5--	Economics Elective ²	
ECON 6--	Economics Elective ²	
Total Credits		13

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² ECON Electives will be chosen in consultation with advisors.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree for students with certain 3-year degrees:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 1 of 2		
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 501	Graduate Transitions for International Students I	2
Upper-level Undergraduate Mason Core Course ¹		3
ECON 630	Mathematical Economics I ²	3
Total Credits		12

¹ Bridge students will take two upper-level undergraduate Mason Core courses instead of or in addition to select Pathway and/or major courses, one in each semester of the pathway. These two courses substitute for a "fourth year" of undergraduate study as is required by American colleges and universities.

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The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in Economics degree for students with certain 3-year degrees:

Code	Title	Credits
Bridge semester 2 of 2		
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines II	4
INYO 502	Graduate Transitions for International Students II	2
Upper-level Undergraduate Mason Core Course ¹		3
ECON 535	Survey of Applied Econometrics ²	3
Total Credits		12

¹ Bridge students will take two upper-level undergraduate Mason Core courses instead of or in addition to select Pathway and/or major courses, one in each semester of the pathway. These two courses substitute for a "fourth year" of undergraduate study as is required by American colleges and universities.

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