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INTO George Mason University and the Mason Global Center

Our Mission

As an integral member of the George Mason University Community, INTO Mason creates vibrant experiences for international students through transformational learning opportunities tailored to meet specific linguistic, academic and cultural needs.

Overview

Located in the Mason Global Center, INTO Mason supports the outstanding academic programs offered by the university with

- a welcoming, interconnected community of students from across the U.S. and the world;
- strong student support programs; and
- state-of-the-art facilities with technology-assisted learning.

The innovative International Year One, Pathways and Academic English language programs offered at the Center are delivered by highly qualified Mason teaching faculty. INTO Mason also provides a breadth of academic preparation and support services designed specifically to meet the unique needs of its international students.

Academic Programs, Services & Administration

George Mason University offers academic International Year One and Pathways programs at the Fairfax, Arlington, and Songdo campuses as well as English Language programs based in Fairfax. All programs are administered through the Academic Division of INTO Mason, which functions as the academic department for English Language studies and services university-wide—reporting directly to the University Provost through the Academic Innovations and New Ventures unit.

Academic Programs

There are three standing academic programs administered through the Academic Division of the INTO Mason joint venture:

- Undergraduate International Year One Program
- Graduate International Pathways Program
- Academic English Program

Each program has a specific curriculum and guidelines as indicated in the special sections for each program in the catalog.

Academic Advising and Services

Personalized support tailored to international students' educational, social, and cultural needs prepares them to progress with confidence as degree-seeking students. Programs operating through INTO Mason at the US-based campuses, also provide international students with learning experiences and services that promote academic, professional, and personal success.

Academic Administration

- Karyn E. Kessler, Ph.D., *Academic Director (Interim)*
- Bonnie Sylwester, Ph.D., *Assistant Director, Academic Initiatives and Assessment*
- James Jones, *Assistant Director, Advising & Academic Services*
- Benjamin Elwood, *Program Manager, Academic English*
- Christina Brady, *Program Manager, Undergraduate International Year One*
- Steven Harris-Scott, Ph.D., *Program Manager, Graduate International Pathways*
- Kathy Rossell, *Learning Resource Center Coordinator*

Faculty

Highly qualified, full-time, George Mason University faculty regularly teach in the International Year One, Pathways and English Language Programs.

English Language Faculty

Term Assistant Professors: Kessler, Karyn; Moore, Patrick and Sanchez, Deborah

Term Instructors: Bobal, Christine; Brady, Christina; Driscoll, David; Dunaway, Sean; Elwood, Benjamin; Espino, Maggie; Harries, Emma; Hoyle, Stephen; Kim, Esther; Kirsch, Jane; Kohn, Ellen; Kozumplik, Thomas; Lilley, Timothy; McCamish, Troy; Miller, Laura; Musfeldt, Scott; Namubiru, Esther; Paez, Bonny; Pugh, John; Richardson, Mary; Rottenberg, Lori; Simmons, Noele; Skipper, Katherine; Smith, Michael and Steadman, Sarah.

Humanities Faculty

Term Assistant Professors: Harris-Scott, Steven; Harris-Sealey, Nicole; Lewis, Amy; Rose, Todd and Weinstein, Aimee.

Term Instructors: Graham, Robert; Jones, James; and McLagan, Kirsten.

Affiliated Faculty: Coleson, Michael (Mathematics); Doestch-Kidder, Sharon (English); Habib, Anna (English); Mack, M Reese (English); Mills, Mallory; Moteaabed, Shora (Business) and Savage, James (English).

Center Facilities & Administration

Facilities

All Undergraduate International Year One students and many Academic English students may live in the Mason Global Center for their first year. The Mason Global Center opened in August 2014 and is the primary home for INTO George Mason University. This community connects domestic and international students for academic, language, cultural, and social exchange. The building includes residential accommodations for up to 270 international and domestic students; 17 classrooms; 100+ computers; wireless Internet throughout the center; a learning resource center with study materials, books, DVDs, and periodicals; a dining

facility; lounge areas for meetings and study groups; and open spaces for socializing.

Administration

- Todd Rose, Ph.D., *Executive Director*
- Gerard Maguire, *Finance Manager*
- Julia Pfaff, *Operations Manager*
- Jessica Biddle, *Student Experience Director*
- Nana Bonsu, *Marketing & Recruitment Manager*
- Darshana Rogers, *Enrollment Manager*
- Nathan Dougan, *Senior Systems Integration Manager*
- Anne Owl, *Human Resource Manager*

Student Services & Orientation

Student Services

The INTO Mason Student Services provide a range of co-curricular programs and services promoting social and personal well-being. Upon arrival at Mason, the team helps students settle in to life in Fairfax and provides social opportunities and a variety of resources tailored to the specific needs of international students.

International Student Orientation

Orientation involves a variety of important events that prepare students to be successful at Mason, including information about maintaining visa status, registering for Mason classes, health requirements, and insurance coverage. All students must attend the INTO Mason Student Orientation in order to enroll in classes.

Undergraduate

Undergraduate International Year One Program

The Undergraduate International Year One (InYO) Program combines academic coursework, English language support, and academic skills development in a carefully constructed program designed to prepare students for rigorous Mason degree programs. For most students, participation in IYO will not add more time to the completion of their bachelor's degree.

Three types of Undergraduate International Year One programs are available:

- **One Term Program (Accelerated):** This program is a single term of study. Upon completion of all progression requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program as second-semester freshmen (up to 16 credits).
- **Two Term Program (Standard):** This program is designed to lead students through their first year of study. Upon completion of all progression requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program as second-year, freshman (up to 29 credits) or as sophomore students (30 or more credits).
- **Three Term Program (Comprehensive):** This program is designed especially for International students who want to start earning credits toward their bachelor's degree at a US university while improving their English skills. Upon completion of all progression requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program as second-

year, freshman (up to 29 credits) or as sophomore students (30 or more credits).

The Undergraduate International Year One Program is designed for students who:

- Desire to study for an undergraduate degree in the U.S.
- Need to improve their English language skills
- May have slightly lower GPAs than required of direct-entry students
- Desire additional academic, language, and cultural support in order to succeed during their first year at a U.S. university
- Any or all of the above

Administered through INTO Mason in partnership with the academic units across the university, the courses in the various Undergraduate International Year One programs are taught by highly qualified Mason instructional faculty members and supported by International Year One academic advisors.

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

Admission

Admission to the Undergraduate International Year One (IYO) Program is offered to international and multilingual students by two methods:

- Students may apply directly through the INTO Mason admissions process OR
- By referral from the University Admissions Office due to not having met the grade point average, English language proficiency, or other requirements for direct admission.

The Undergraduate International Year One Program entry requirements are as follows:

- High school diploma
- 2.5 minimum high school GPA equivalent based on the applicant's country/institutional scale
- Documentation demonstrating the minimum English language proficiency levels:
 - One Term (Accelerated) International Year One Program:
 - TOEFL iBT 80 (17 minimum subscores in reading and writing)
 - IELTS 6.5 (6.0 minimum subscores in reading and writing)
 - PTE Academic 53
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 5
 - Two Term (Standard) International Year One Program:
 - TOEFL iBT 60 (13 minimum subscores in reading and listening)
 - IELTS 5.5 (5.5 minimum subscores in reading and listening)
 - PTE Academic 45
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 4
 - Three Term (Comprehensive) International Year One Program:
 - TOEFL iBT 50 (10 subscores)
 - IELTS 5.0 (4.5 subscores)
 - PTE Academic 41
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 3

Students should review the specific requirements by International Year One Program online (<http://www.intostudy.com/mason>) for details.

Progression into Degree Status

Each International Year One (IYO) program has specific progression requirements for completion. These typically include a minimum grade point average and minimum individual course grades (no grades of W, NC, or I are permitted). Students should refer to the website (<http://www.intostudy.com/en-gb/universities/george-mason-university>) for specific IYO program requirements. Students admitted to the university through an Undergraduate IYO program are required to complete all program requirements in order to maintain continuous enrollment.

Dismissal/Termination Appeals Process for INTO Mason Students

Students who do not meet all requirements for matriculation to their desired degree program at the end of their final term will be reviewed for termination from their Undergraduate International Year One program. Terminated students may initiate one of the following an academic action requests in writing:

1. request an exception to the program policy,
2. request to change to an alternate International Year One program, and/or
3. request an extension to continue studying as an Undergraduate International Year One Extender student for one additional term.

All terminated student academic action requests must be submitted in writing to the academic advising staff located in the Mason Global Center within 14 days of notification. Requests should provide an explanation and supplementary documentation. Students who earn two unsatisfactory grades of C or lower will be ineligible to continue as an Extender. Students who fail to meet the program requirements after an extension will be reviewed for dismissal from the university.

Decisions on these requests are reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Academic Director. In some cases, additional reviews by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education or Academic Initiatives and Services may be required.

Reenrollment and Readmission

Due to the nature of the Undergraduate International Year One Program as both English language development and academic coursework, students are subject to a limited reenrollment policy. Students who do not enroll after the first term or withdraw for reasons other than poor academic performance may request to reenroll in an International Year One program the following term (e.g., spring) to continue making progress toward meeting program requirements, with advance permission from the Academic Director. Students who do not enroll for two consecutive terms (e.g., spring and fall) must apply for readmission to the program and be re-assessed for language proficiency. Summer terms are counted for students whose initial enrollment begins in Spring semester.

Available Year One Programs & Majors

There are five Undergraduate International Year One programs available:

- Business, leading to 5 undergraduate majors in the School of Business
- Engineering, Computing & Statistics, leading to 10 undergraduate majors in the Volgenau School of Engineering

- Humanities and Social Sciences, leading to 21 undergraduate majors in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Visual and Performing Art’s School of Music
- Human and Social Development, leading to 7 undergraduate majors in the College Health and Human Services, the College of Education and Human Development’s School of Recreation and Tourism, and the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- Science, leading to 13 undergraduate majors in the College of Science

Each program allows students to progress to preapproved undergraduate degree programs. For a full listing of specific academic programs associated with a specific International Year One Program, students should refer to the website (<http://www.intostudy.com/mason>)for specific requirements.

Business

One Term Program Curriculum (Accelerated): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 100	Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core)	4
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core)	3
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 100	Introduction to Mason	1
BUS 100	Business and Society (Mason Core)	3
EAP 108	Language Support for Business and Society	1
Total Credits		15

Two Term Program Curriculum (Standard): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core)	3
BUS 100	Business and Society (Mason Core)	3
BUS 210	Business Analytics I	3
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 108	Language Support for Business and Society	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Total Credits		29

Three Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AE 040	Level 4 Core	
AE 041	Level 4 Oral Comm Skills	
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core)	3
BUS 100	Business and Society (Mason Core)	3
BUS 210	Business Analytics I	3
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 108	Language Support for Business and Society	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Total Credits		29

Engineering, Computer Science, and Statistics**Two Term Program Curriculum (Standard): Required and Major Courses**

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses for All Majors		
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 100	Public Speaking (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core) ¹	
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core)	
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 114	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	
IT 102	Discrete Structures	
Major Specific Courses		6-7
Engineering Majors		
PHYS 160	University Physics I (Mason Core)	

PHYS 161	University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core)	
EAP 113	Language Support for University Physics	
ENGR 107	Introduction to Engineering (Mason Core)	
Information Technology Majors		
IT 105	IT Architecture Fundamentals	
EAP 111	Language Support for Introduction to Information Technology	
IT 104	Introduction to Computing (Mason Core)	
Computer Science and Statistics Majors		
CS 112	Introduction to Computer Programming (Mason Core)	
EAP 112	Language Support for Introduction to Computer Programming	
CS 105	Computer Ethics and Society (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		28-31

¹ Students pursuing IT degrees should take MATH 108 Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core) for 3 credits instead of MATH 113 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core).

Three Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required and Major Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AE 040	Level 4 Core	
AE 041	Level 4 Oral Comm Skills	
Required Courses for All Majors		
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 100	Public Speaking (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 108	Introductory Calculus with Business Applications (Mason Core) ¹	
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core)	
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 114	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	
IT 102	Discrete Structures	
Major Specific Courses		6-7
Engineering Majors		
PHYS 160	University Physics I (Mason Core)	
PHYS 161	University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core)	
EAP 113	Language Support for University Physics	
ENGR 107	Introduction to Engineering (Mason Core)	

Information Technology Majors

IT 105	IT Architecture Fundamentals
EAP 111	Language Support for Introduction to Information Technology
IT 104	Introduction to Computing (Mason Core)

Computer Science and Statistics Majors

CS 112	Introduction to Computer Programming (Mason Core)
EAP 112	Language Support for Introduction to Computer Programming
CS 105	Computer Ethics and Society (Mason Core)
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Total Credits	28-31

Humanities and Social Sciences

One Term Program Curriculum (Accelerated): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ENGH 100	Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core)	4
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
UNIV 100	Introduction to Mason	1
General Education Course ²		3
Music majors must take the following:		0-1
MUSI 221	Applied Music I	
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Total Credits		15-16

¹ Depending on intended major and math placement, students may take a more advanced math class.

² Course to be selected with advisor approval.

Two Term Program Curriculum (Standard): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
General Education Course ²		3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 104	Language Support World History	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Music majors must take the following:		1

MUSI 221	Applied Music I	
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Total Credits		27

¹ Depending on intended major and math placement, students may take a more advanced math class.

² These course options are offered to students beginning in the Fall term only.

Three Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AE 041	Level 4 Oral Comm Skills	
AE 040	Level 4 Core	
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
General Education Course ²		3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 104	Language Support World History	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Music majors must take the following:		1
MUSI 221	Applied Music I	
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Total Credits		27

Human and Social Development

One Term Program Curriculum (Accelerated): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 100	Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core)	4
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 100	Introduction to Mason	1
Select one of the following courses:		3
PSYC 100	Basic Concepts in Psychology (Mason Core)	
CONF 101	Conflict and Our World (Mason Core)	
HEAL 230	Introduction to Health Behavior (Mason Core)	
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
or STAT 250	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core)	
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Total Credits		15

¹ Programs in the areas of community health, health administration, health, fitness and recreation resources and tourism and events management require STAT 250.

Two Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
or STAT 250	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core)	
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
Select one of the following courses:		3
PSYC 100	Basic Concepts in Psychology (Mason Core) (or CONF 101 or HEAL 230)	
CONF 101	Conflict and Our World (Mason Core)	
HEAL 230	Introduction to Health Behavior (Mason Core)	
IT 104	Introduction to Computing (Mason Core)	3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 104	Language Support World History	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Total Credits		29

Three Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AE 040	Level 4 Core	
AE 041	Level 4 Oral Comm Skills	
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 111	Linear Mathematical Modeling (Mason Core) ¹	3
or STAT 250	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core)	
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)	3
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1
Select one of the following courses:		3
PSYC 100	Basic Concepts in Psychology (Mason Core) (or CONF 101 or HEAL 230)	
CONF 101	Conflict and Our World (Mason Core)	

HEAL 230	Introduction to Health Behavior (Mason Core)	
IT 104	Introduction to Computing (Mason Core)	3
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 104	Language Support World History	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
Total Credits		29

¹ Programs in the areas of community health; health administration; health, fitness and recreation resources; and tourism and events management require STAT 250.

Science

One Term Program Curriculum (Accelerated): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 100	Composition for Multilingual Writers (Mason Core)	4
CHEM 211	General Chemistry I (Mason Core)	3
CHEM 213	General Chemistry Laboratory I (Mason Core)	1
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
EAP 114	Language Support for General Chemistry I	1
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core)	4
UNIV 100	Introduction to Mason	1
Total Credits		18

Two Term Program Curriculum (Standard): Required and Major Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core)	4
MATH 114	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
CHEM 211	General Chemistry I (Mason Core)	3
CHEM 213	General Chemistry Laboratory I (Mason Core)	1
PHYS 160	University Physics I (Mason Core)	3
PHYS 161	University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core)	1
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 113	Language Support for University Physics	1
EAP 114	Language Support for General Chemistry I	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1

Select the following to replace Physics courses if majoring in Geology or Earth Science:

GEOL 101	Introductory Geology I (Mason Core)
EAP 115	Language Support for Introductory Geology I

Select the following to replace Chemistry courses if majoring in Environmental and Sustainability Studies.

EVPP 110	The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science I (Mason Core)
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Total Credits 34

Three Term Program Curriculum (Comprehensive): Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
AE 040	Level 4 Core	
AE 041	Level 4 Oral Comm Skills	
ENGH 121	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English I	3
ENGH 122	Enhanced Composition For Multilingual Writers of English II	3
MATH 113	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (Mason Core)	4
MATH 114	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
INYO 105	American Cultures (Mason Core)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Communication (Mason Core)	3
CHEM 211	General Chemistry I (Mason Core)	3
CHEM 213	General Chemistry Laboratory I (Mason Core)	1
PHYS 160	University Physics I (Mason Core)	3
PHYS 161	University Physics I Laboratory (Mason Core)	1
EAP 102	Language Support for American Cultures	1
EAP 103	Language Support for Public Speaking	1
EAP 113	Language Support for University Physics	1
EAP 114	Language Support for General Chemistry I	1
EAP 120	Linguistics Capstone	0
UNIV 140	INTO Mason Pathway Transition	1
UNIV 141	INTO Mason Pathway Extended Transition	1

Select the following to replace Physics courses if majoring in Geology or Earth Science:

GEOL 101	Introductory Geology I (Mason Core)
EAP 115	Language Support for Introductory Geology I

Select the following to replace Chemistry courses if majoring in Environmental and Sustainability Studies.

EVPP 110	The Ecosphere: An Introduction to Environmental Science I (Mason Core)
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Total Credits 34

Graduate

Graduate International Pathways

The Graduate International Pathways are pre-master’s programs that provide international students paths to various graduate degrees 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. There are one and two term options available for most pathways. For most students, enrolling in a Graduate International Pathway will add one or two additional semesters to their overall master’s degree program.

There are currently 49 Graduate International Pathways available to graduate students. Each pathway allows students to progress to pre-approved graduate degree programs at GMU. The pathways are administered in partnership with the following nine Schools and Colleges at George Mason University. For more information on the specific pathways to degrees in each School or College, click on the links below:

- INTO Mason: Engineering Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Education and Human Development Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Health and Human Services Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: College of Science Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Visual and Performing Arts Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: School of Business Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Conflict Analysis and Resolution Graduate Pathways
- INTO Mason: Policy and Government Graduate Pathways

Graduate International Pathways are designed for international students who:

- Need further English language development
- Require a fourth year of undergraduate study
- 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.

Admission

Admission to Graduate International Pathways are offered to international and multilingual students by two methods:

- Students may apply directly through the INTO Mason admissions process OR
- By referral from graduate admissions due to not having met the grade point average, English language proficiency, or other requirements for direct admission (cascade).

The minimum documentation required for admission include: application, mark sheets/transcripts (in English and the original language), degree certificates (in English and the original language) and other required items as stated in the program catalog supplement.

Graduate International Pathway entry requirements are usually as follows:

- An undergraduate degree equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree in a relevant field as specified by the particular International Pathways program;
- 2.75 minimum high school GPA equivalent based on the applicant's country/institutional scale; and
- Documentation demonstrating the minimum English proficiency levels as specified by the particular pathway. The general minimum scores are as follows:
 - One Term (Accelerated) and Bridge International Pathways:
 - TOEFL iBT 75 – 85 (variable minimum subscores required for all but Engineering pathways)
 - IELTS 6.0 – 6.5 (variable minimum subscores required for all but Engineering pathways)
 - PTE Academic 52 – 58
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 6
 - Two Term (Standard) International Pathways:
 - TOEFL iBT 65 - 75 (variable minimum subscores required for all but Engineering pathways)
 - IELTS 5.5 - 6.5 (variable minimum subscores required for all but Engineering pathways)
 - PTE Academic 44 - 52
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 5
 - Three Term (Comprehensive) International Pathway in Accounting:
 - TOEFL iBT 60 (13 minimum subscores)
 - IELTS 5.5 (5.5 minimum subscores)
 - PTE Academic 45
 - Successful completion of or waiver from Academic English Level 4

Students who hold three year baccalaureate degrees may be eligible for select Graduate International Pathways Bridge programs. Students should review the specific requirements for each pathway at the INTO Study website (<http://www.intostudy.com/en-gb/universities/george-mason-university>).

Curriculum

Prescribed courses for the Graduate International Pathways programs include approximately 11 - 13 credits for One-Term pathways and 20 - 24 credits for Two-Term pathways. The intent of these courses is to prepare students for the demands of the Mason graduate curriculum. Further, the prescribed courses may include up to 12 credits of coursework toward the student's graduate degree during their International Pathways term(s) of study.

One Term (Accelerated) pathways include the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
EAP 508	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines III	4
INYO 504	Accelerated Graduate Transitions for International Students	3
EAP 098 or EAP 099	Individualized Language Instruction	0

In addition to the core coursework listed above, students will also take:

Code	Title	Credits
	Appropriate coursework toward graduate program	3-6

Students whose graduate degree program requires the GRE prior to completing their pathway will also be required to take:

Code	Title	Credits
Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination (specified by International Pathway degree program)		
Students will take one of the following:		
INYO 095	Quantitative Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination	
INYO 096	Verbal and Quantitative Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination	
INYO 097	Verbal, Quantitative, and Academic Writing Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination	
EAP 097	Verbal Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination	

Two Term (Standard) pathways include the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
INYO 501	Graduate Transitions for International Students I	2
INYO 502	Graduate Transitions for International Students II	2
EAP 505	Special Topics in Advanced English for Academic Purposes	2
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines II	4
EAP 510	Linguistic Capstone	0
EAP 503	Interpersonal Communication for International Students: Practicum and Theory ^{as needed}	2
or EAP 504	Advanced English for Academic Purposes Reading and Writing	
EAP 098 or EAP 099	Individualized Language Instruction	0

In addition to the coursework listed above, students will also take:

Code	Title	Credits
	Appropriate coursework toward graduate program	3-12

Students whose graduate degree program requires the GRE prior to completing the International Pathways program will also be required to take:

Code	Title	Credits
Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination (specified by International Pathway degree program)		
Students will take one of the following:		
INYO 095	Quantitative Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination	0

INYO 096	Verbal and Quantitative Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination
INYO 097	Verbal, Quantitative, and Academic Writing Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination
EAP 097	Verbal Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination

Three Term (Comprehensive) Accounting pathway includes the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Initial term of study:		
AE 050	Level 5 Core	
AE 051	Level 5 Oral Comm Skills	
ACCT 330	Financial Accounting I	3
EAP 100	Special Topics	1
Total Credits		4

Code Title Credits
 Upon successful completion of the first term, students will follow the Two Term (Standard) Accounting pathway curriculum during their second and third terms of study.

Progression into Degree Status

Each Graduate International Pathway has specific progression requirements for completion. These typically include a minimum grade point average and minimum individual course grades (no grades of NC or I are permitted). Students should refer to the INTO Study website (<http://www.intostudy.com/en-gb/universities/george-mason-university>) for specific requirements. Students admitted to the university through a Graduate International Pathway program are required to complete all program requirements in order to maintain continuous enrollment.

Dismissal/Termination Appeals Process for INTO Mason Students

Students who do not meet all requirements for matriculation to their desired degree program at the end of their final term will be reviewed for termination from their Graduate International Pathway. Terminated students may initiate one of the following an academic action requests in writing:

1. request an exception to the program policy,
2. request to change to an alternate Graduate International Pathway, and/or
3. request an extension to continue studying as a Graduate International Pathways Extender student for one additional term.

All terminated student academic action requests must be submitted in writing to the academic advising staff located in the Mason Global Center within 14 days of notification. Requests should provide an explanation and supplementary documentation. Students who earn two unsatisfactory grades of C or lower will be ineligible to continue as an Extender. Students who fail to meet the program requirements after an extension will be reviewed for dismissal from the university.

Decisions on these requests are reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Academic Director. In some cases, additional reviews by the

Associate Provost for Graduate Education or from a College Dean may also be required.

Re-enrollment and Re-admission

Due to the nature of the Graduate International Pathways as both English language development and academic coursework, students are subject to a limited re-enrollment policy. Students who do not enroll after the first term or withdraw for reasons other than poor academic performance may request to re-enroll in a Graduate International Pathway program the following term (e.g., spring) to continue making progress toward meeting program requirements, with advance permission from the Academic Director. Students who do not enroll for two consecutive terms (e.g., spring and fall) must apply for readmission to the program and be re-assessed for language proficiency. Summer terms are counted for students whose initial enrollment begins in Spring semester.

Academic English

Academic English Program

Administered by INTO George Mason University's English Language Programs, the Academic English (AE) Program prepares international students for university study in the United States. AE is a non-credit program designed to develop the English skills needed for successful communication, cultural integration, and participation in the academic environment of the university.

Admission

Students who apply to the AE Program must submit an application, application fee, and required documents through INTO Mason. In order to qualify for admission to the AE Program, students must demonstrate that they have earned at least a high school diploma.

Students have the option to apply for the AE or an International Year One (IYO) Program. Students who apply to an International Year One Program but do not demonstrate entry language requirements are given an individual pre-arrival study plan that provides an estimate of the number of Academic English terms to complete in order to fulfill International Year One entry requirements (AE + IYO). This pre-arrival study plan is only an estimate; an updated post-arrival study plan with a minimum of one term of AE will be provided to AE + IYO students after taking the INTO Mason Placement Test.

For more information about International Year One admission requirements, see Undergraduate International Year One Program or Graduate International Year One Program.

Program Outcomes

After successfully completing the upper level(s) of the Academic English program, students will be able to do the following:

- Interact comfortably in the U.S. classroom with professors and fellow students
- Understand U.S. values in an academic setting
- Present their spoken and written ideas accurately and effectively in English
- Write research papers with proper use of citations and references
- Use the Internet and Mason library databases to conduct academic research
- Read, understand, and critically evaluate academic texts
- Understand and use vocabulary common to academic disciplines

- Take useful and accurate notes in academic lectures and presentations
- Develop and deliver oral presentations

Program Structure

The Academic English Program is offered three terms per year: Fall (15 weeks of instruction), Spring (15 weeks of instruction), and Summer (10 weeks of instruction). Upon arrival, all Academic English students are given a language proficiency assessment to determine their AE level placement. In order to be eligible for full-time status, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 18 hours of non-credit AE coursework per week. AE courses are offered at eight levels of proficiency regularly throughout the year.

AE faculty are highly qualified with significant teaching experience and master's and doctoral degrees in TESOL or related fields. The program is also supported by academic advisors experienced in working with multilingual speakers of English and the Student Experience staff, who help students utilize university resources and engage in the Mason experience through opportunities to participate in campus and local community groups/programs.

Curriculum

In keeping with the current literature on second language acquisition and pedagogy, the Academic English curriculum is aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference scales (CEFR), American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Proficiency Guidelines 2012, and the Pearson Global Scale of English (GSE) Learning Objectives for Academic English. Curricular objectives and learning outcomes for each of the eight AE levels are geared toward an exit goal that is one level higher than the entrance level.

AE Level	CEFR Entrance	CEFR Exit	ACTFL Entrance	ACTFL Exit	GSE Academic Entrance	GSE Academic Exit
7	B2+	C1	Advanced High	Superior	68-75	76-84
6	B2	B2+	Advanced Mid	Advanced High	59-67	68-75
5	B1+	B2	Advanced Low	Advanced Mid	51-58	59-67
4	B1	B1+	Intermediate High	Advanced Low	43-50	51-58
3	A2+	B1	Intermediate Mid	Intermediate High	37-42	43-50
2	A2	A2+	Intermediate Low	Intermediate Mid	30-36	37-42
1	A1+	A2	Novice High	Intermediate Low	22-29	30-36
FoundatA1	A1+		Novice Mid	Novice High	16-21	22-29

All students, regardless of level, take one Core, one Oral Communication Skills (OCS), and one or two Elective courses for a minimum of 18 classroom hours per week. Core courses focus on reading and writing with additional attention to written grammar and vocabulary. OCS courses focus on listening and speaking with additional attention to pronunciation and oral grammar and vocabulary. Elective courses offer students a variety of content-based and skills-based instruction and can be selected by students enrolled in appropriate co-requisite Core or OCS courses.

Grading System for Academic English

Throughout the semester, students are assessed on how well they have met curricular learning outcomes. Midterm and final grades for

all Academic English courses are submitted to the University as letter grades.

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	Quality Points	Type
A+	97-100	4.00	Passing
A	93-96	4.00	Passing
A-	90-92	3.67	Passing
B+	87-89	3.33	Passing
B	83-86	3.00	Passing
B-	80-82	2.67	Passing
C+	77-79	2.33	Failing
C	73-76	2.00	Failing
C-	70-72	1.67	Failing
D	60-69	1.00	Failing
F	0-59	0.00	Failing
NG	N/A-Based on attendance only	0.00	Failing

Grade point average (GPA) is an important factor in determining program-to-program progression and evaluating academic standing.

In-Program Level Progression

In Core and OCS courses, students must receive a final grade of at least 80% in order to advance to the next level of Core/OCS. If a student has performed exceptionally well in Core/OCS, the instructor may submit an AE Level Skip Form requesting that the student skip a Core/OCS level in the subsequent semester.

Program-to-Program Progression

In order for an AE + Year One student to progress to his/her planned Year One program, the student must earn for the most current AE semester a 2.5 or higher term GPA and a final passing grade (A+, A, A-, B+, B, or B-) of specified levels of Core and OCS. AE-only students must meet the same language requirements for progression and submit other documentation as required by the prospective Year One program.

AE students applying for direct admission to George Mason University must earn a passing final grade (A+, A, A-, B+, B, or B-) in specified levels of Core and OCS to meet entry language proficiency requirements.

AE Language Requirements for INTO Mason International Year One programs and Mason Direct Admission

Program	Language Requirement 1	Language Requirement 2	Language Requirement
Undergraduate International Year One (Three Term/ Comprehensive)	Passing Grade in AE 030: Level 3 Core	Passing Grade in AE 031: Level 3 OCS	AE Term GPA \geq 2.5
Undergraduate International Year One (Two Term/ Standard)	Passing grade in AE 040: Level 4 Core	Passing grade in AE 041: Level 4 OCS	AE Term GPA \geq 2.5
Undergraduate International Year One (One Term/ Accelerated)	Passing grade in AE 050: Level 5 Core	Passing grade in AE 051: Level 5 OCS	AE Term GPA \geq 2.5
Direct Undergraduate Admission	Passing grade in AE 060: Level 6 Core	Passing grade in AE 061: Level 6 OCS	

Graduate International Year One (Three Term/ Comprehensive)	Passing grade in AE 040: Level 4 Core	Passing grade in AE 041: Level 4 OCS	AE Term GPA ≥ 2.5
Graduate International Year One (Two Term/ Standard)	Passing grade in AE 050: Level 5 Core	Passing grade in AE 051: Level 5 OCS	AE Term GPA ≥ 2.5
Graduate International Year One (One Term/ Accelerated)	Passing grade in AE 060: Level 6 Core	Passing grade in AE 061: Level 6 OCS	AE Term GPA ≥ 2.5
Direct Graduate Admission	Passing grade in AE 070: Level 7 Core	Passing grade in AE 071: Level 7 OCS	

* Information in the chart above only shows program eligibility based on language proficiency requirements met.

Academic English students may not level skip directly into an International Year One (IYO) program or direct admission the following semester. Even if a student is approved to skip into an Academic English level beyond what is required for the desired IYO program or direct admission, the student must complete the subsequent semester in the AE Program first. Students also have the option of submitting official TOEFL/IELTS/PTE Academic scores to George Mason University in lieu of meeting the AE program-to-program progression requirements, but must still maintain good standing in the AE Program.

Attendance and Academic Probation

In order to make progress in developing academic language skills, students are expected to attend classes regularly and remain in good academic standing.

Attendance

Students with excessive absences in a course (more than 15%) will automatically receive an NG as a final course grade:

Term	Meetings/Wk	Course	Absence	Course Grade
15-weeks: Fall, Spring	5x	Core	11 or more	NG
15-weeks: Fall, Spring	3x	OCS	7 or more	NG
15-weeks: Fall, Spring	2x	Elective	5 or more	NG
10 weeks: Summer	5x	Core	8 or more	NG
10 weeks: Summer	4x	OCS	8 or more	NG

A final grade of NG in an AE course will result in probation and/or termination from the AE Program and George Mason University.

A student receives a final grade of NG for excessive absences in any course.

The student receives an e-mail and hand-delivered letter from INTO Mason Academic Services stating that s/he is on Attendance Probation for the next semester. Before being permitted to register for AE classes, the student must meet with an INTO Mason Academic Advisor and sign an Attendance Probation contract. Students who refuse the contract or who violate the conditions of the contract will be dismissed immediately. Students who follow the terms of the contract and complete a successful semester will be removed from Academic Probation and considered in good standing.

A student on probation receives an NG for excessive absences in any course.

The student is terminated from the AE Program and George Mason University.

Academic Progress

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress in developing their language skills and may not attempt the same Core or OCS course more than three times. Academic progress is determined primarily through term GPA. Students whose GPAs fall below 2.5 will be given a warning, placed on probation, and/or terminated from the AE Program and George Mason University.

A student earns a term GPA below 2.5.

INTO Mason Academic Services e-mails the student that s/he is on Academic Warning for the next semester.

A student on Academic Warning earns a term GPA below 2.5.

The student receives an e-mail and hand-delivered letter from INTO Mason Advising & Academic Services stating that s/he is on Academic Probation for the next semester. Before being permitted to register for AE classes, the student must meet with their assigned academic advisor and sign an Academic Probation contract. Students who refuse the contract or who violate the conditions of the contract will be dismissed immediately. Students who follow the terms of the contract and complete a successful semester will be removed from Academic Probation and considered in good standing.

A student on Academic Probation earns a term GPA below 2.5.

The student is terminated from the AE Program and George Mason University.

Termination Appeals Process for INTO Mason Students

All termination appeals must be submitted in writing to the INTO Mason Academic Services office located in the Mason Global Center

within 14 days of notification. Requests should provide an explanation and supplementary documentation. Students who fail to meet the program requirements after an additional semester will be reviewed for termination from the university.

Decisions on these requests are reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Academic Director. In some cases, additional reviews by the Associate Provost for Academic Initiatives and Services may also be required.

Reenrollment and Readmission

Academic English students who do not enroll after the first term or withdraw for reasons other than poor academic performance (e.g., spring and fall) must apply for readmission to the program and be reassessed for language proficiency upon return.