

# INTO MASON: SCIENCE GRADUATE PATHWAYS

## Requirements

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

## Graduate International Pathways to master's degrees in the College of Science

INTO Mason provides nine Graduate International Pathways for international students to enter various graduate degrees in the College of Science (COS) 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 Science at GMU:**

- Applied and Engineering Physics
- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- Bioinformatics Management
- Computational Science
- Earth Systems Science
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Forensic Science
- Geographic and Cartographic Sciences
- Mathematics

**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. Eight of the nine COS pathways have one-term options available.
- **Two Term pathways (Standard):** 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. All nine COS pathways have two-term options available.

**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
- 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.