

GLOBAL AFFAIRS, BA

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Global affairs is an interdisciplinary major that introduces students to the processes of globalization that affect all societies. Students gain a sophisticated understanding of complex issues such as terrorism, refugee crises, global inequality, and health and environmental challenges. Core courses in the major provide a knowledge foundation of the political, economic, cultural, and environmental processes in our global and globalizing world. The choice of a thematic or regional concentration helps students tailor the degree to their particular interests and career goals. Students in this program are encouraged to participate in study abroad opportunities and internships. They can complement their major with a second major or a minor.

This is a Green Leaf program (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/student-services/green-leaf-programs-courses/>).

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36-39 credits within the major, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Students completing the Smithsonian-Mason semester program will have a total of 40-43 credits. Students must have a minimum grade of C in each of the core courses, including the capstone course (GLOA 400), and a minimum grade of C- in each of the courses used to fulfill the concentration and the language requirement for Global Affairs majors. Students who major in Global Affairs may not also earn the minor in Global Systems.

Global Affairs majors fulfill the Mason Core Apex requirement by successfully completing GLOA 400 or GLOA 492.

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

This is a Green Leaf program.

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

Core Courses in the Major

Code	Title	Credits
GLOA 101	Introduction to Global Affairs (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CONF 340	Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CULT 320	Globalization and Culture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	3
EVPP 337	Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
or INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory ¹	3
Total Credits		18

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Note the prerequisite for this course: GOVT 132 Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or GOVT 133 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Capstone Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
GLOA 400	Global Affairs Capstone (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GLOA 492	Honors Research Project in Global Affairs (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

GLOA Foreign Language Requirement (6 credits of language study beyond intermediate proficiency)

All BA students in CHSS are required to demonstrate intermediate proficiency in one foreign language¹. To fulfill the Global Affairs foreign language requirement, students can continue the study of one language beyond the intermediate proficiency level required for all BA degrees in the college or choose to study other languages. After demonstrating intermediate proficiency in one foreign language, an additional six credits of courses taught in a foreign language, at any level, are required.

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Intermediate proficiency is achieved by 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. A three course sequence in American Sign Language (EDSE 115 American Sign Language (ASL) I (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/search/?scontext=courses&search=edse+115>), EDSE 116 American Sign Language (ASL) II (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/search/?scontext=courses&search=edse+116>), and EDSE 219 American Sign Language (ASL) III (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/search/?scontext=courses&search=edse+219>)) will also meet the foreign language requirement. Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement.

Concentrations in the Major

Students select one concentration and complete the requirements therein. Courses applied to the concentration must include at least three credits of GLOA coursework (not including GLOA 495). In addition to the courses listed with each concentration, other relevant courses, including special topics courses, study abroad, and internships (maximum 3 credits), may be applied to a concentration with prior written approval from the director.

Concentration courses must be unique to the concentration: they cannot be simultaneously used to fulfill any Mason Core (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or college requirement for the bachelor's degree. They cannot be applied to any other major, minor, concentration, or certificate. GLOA 400 cannot be used toward a concentration.

Available Concentrations

- Concentration in the Environment (EVT)
- Concentration in Global Economy and Management (GEM)
- Concentration in Global Governance (GLGV)
- Concentration in Global Inequalities and Responses (GIR)
- Concentration in Human Security (HMSC)
- Concentration in International Development (IDEV)
- Concentration in Media, Communication, and Culture (MCC)
- Concentration in Africa (AFR)
- Concentration in Asia (ASA)
- Concentration in Europe (EU)
- Concentration in Latin America (LA)
- Concentration in Middle East and North Africa (MNA)
- Concentration in North America (NA)
- Concentration in Russia and Central Asia (RCA)
- Individualized Concentration (IND)

Concentration in the Environment (EVT)

Students may complete this concentration through 12 credits of regular coursework or through the Smithsonian-Mason Semester Program (15-16 credits).

Regular Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 370	Environment and Culture	
BIOL 301	Biology and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 335	Environmental Economics ¹	

ECON 435	Economics of Energy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
EVPP 108	Ecosphere - Introduction to Environmental Science I-Lecture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
EVPP 336	Tackling Wicked Problems in Society the Environment (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
EVPP 377	Applied Ecology
EVPP 475	Global Biodiversity Governance
GEO 309	Oceanography
GGS 302	Global Environmental Hazards
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGS 307	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development
GGS 311	Geographic Information Systems
GLOA 388	Global Health and Development
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy
or EVPP 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy
GOVT 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy
or EVPP 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
PHIL 243	Global Environmental Ethics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
PHIL 343	Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
TOUR 340	Sustainable Tourism

Total Credits 12

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Note the prerequisites for this course: ECON 103 Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and ECON 104 Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Smithsonian-Mason Semester Program

Students complete 16 credits offered through the Mason Center for Conservation Studies in cooperation with the Smithsonian National Zoo Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. Students may choose to focus their study on "Conservation, Biodiversity and Society", "Wildlife Ecology and Conservation", or "Endangered Species Conservation". Students take the courses in the selected focus area together in one semester, living on site at the institute in Front Royal, VA. Students who apply this coursework to the concentration cannot also apply it to the minor in Conservation Studies.

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following focus areas:		16
Conservation, Biodiversity and Society option (16 credits):		
CONS 320	Conservation in Practice	
CONS 401	Conservation Theory	
CONS 402	Applied Conservation	

CONS 410	Human Dimensions in Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
CONS 490	RS: Integrated Conservation Strategies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation option (16 credits):	
Offered only in Fall semesters, students complete four required courses:	
CONS 400	Conservation Seminar
CONS 404	Biodiversity Monitoring
CONS 405	Landscape and Macrosystems Ecology
CONS 496	Research in Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
Endangered Species and Conservation option (16 credits)	
Offered only in Spring semesters, students complete four required courses:	
CONS 400	Conservation Seminar
CONS 406	Small Population Management
CONS 491	RS: Conservation Management Planning (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
CONS 496	Research in Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
Total Credits	16

Concentration in Global Economy and Management (GEM)

In this concentration, students explore marketing, managing, financing, and networking dimensions of the globalizing world economy. Students will take classes on economic policies of national governments and international organizations as well as operations of non-government market actors.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ECON 310	Money and Banking	
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 390	International Economics	
FNAN 440	International Financial Management	
GLOA 386	Media, Technology, and Globalization	
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
MGMT 461	Cross Cultural and Global Management	
MKTG 407	Global Marketing	

MBUS 305	Introduction to International Business (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
MBUS 491	Special Topics: Business Minor
BULE 303	Legal Environment of Business ¹
BULE 402	Commercial Law ¹
Or other course approved by the program director	
Total Credits	12

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BULE courses require the approval of the director.

Concentration in Global Governance (GLGV)

In this concentration students explore how national governments, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations interact to identify, understand, and address global issues. Coursework covers such topics as transnational challenges, theories of international relations, global institutions, international law and ethics, international security, and conflict. Students are expected to garner theoretical and practical understanding of the ways in which national and transnational actors approach global problems.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ANTH 312	Political Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CRIM 405	Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CRIM 475	Theory and Politics of Terrorism	
EVPP 475	Global Biodiversity Governance	
GGG 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GLOA 387	Human Security, Globalization, and Development	
GOVT 342	Diplomacy	
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	
GOVT 344	American Foreign Policy	
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	
GOVT 347	International Security	
GOVT 412	Politics and the Mass Media	
GOVT 434	Democracy in Global Perspective	
GOVT 445	Human Rights	
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	
INTS 305	Conflict Resolution and Transformation	
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 340	Power, Politics, and Society	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Global Inequalities and Responses (GIR)

This concentration addresses global social issues and the steps actors such as non-profits, social movements, and international organizations take to address these issues. Courses cover human rights, refugee crises, gender violence, racial discrimination, and economic inequality from both historical and contemporary perspectives and in different parts of the world. Students are expected to acquire the skills to analyze complex social problems and to be able to formulate effective strategies to address these.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 365	Scientific Racism and Human Variation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
CRIM 405	Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GCH 332	Health and Disease	
GCH 450	Culture, Sexuality and the Global AIDS Epidemic	
GGG 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GLOA 388	Global Health and Development	
GOVT 414	Politics of Race and Gender	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 307	Social Movements and Political Protest	
SOCI 308	Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
WMST 100	Global Representations of Women (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
WMST 200	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Human Security (HMSC)

This concentration is designed to conceptualize security beyond the boundaries of national security and to promote a more comprehensive understanding of "human security" in its multiple facets, including: food and health (famine and infectious disease), environmental security (natural disasters and climate change), and economic security (development). Coursework addresses these and other themes and draws

on government, sociology, criminology, environmental science and policy, and other fields. Students are expected to garner an understanding of the sources of insecurity in today's world.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 331	Refugees (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CONF 345	Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security, and Justice	
CRIM 475	Theory and Politics of Terrorism	
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
EVPP 436	Politics of Climate Change Governance	
GCH 332	Health and Disease	
GCH 405	Global Health Interventions: History and Systems	
GGG 311	Geographic Information Systems	
GLOA 387	Human Security, Globalization, and Development	
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	
GOVT 347	International Security	
GOVT 460	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	
INTS 305	Conflict Resolution and Transformation	
INTS 314	Conflict, Trauma and Healing	
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in International Development (IDEV)

In this concentration, students examine international development, its challenges, and how these are addressed by governments, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations. Coursework covers development economics, the politics of developing regions and transitional economies, the social consequences of global inequality, public health and health-related development issues, humanitarian relief, and more. Students are expected to gain the knowledge and skills to prepare them for work in the development sector or for further specialized studies in international development.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 331	Refugees (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
EVPP 475	Global Biodiversity Governance
GCH 205	Global Health (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GCH 405	Global Health Interventions: History and Systems
GG3 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GG3 307	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development
GLOA 387	Human Security, Globalization, and Development
GLOA 388	Global Health and Development
GOVT 434	Democracy in Global Perspective
GOVT 445	Human Rights
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization
HEAL 350	Health Interventions for Vulnerable Populations
INTS 401	Conservation Biology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
PHIL 344	Ethical Issues in Global Health
TOUR 340	Sustainable Tourism
Or other course approved by the program director	
Total Credits	12

Concentration in Media, Communication, and Culture (MCC)

In this concentration, students examine historic trends and recent changes in media and communication technologies as well as their cultural contexts. Coursework includes critical analysis of media content, comparison of global media infrastructures and systems of political communication, discussion of the foundations of intercultural communication, and more. Students are expected to gain an understanding of the role of media and communication in shaping and responding to global issues of concern.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 380	Language and Culture	
ANTH 395	Work, Technology, and Society: An IT Perspective (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
AVT 372	Hip Hop Culture	
COMM 202	Media and Society	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
COMM 306	Issues in Intercultural Communication	
COMM 380	Media Criticism	

COMM 412	Politics and the Mass Media
DANC 318	Global Dance Perspectives II (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 315	Folklore and Folklife (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 362	Global Voices (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 366	The Idea of a World Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 367	World Literatures in English
FRLN 330	Topics in World Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
FRLN 331	Contexts for Global Cinema (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GLOA 386	Media, Technology, and Globalization
IT 300	Modern Telecommunications
INTS 348	Digital Futures
PSYC 379	Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 314	Sociology of Culture
THR 359	World Stages (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
or other course approved by the program director	
Total Credits	12

Concentration in Africa (AFR)

This concentration focuses on the societies of Africa, their history, culture, economics, and politics, including the pre-colonial, colonial, and post-colonial experiences. Course options include African diaspora experiences. Upon completion of this concentration, students will have an in-depth understanding of Africa as an international actor, African contributions (past and present) to global society, the political and economic challenges facing the continent today, and African solutions to problems such as civil wars and inequality.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
FREN 451	Topics in Francophone African Literature and Culture	
GG3 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
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 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 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Asia (ASA)

This concentration emphasizes Asia's increasingly significant role in contemporary global issues as well as its historical contexts. The courses in this concentration cover the economic, social, and political issues that confront the Asia-Pacific region (that is, East and Southeast Asian countries). Students interested in anthropology, history, art history, government, and religious studies should consider this concentration.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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/)	
CHIN 310	Survey of Chinese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CHIN 311	Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	
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/)	
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
JAPA 320	Japanese Cinema	
KORE 310	Traditional Korean Literature in Translation	
RELI 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 317	Daoism	
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Europe (EU)

This concentration is designed to equip students with a deep and broad understanding of politics, history, culture, religion, and the arts in Europe as well as Europe's lasting legacies across the globe. Coursework includes broad surveys on government, geography, literature, and economics as well as special topics courses on the Renaissance, World Wars I and II, and nationalism in Eastern Europe. Upon completion of this concentration, students will have the ability to think critically about how historical processes and current events in Europe not only impact Europeans, but also the global community at large.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ARTH 340	Early Renaissance Art in Italy, 1300-1500 (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 360	Nineteenth-Century European Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 362	Twentieth-Century European Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ENGH 361	Continental Fiction, 1880-1950	
FREN 325	Major French Writers (Topic Varies) (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
FREN 470	French and Francophone Cinema	
GERM 325	Major Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GERM 340	Topics in German Literature and Film	
GGG 320	Geography of Europe	

GOVT 334	Politics of Europe
GOVT 337	Ethnic Politics in Western Europe and North America
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia
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 322	Modern Britain
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 321	Introduction to Spanish Culture
SPAN 325	Major Hispanic Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 461	Spanish Civilization and Culture
SPAN 483	Medieval and Early Modern Literature of Spain
SPAN 484	Modern and Contemporary Literature of Spain
Or other course approved by the program director	
Total Credits	12

Concentration in Latin America (LA)

This concentration is designed to provide students with an overview of Latin America and its diaspora. Course options include broad surveys of Latin American history, art, literature, music, culture, and politics, as well as courses that provide in-depth exploration of topics such as colonialism, economic development, political movements, race and ethnicity, migration, and aesthetic trends. Upon completion of this concentration, students will have an in-depth understanding of Latin America as an international actor, Latin American contributions (past and present) to global society, and the political and economic challenges faced by the region.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 376	Twentieth-Century Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	

GOVT 331	Politics of Latin America
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/)
SPAN 322	Introduction to Latin American Culture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 325	Major Hispanic Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 388	Introduction to Latina/o Studies (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 390	Introduction to Hispanic Literary Analysis
SPAN 466	Latin American Civilization and Culture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SPAN 488	The Literature of Spanish America
Or other course approved by the program director	
Total Credits	12

Concentration in Middle East and North Africa (MNA)

This concentration provides students with a contemporary and historical perspective on the politics, economics, and religious diversity of the Middle East and North Africa. Coursework includes broad surveys as well as courses on specific topics such as the Arab-Israeli conflict, francophone literature from North Africa, politics and Islam, and art and archeology of the ancient Near East. Upon completion of this concentration, students are expected to have an in-depth understanding of the current state of the Middle East and North Africa and how this state has developed historically.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
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/)	
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
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	
RELI 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 310	Judaism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	
RELI 343	Sufism	
RELI 352	Judaism from Exile to Talmud	
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in North America (NA)

In this concentration, students explore the multifaceted development of the United States and its relationship with its North American neighbors. Coursework includes historical examinations of pre-American culture, as well as in-depth surveys of political, economic, cultural, and artistic developments in United States. Upon completion of this concentration, students will have the ability to critically assess how the US has influenced and been influenced by European and non-European societies and traditions, knowledge of the development of American government and its consequences within and beyond North America, and an appreciation of the role of arts and literature in American culture.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ARTH 371	American Architecture and Material Culture (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 372	Studies in 18th- and 19th-Century Art of the United States (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ARTH 373	Studies in 20th-Century Art of the United States (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ENGH 355	Contemporary Fiction	
ENGH 356	Contemporary Poetry	
GGS 315	Geography of the United States	
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	
GOVT 337	Ethnic Politics in Western Europe and North America	
GOVT 420	American Political Thought	

HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
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	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Russia and Central Asia (RCA)

This concentration provides students contemporary and historical perspectives on the political, economic, and cultural climates and trends in Russia and Central Asia. Upon completion of this concentration, students will not only have the skills to critically assess the impacts of Soviet-era legacies on newly independent political systems, economies in transition, and re-emerging cultural traditions, but also knowledge of pre-Soviet sociocultural and political environments in Russia and Central Asia.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 12 credits from the following: 12		
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	
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/)	
RUSS 325	Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RUSS 326	19th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RUSS 327	20th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
RUSS 407	Russian Drama and Theater	
RUSS 410	Russian Poetry	
RUSS 470	Topics in (Post) Soviet Film	
Or other course approved by the program director		
Total Credits		12

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 director.

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in global affairs may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing EVPP 337 Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or INTS 334 Environmental Justice (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>).

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 in 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:		3
PHIL	(http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/) ¹	
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		3

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:

GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 103	Human Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGG 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GGG 305	Economic Geography
GGG 306	Urban Geography
GGG 315	Geography of the United States
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America
GGG 320	Geography of Europe
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGG 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
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
EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II
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
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
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3
GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGS 316	Geography of Latin America	3
GGS 317	Geography of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3
GGS 399	Select Topics in GGS	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (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	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (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 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (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 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3	RELI 317	Daoism	3
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3	RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3-6	RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3	WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3			
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3			
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3			
JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3			
JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3			
KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3			
KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3			
KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3			

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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
	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
Integration Requirements		
	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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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 Global Affairs 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.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly qualified students may pursue advanced work leading to graduation with honors in the major. Global affairs majors who have completed 75 credits with an overall GPA of 3.50 and a GPA of 3.50 in courses for the major are eligible to apply to graduate with honors.

Students pursuing honors in the major must complete the two-course honors sequence, GLOA 491 Honors Seminar in Global Affairs and GLOA 492 Honors Research Project in Global Affairs (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), with a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the sequence. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are guaranteed acceptance.

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's program listed below specifies the BA in global affairs as a feeder degree for its program. Many other accelerated master's programs are also available for any bachelor's degree at Mason. See the full list of degrees (https://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at George Mason. In addition, as a student with a BA in global affairs you may be particularly interested in the accelerated (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/global-affairs-ma/#acceleratedmasterstext>) MA in global affairs (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/global-affairs-ma/#acceleratedmasterstext>).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Global Affairs, Accelerated MA

Overview

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

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/>).

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 (<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 the accelerated MA in global affairs, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ACEL-gloa/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, and after meeting the following:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- Enrolled in or have completed a foreign language course 202 or higher with a minimum grade of C- prior to graduation with the BA (or other evidence of proficiency in foreign language).

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 Admission 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
- Successfully met Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completed 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:

Code	Title	Credits
Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits)		
Required Course		
GLOA 600	Global Competencies	3
Additional Optional Courses		
GLOA 610	Economic Globalization and Development	3
GLOA 615	Case Studies in Globalization ¹	3
GLOA 599	Issues in Global Affairs ²	1-6
Other specialization course after GLOA 600 and GLOA 605 have been completed with the permission of the program.		
Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program		
GLOA 599	Issues in Global Affairs ²	1-6
GLOA 605	Interdisciplinary Research Methods	3

GLOA 615	Case Studies in Globalization	3
500- or 600-level courses approved for student's specialization		

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First 3 credits taken to fulfill the GLOA 615 requirement. May be repeated one time for another 3 credits as a specialization course, with permission of program.

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As a specialization course.

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.

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/ Environmental Science and Policy, Accelerated MS

Overview

This bachelor's/accelerated master's degree program allows academically strong undergraduates with a commitment to advance their education to obtain a Green Leaf-designated (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/student-services/green-leaf-programs-courses/>) bachelor's degree and the Environmental Science and Policy, MS (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/environmental-science-policy-ms/>) degrees within an accelerated timeframe. Upon completion of this 141-credit accelerated program, students will be exceptionally well prepared for entry into their careers or into a doctoral program in the field or in a related discipline.

Students are eligible to apply for this accelerated program once they have earned at least 60 undergraduate credits and can enroll in up to 18 credits of graduate coursework after successfully completing 75 undergraduate credits. This flexibility makes it possible for students to complete a bachelor's and a master's in five years.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>). For more information on undergraduates enrolling in graduate courses, see AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/registration-attendance/#text>).

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 the Graduate Admission Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) section of this catalog.

Important application information and processes for this accelerated master's program can be found here (<https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/accelerated-masters/>).

The GRE exam is not required for this accelerated master's program.

Students should submit three letters of recommendation (at least one from a former professor or someone with a PhD), a recent resume, a statement of interest/research goals and interests (including information on the candidate's proposed MS research), and a letter from their advisor

(Perspective Advisor Form (<https://science.gmu.edu/media/prospective-advisor-form-dnp-form-revised-mar-2023/>)) stating that the advisor agrees to take on the candidate as an MS student, how the candidate would be a good fit for them and why candidate's research topic would be suitable.

Students with an overall GPA of at least 3.20 who are pursuing any Green Leaf-designated (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/student-services/green-leaf-programs-courses/>) major or minor may apply to this accelerated master's program after completing two semesters of chemistry (including CHEM 211 General Chemistry I (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and CHEM 212 General Chemistry II (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and three semesters of biology, including a course in ecology, or the equivalent, for example:

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following options:		
Option 1:		
BIOL 213	Cell Structure and Function (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	13
BIOL 214	Biostatistics for Biology Majors	
BIOL 308	Foundations of Ecology and Evolution (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Option 2:		
EVPP 210	Environmental Biology: Molecules and Cells	13
EVPP 301	Environmental Science: Biological Diversity and Ecosystems	
EVPP 302	Environmental Science: Biomes and Human Dimensions	
EVPP 305	Environmental Microbiology Essentials	
EVPP 306	Environmental Microbiology Essentials Laboratory	
Option 3:		
CONS 401	Conservation Theory	13
CONS 402	Applied Conservation	
6 credits of BIOL or CONS electives		

Graduate Advisor

By at least the beginning of their senior year, students should seek out a faculty member in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/#facultytext>) who is willing to serve as their advisor. This advisor will aid the student in choosing the appropriate graduate courses to take and help to prepare the student for graduate studies. Admission into a research-oriented master's concentration is dependent upon securing the agreement of a faculty advisor. Faculty from a variety of departments and colleges at George Mason University (called "program faculty") can serve as master's advisors. Potential students are encouraged to speak with the graduate program coordinator in the department to obtain guidance on this issue.

Accelerated Option Requirements

After the completion of 75 undergraduate credits, students may complete 3 to 12 credits of graduate coursework that can apply to both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In addition to applying to graduate from the undergraduate program, students in the accelerated program must submit a bachelor's/

accelerated master's transition form (available from the Office of the University Registrar (<https://registrar.gmu.edu/forms/>)) to the College of Science's Office of Academic and Student Affairs (<https://cos.gmu.edu/about/contact-us/>) by the last day to add classes of their final undergraduate semester. Students should enroll for courses in the master's program in the fall or spring semester immediately following conferral of the bachelor's degree, but should contact an advisor if they would like to defer up to one semester.

Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher in all graduate coursework and should consult with their faculty advisor to coordinate their academic goals.

Reserve Graduate Credits

Accelerated master's students may also take up to 6 graduate credits as reserve graduate credits. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree, but will reduce the master's degree by up to 6 credits. With 12 graduate credits counted toward the undergraduate and graduate degrees plus the maximum 6 reserve graduate credits, the credits necessary for the graduate degree can be reduced by up to 18.

Graduate Course Suggestions

The following list of suggested courses is provided for general reference. To ensure an efficient route to graduation and post-graduation readiness, students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor before registering for graduate-level courses.

Code	Title	Credits
EVPP 518	Conservation Biology	3
EVPP 529	Environmental Science Communication	3
EVPP 621	Overview of Biodiversity Conservation	3
EVPP 635	Environment and Society	3

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- Students will be able to summarize essential questions, debates, and issues in globalization and global studies.
- Students will be able to identify and break down assumptions made about global processes or dynamics.
- Students will be able to integrate theoretical concepts and methodological approaches from more than one academic discipline or field to analyze global challenges, problems, and issues.
- Students will be able to apply knowledge gained through coursework to propose informed and appropriate solutions to address problems in the human and natural worlds.
- Students will be able to recognize the historical and contemporary effects that human actions have on global systems.
- Students will be able to develop a well-informed research project using necessary analytical skills and to conduct research in an ethical manner.
- Students will be able to construct work in oral and written forms that integrates information from different credible sources to support an original argument.
- Students will be able to produce projects that adhere to academic standards and are able to be understood by a wide audience inside and outside of the university.