

# RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES, BA

## Banner Code: LA-BA-REST

Website: [russianstudies.gmu.edu/programs/LA-BA-REST](http://russianstudies.gmu.edu/programs/LA-BA-REST)

Russian and Eurasian studies majors study the Russian language, spoken worldwide by some 250 million people, while also acquiring a foundational knowledge of the history, culture, literature, politics, sociology, economics, and geography of the region. This degree program is flexible, enabling students to focus their interests in one of three concentrations: Russia studies, Russian language and culture, and Eurasia studies. Russian and Eurasian studies prepares students for a wide range of career options in the private sector, government, and education. All students have opportunities for research, global-engagement, public service, and career preparation.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 33 credits in one of the concentrations available with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/>).

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

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

Students pursuing this degree complete the requirements for one of the available concentrations.

### Concentrations in the Major

#### Available Concentrations

- Concentration in Eurasia Studies (EURS) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/russian-urasian-studies-ba/#eurs>)
- Concentration in Russia Studies (RUSS) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/russian-urasian-studies-ba/#russ>)
- Concentration in Russian Language and Culture (RULC) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/russian-urasian-studies-ba/#rulc>)

#### Concentration in Eurasia Studies (EURS)

The Eurasia studies concentration is designed to provide students with interdisciplinary training in the study of Eurasia, with special focus on Central Asia and secondarily on Russia/the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Students will develop a high degree of

competence in the history, politics, and culture of Eurasia and a basic competence in a relevant language.

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
RUSS 400	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3

#### Russian or Other Eurasian-Related Language 6

Courses used to meet this requirement may be in the same language that is used to meet the college language requirement, in which case the student needs to complete 6 credits beyond intermediate proficiency (beyond courses numbered 202 at Mason). With the approval of the director, courses used to meet this requirement may be in a Eurasian-related language that was not used to meet the college language requirement at a level approved by the director.

Select two courses in Russian or Other Eurasian-related languages from the following:

RUSS 302	Russian Conversation and Composition
RUSS 310	Readings in Russian Literature
RUSS 311	Contemporary Russian Short Fiction
RUSS 380	Advanced Russian I
RUSS 381	Advanced Russian II
RUSS 401	Readings in the Social Sciences
RUSS 410	Russian Poetry
RUSS 480	Integrated Study of Russian Language and Culture
RUSS 481	Russian for the Professions

**Total Credits 9**

#### Social Science Courses at the 300- and 400-Level

When the topic is relevant, GOVT 444 Issues in International Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two social science courses at the 300- and 400-level from the following:		
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	6
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GGS 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	
GOVT 334	Politics of Europe	

GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics
RUSS 401	Readings in the Social Sciences

**Total Credits** 6

### History Courses at the 300- and 400-Level

When the topic is relevant, HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), HIST 387 Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), HIST 388 Topics in European History, or HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two history courses at the 300- and 400-level from the following:		6

HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 354	Russian Media and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )

**Total Credits** 6

### Literature or Film Courses at the 300- and 400-Level

Code	Title	Credits
Select two literature or film courses at the 300- and 400-level from the following:		6

ARAB 325	Major Arab Writers/Stories (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
CHIN 310	Survey of Chinese Literature (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
CHIN 328	Asian American Women Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
CHIN 355	Readings in Chinese Poetry and Poetics (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
FREN 325	Major Francophone Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )

FREN 329	Problems of Western Civilization in French and Francophone Literature (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
FREN 381	Introduction to Literary Analysis
FRLN 330	Topics in World Literature (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
FRLN 331	Contexts for Global Cinema (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
GERM 340	German Cinema
GERM 355	Readings in Poetry (Topic Varies)
GERM 442	The Age of Goethe
JAPA 320	Japanese Cinema
RUSS 310	Readings in Russian Literature
RUSS 311	Contemporary Russian Short Fiction
RUSS 325	Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 326	19th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 327	20th-Century Literature in Translation
RUSS 401	Readings in the Social Sciences
RUSS 407	Russian Drama and Theater
RUSS 410	Russian Poetry
RUSS 470	Topics in (Post) Soviet Film
SPAN 325	Major Hispanic Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
SPAN 326	Treasures of Spanish-Language Literature and Culture
SPAN 329	Special Topics in Spanish and Latin American Literature
SPAN 390	Introduction to Literary and Cultural Analysis
SPAN 483	Medieval and Early Modern Literature of Spain
SPAN 488	The Literature of Spanish America

**Total Credits** 6

### Courses at the 300- and 400-Level

Students choose from courses that focus predominantly on Eurasia. The courses used to meet this requirement may be in any field of study including special topics courses and other courses that deal primarily with the geographic areas covered in the Russian and Eurasian studies major. To use a special topics course or other course with variable content to meet this requirement, students should seek the advanced written approval of the director. (Special topics courses may be repeated for credit when the topic is different.) The following courses when the topic is relevant, among others, may be used to meet this requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses at the 300- and 400-level from the following:		
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	6
GG5 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 388	Topics in European History	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 470	Topics in (Post) Soviet Film	
Any 300- or 400-level CONF course ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/conf/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/conf/</a> )		

**Total Credits** 6

### Concentration in Russia Studies (RUSS)

The Russia studies concentration is designed to provide students with in-depth interdisciplinary training in Russia and the Soviet Union. Students will develop a high degree of competence in Russian history, politics, society, and culture as well as a basic competence in the Russian language and the broader Eurasian context.

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
RUSS 400	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3

#### Language Courses

Complete the following language courses. Other relevant advanced language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director. Majors are encouraged to take additional advanced Russian language courses.

RUSS 202	Intermediate Russian II	3
RUSS 380	Advanced Russian I	3

**Total Credits** 9

#### Russian or Soviet History

When the topic is relevant, HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>),

HIST 388 Topics in European History, or HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
HIST 326	Stalinism	6
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

**Total Credits** 6

#### Social Sciences Dealing Primarily with Russia

Any topically appropriate courses in any social science discipline (ANTH, ECON, GGS, GOVT, SOCI) may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	6
GG5 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	

**Total Credits** 6

#### Russian Literature or Culture

Other relevant courses may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
RUSS 310	Readings in Russian Literature	6
RUSS 311	Contemporary Russian Short Fiction	
RUSS 325	Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 326	19th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 327	20th-Century Literature in Translation	
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 354	Russian Media and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

**Total Credits** 6

#### Courses at the 300 and 400 Level

Students choose from courses that focus predominantly on Eastern Europe, Russia, or Central Asia. Courses used to meet

this requirement may be in any field of study including special topics courses and other courses that deal primarily with the geographic areas covered in the Russian and Eurasian studies major. To use a special topics course or other course with variable content to meet this requirement, students should seek the advanced written approval of the director. (Special topics courses may be repeated for credit when the topic is different.) Examples of courses that may meet this requirement:

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	6
GGG 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 388	Topics in European History	
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 302	Russian Conversation and Composition	
RUSS 310	Readings in Russian Literature	
RUSS 311	Contemporary Russian Short Fiction	
RUSS 325	Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 326	19th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 327	20th-Century Literature in Translation	
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 354	Russian Media and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
RUSS 381	Advanced Russian II	
RUSS 401	Readings in the Social Sciences	
RUSS 407	Russian Drama and Theater	
RUSS 410	Russian Poetry	

RUSS 470	Topics in (Post) Soviet Film
RUSS 480	Integrated Study of Russian Language and Culture
RUSS 481	Russian for the Professions
THR 352	Dramatic Literature Seminar
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>6</b>

### Concentration in Russian Language and Culture (RULC)

Students in the Russian language and culture concentration develop a high degree of competence in Russian language and culture and a basic familiarity with Russian and Eurasian history and politics.

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
RUSS 400	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3

#### Advanced Russian Courses

RUSS 380	Advanced Russian I	3
RUSS 381	Advanced Russian II	3
RUSS 480	Integrated Study of Russian Language and Culture	3
or RUSS 481	Russian for the Professions	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

#### Russian Culture or History

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		3

RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
or HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 354	Russian Media and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
or HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
HIST 326	Stalinism
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

#### Russian Literature or Cinema in Translation

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6

RUSS 325	Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 326	19th-Century Literature in Translation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
RUSS 327	20th-Century Literature in Translation

RUSS 470	Topics in (Post) Soviet Film	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Courses Taught in Russian

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the following: 9		
RUSS 302	Russian Conversation and Composition	
RUSS 310	Readings in Russian Literature	
RUSS 311	Contemporary Russian Short Fiction	
RUSS 401	Readings in the Social Sciences	
RUSS 410	Russian Poetry	
RUSS 481	Russian for the Professions	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

### Social Sciences

Students choose from courses dealing with Russia. Any other topically appropriate course in a social science discipline (ANTH, ECON, GGS, GOVT, SOCI) may be used to fulfill this requirement with the prior written approval of the director.

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following: 3		
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GGG 326	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

### 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 Russian and Eurasian studies may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing RUSS 325 Major Russian Writers (Mason Core) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or RUSS 400 Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (<https://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 for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core (<https://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 (<https://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 ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/phil/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		
RELI ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/reli/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/reli/</a> )		

<sup>1</sup> 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 Topics in Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 100T, PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, RELI 334, RELI 338 and RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature (<https://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) <sup>1</sup> 3		
ANTH ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/anth/</a> )		
CRIM ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/crim/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/crim/</a> )		
ECON ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/econ/</a> )		
GOVT ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/govt/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/govt/</a> )		
HIST ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/</a> ) <sup>2</sup>		
LING ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/ling/</a> )		
PSYC ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/psyc/</a> )		
SOCI ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/</a> )		

Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
GGG 103	Human Geography (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
GGG 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGG 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
GGG 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
GGG 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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

<sup>1</sup> The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

<sup>2</sup> 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: <sup>1</sup>

Completing 3 credits in a foreign language (including American Sign Language) numbered 202 or higher taught in the language (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/>)

Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test

<sup>1</sup> Students who are already proficient in one foreign 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 contexts)

**Code Title Credits**

Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Contexts requirement) <sup>1</sup>

ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3

ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 320	Overview of Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3

CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3	HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 326	Stalinism	3
CHIN 338	Gender, Sexuality, and Representation in China	3	HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3
CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3	HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GGG 317	Modern China: A Geographical Appraisal of its Land, People, Culture, and Politics (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GGG 399	Special Topics in Geography	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3	HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3	HIST 378	History of Aviation (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3-6
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3	KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3			

KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 211	Introduction to Religions of the "West" (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 212	Introduction to Religions of Asia (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 317	Daoism	3
RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
RUSS 354	Russian Media and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3

<sup>1</sup> A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global contexts (<https://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 (<https://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 (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

All Integration-level requirements must be completed at George Mason and cannot be satisfied through transfer credit. These courses are integral to the university's educational philosophy and ensure that all graduates demonstrate proficiency in writing, critical thinking, and integrative learning consistent with the university's standards. Rare exceptions to this policy may only be granted by the Provost's Office.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories with the exception of Written Communication, which must be met by transferring in or taking an approved course at George Mason University. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<https://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
<b>Foundation Requirements</b>		
	Written Communication (lower-level) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written</a> )	3
	Oral Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral</a> )	3
	Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative</a> )	3
	Information Technology and Computing ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology</a> )	3
<b>Exploration Requirements</b>		
	Arts ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts</a> )	3
	Global Contexts ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts</a> )	3
	Global History ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history</a> )	3
	Literature ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature</a> )	3
	Natural Science ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science</a> )	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science</a> )	3
	Just Societies (optional) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Integration Requirements</b>		

Written Communication (upper-level) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written-upper">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written-upper</a> )	3
Writing Intensive ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
Mason Apex ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex</a> ) <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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. Students who wish to increase their knowledge and skills in this area may choose to enroll in a Just Societies-flagged course. 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Minimum 3 credits required.

- Write logically, clearly, concisely, and correctly in English in a variety of area studies fields related to the Russia/Eurasia region.
- Analyze critically a variety of written, visual, and performance media related to the Russia/Eurasia region including but not limited to: primary and secondary historical sources, literature, visual arts, film, social science source material, etc.
- Demonstrate oral language mastery at a minimum Level 2 (Intermediate Low) or in the Russian Language and Culture concentration a minimum level of 2+ (Intermediate High) on the proficiency scale developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in speaking Russian or another Eurasia-related language.
- Demonstrate reading language mastery at a minimum Level 2 (Intermediate Low) or in the Russian Language and Culture concentration a minimum level of 2+ (Intermediate High) on the proficiency scale developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in reading Russian or another Eurasia-related language, a level sufficient to make use of original language materials (journals, newspapers, and so forth) for acquiring information and general research purposes.
- Demonstrate written language mastery at a minimum Level 2 (Intermediate Low) or in the Russian Language and Culture concentration a minimum level of 2+ (Intermediate High) on the proficiency scale developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in writing Russian or another Eurasia-related language.

## 4-Year Plan

### Bachelor of Arts in Russian and Eurasian Studies 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>. 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.

## Accelerated Master's

Many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason. See the full list of degrees ([https://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter\\_24](https://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24)) with accelerated programs at George Mason.

## Program Outcomes

### Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate a general knowledge of area studies approaches to understanding the Russia/Eurasia region. This knowledge will include but is not limited to: literature and culture, history, and social sciences approaches to study of the region.