

SOCIOLOGY, BA

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Sociology involves the systematic study of social structures, cultural patterns, and human relationships. It combines rigorous methods with theory and observation, yielding insights that challenge commonly held assumptions about the social world. Sociology also informs the practice of social and public service, aiding efforts to address important social problems. Sociology majors pursue a varied set of career paths, ranging from teaching, human service and human resource occupations, to positions in the criminal justice system, marketing, and social research. The major is excellent preparation for students considering law school or graduate training in the social and behavioral sciences.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the degree.

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

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

Core Courses in the Major

The introductory course must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.00.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 101	Introductory Sociology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Total Credits		3

Additional Core Courses

Each of these courses must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.00.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 303	Methods and Logic of Inquiry (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
SOCI 311	Sociological Theory	3

SOCI 213	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
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Total Credits 10

Capstone Experience Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one from the following:		3
SOCI 485	RS: Sociological Analysis and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 416	Internship in Sociology I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 481	RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II	

Total Credits 3

Electives in the Major

Code	Title	Credits
Select 18 credits in SOCI at the 100 to 400 level (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/) ¹		18
SOCI 120	Globalization and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 208	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
SOCI 215	Gender and Society	
Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300 - 400 level. (http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/)		

Total Credits 18

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SOCI 101 does not count toward this requirement. A maximum of 6 credits of SOCI 120, SOCI 208, and SOCI 215 can be counted toward the major.

Students are strongly encouraged to focus four of their elective courses (12 credits) in one of the concentrations which follow, chosen to suit their interests and career objectives. Students who choose a concentration will complete two remaining electives.

Optional Concentrations in the Major

Students can focus 12 of their 18 elective credits to complete one of the following 12-credit concentrations.

Concentration in Childhood and Youth (CYC)
Concentration in Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (DCSC)
Concentration in Global Sociology (GSOC)
Concentration in Inequality and Social Change (INSC)

Students who graduate with honors in sociology may apply 3 credits of honors coursework to their selected concentration where appropriate and with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

Concentration in Childhood and Youth (CYC)

This concentration focuses on the changing social realities, experiences, and identities of children and youth as they are formed in different social and historical contexts. It emphasizes children in peer groups, youth subcultural activities, youth and children and the media, schools, families, social movements, social policy, and the welfare state. This concentration is appropriate for students interested in working directly with children and

youth or in organizations serving them in a broad range of fields, such as educational counseling, teaching, policy, advocacy or clinical work, family and community services, social work, early child development, and juvenile justice.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 360	Youth Culture and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Select three from the following:		9
SOCI 302	Sociology of Delinquency	
SOCI 307	Social Movements and Political Protest	
SOCI 309	Contemporary Families and Intimate Relationships	
SOCI 314	Sociology of Culture	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 382	Education in Contemporary Society	
SOCI 395	Special Topics in Sociology	
SOCI 483	The Sociology of Higher Education (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Deviance, Crime, and Social Control (DCSC)

This concentration focuses on the social, legal, and political systems that underpin social control in Western societies and beyond. The emphasis is on how norms, values, and common sense regulate human action and the social forces that produce deviant behavior and societal responses to it. This concentration is appropriate for students interested in the criminal justice system and the law.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four from the following:		12
SOCI 301	Criminology	
SOCI 302	Sociology of Delinquency	
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 310	Sociology of Deviance	
SOCI 326	Conflict, Violence, and Peace	
SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 340	Power, Politics, and Society	
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 388	Violence and Religion	
SOCI 395	Special Topics in Sociology ¹	
Total Credits		12

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Depending on topic.

Concentration in Global Sociology (GSOC)

This concentration focuses on global interconnectedness and its effect on the nature of societies around the world. It emphasizes new technologies and social processes, migration, transnational communities, global cities, and social movements working across state borders.

This concentration is appropriate for students interested in pursuing internationally oriented careers in social change, political reform, and international development.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Select three from the following:		9
SOCI 304	The Future of Work	
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 326	Conflict, Violence, and Peace	
SOCI 330	US Immigrants and Immigration (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 340	Power, Politics, and Society	
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
SOCI 388	Violence and Religion	
SOCI 395	Special Topics in Sociology ¹	
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		12

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Depending on topic.

Concentration in Inequality and Social Change (INSC)

The focus is on inequalities, such as those of race, class, and sex, and on the manner in which such inequalities become structurally rooted in a society. The emphasis is on understanding the rise of the struggle for human rights, democracy, and various social movements that have sought to reverse these inequalities through protests, demonstrations, counterorganizations, and the ballot. This concentration is appropriate for students who seek careers in social justice organizations, social services, or teaching, and those who wish to participate in social and political movements.

Code	Title	Credits
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Select three from the following:		9
SOCI 304	The Future of Work	
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 310	Sociology of Deviance
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 330	US Immigrants and Immigration (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 340	Power, Politics, and Society
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 360	Youth Culture and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
SOCI 382	Education in Contemporary Society
SOCI 390	Sociology of Health, Illness, and Disability
SOCI 395	Special Topics in Sociology ¹
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Total Credits	12

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Depending on topic.

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 sociology may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), SOCI 412 Contemporary Sociological Theory (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>), or SOCI 485 RS: Sociological Analysis and Practice (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 for 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:		
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	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		
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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:

GGS 101 Major World Regions (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

GGS 103 Human Geography (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

GGS 110 Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies

GGS 301 Political Geography (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

GGS 303 Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

GGS 304 Population Geography (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

GGS 305 Economic Geography

GGS 306 Urban Geography

GGS 315 Geography of the United States

GGS 316 Geography of Latin America

GGS 320 Geography of Europe

GGS 325 Geography of North Africa and the Middle East

GGS 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
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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
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EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II
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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
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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
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ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
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ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 314	Zombies	3
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ANTH 317	East Asian Cultures	3
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ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
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ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
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ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
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ARAB 365	Black and Minority Cultures in Arabic Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
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ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 317	The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
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ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
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CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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CHIN 470	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
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DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
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ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GG5 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GG5 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 364	Revolution in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GG5 317	Geography of China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GG5 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
GG5 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	HIST 377	The Vietnam War (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	HIST 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3-6
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	JAPA 380	Japan in Motion	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 300	Korean Culture and Society	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	KORE 385	Introduction to Korean Linguistics	3
HIST 271	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 272	Survey of Latin American History (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 281	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 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 312	Islam (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 317	Daoism	3
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3	RELI 318	Korean Philosophy and Religions	3
HIST 354	Modern China (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 338	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	RELI 342	Comparative Study of Mysticism	3
			RELI 344	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
			RELI 358	Islamic Thought (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

RELI 367	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
RELI 368	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
RELI 384	Global History of Christianity (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3	Integration Requirements	
WMST 407	Transnational Sexualities	3	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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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

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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 Sociology 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 majoring in sociology may apply to graduate with honors in the major. To be eligible, students must have completed at

least 75 credits, taken ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) for the social sciences, completed 21 credits of sociology, and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 and a minimum grade of B+ in sociology courses. Applicants must have completed SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and SOCI 311 Sociological Theory with a minimum grade of B in each.

If accepted, to graduate with honors in sociology, students must complete SOCI 480 Honors Seminar in Sociology I and SOCI 481 RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II with a minimum grade of B+ in each of these courses and have an overall GPA of 3.50 in sociology courses presented for graduation. SOCI 481 RS: Honors Seminar in Sociology II includes completion of an honors thesis, which will be presented at a sociology colloquium.

Program Outcomes

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- Apply a sociological imagination to understand and explain the connections between the lives of individuals and the historical and cultural periods in which they live
- Identify the historical and contemporary theories and empirical methods that are the basis of sociological knowledge
- Develop an understanding of social problems related to inequality, racism, and sexism. Use this knowledge to move toward a just society
- Conduct original research by identifying a social problem and formulating a research question, compiling and summarizing existing research, designing a research strategy choosing from qualitative and quantitative approaches, collecting and analyzing data, and presenting findings to both sociological and professional audiences
- Identify the processes through which individuals and groups mobilize to change society by examining and analyzing historical and contemporary social movements. Based on this knowledge create strategies for individual social action
- Write clearly and logically, communicate effectively with others from different cultures, and prepare professional presentations for diverse audiences
- Analyze and evaluate the validity of information from social media, print, and scholarly sources

Accelerated Master's

Many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason, including this one. See the full list of degrees (http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/#filter=filter_24) with accelerated programs at George Mason.

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Sociology, 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 Sociology in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 141 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 this accelerated program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<https://soan.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ACEL-soci/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits with a minimum overall GPA of 3.25, and a minimum overall GPA of 3.50 in sociology courses.

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 meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing 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:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits)

500- or 600-level SOCI courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/>) (up to 12 credits)

SOCI 620 Methods and Logic of Social Inquiry (will count for SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)) and SOCI 636 Statistical Reasoning for Applied Research (will count for SOCI 213 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)).

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

500- or 600-level SOCI courses (up to 6 credits) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/soci/>)

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.