

# CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION, BS

**Banner Code:** CA-BS-CONF

## Academic Advising

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Analytical skills and techniques are critical to solving the world's toughest problems. In order to solve conflict we must first understand it. Critical thinking and research skills are the focus of our Bachelor of Science program and are in demand by employers of all sectors. Students pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution develop research skills and have the opportunity to gain experience designing surveys, conducting interviews, analyzing statistics, and organizing data.

All conflict analysis and resolution majors choose an area of concentration:

- Building Peace in Divided Societies
- Global Engagement
- Political and Social Action
- Justice and Reconciliation
- Interpersonal Dynamics
- Collaborative Leadership
- Environmental Conflict and Collaboration

## Advising

Advisors help students create an interdisciplinary course of study that meets their interests and career goals. All majors are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor from the School who will help students develop and follow a coherent plan of study and complete the degree in a timely manner.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

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

### Major Coursework Grade Requirement

Students cannot use more than 12 credits of coursework within the major with a C- or D grade to count towards the Conflict Analysis and Resolution, BS. If a student receives C- or D grades in excess of the allowed number, they may retake courses to meet the major coursework grade requirement for graduation. Students taking a graduate course for undergraduate credit must achieve a grade of B- or higher for graduate course credits to count towards their undergraduate degree.

### Transfer Students

For policies governing admission and requirements for students transferring from another college or university, see Undergraduate Admission Policies - Transfer. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>)

Admitted and enrolled transfer students who have completed an AA, AS, or AA&S degree from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and have been offered admission to Mason by the Office of Admissions may be eligible for a waiver of all George Mason University's Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements in accordance with the Guaranteed Admission Agreement. Students eligible for this waiver are still required by the university to complete ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and a synthesis course.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

Total credits: 120

Students must fulfill all requirements for bachelor's degrees as stated in Academic Policies including all Mason Core requirements. Carter School majors must complete the 6-credit college-level requirement in research methods as well as 52 major requirement credits for the BS degree.

Students pursuing a double major/degree with a program outside of the Carter School undergraduate program will be expected to fulfill all of the Mason Core and college requirements necessary to complete the second major. Please check with the second major department concerning additional requirements.

### Required Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
CONF 101	Conflict and Our World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
CONF 210	Theories of Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3
CONF 300	Conflict Resolution Techniques and Practice	3
CONF 301	Research and Inquiry in Conflict Resolution	3
CONF 302	Culture, Identity, and Conflict (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
CONF 320	Interpersonal Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3
CONF 330	Community, Group, and Organizational Conflict Analysis and Resolution	3
CONF 340	Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
CONF 490	RS: Integration (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	3
Total Credits		27

### Field Experience

Students can choose to fulfill this requirement through an internship, study abroad, field experience course, or independent study.

Students may not be approved for field experience until they have earned at least 30 credits. It is recommended that students complete at least 9

credits of conflict coursework before applying for field experience credit. Prior departmental approval is *required* for students to receive credit through any field experience options. Please contact a Carter School advisor with questions or for information on the opportunities, policies, and procedures for field experience credit.

Code	Title	Credits
Select a minimum of three credits from the following:		3
CONF 370	Internship Field Experience	
CONF 375	Special Programs Field Experience	
CONF 385	International Field Experience	
CONF 499	Independent Research in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
Total Credits		3

## Skills and Practice

This requirement can be fulfilled by taking any four credits from this course list. Students are encouraged to have more than one field experience and may count an additional 3 credits from a second field experience toward the skills and practice requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four credits from the following courses:		4
CONF 310	Special Topics in Practice	
CONF 314	Career Development Seminar	
CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	
CONF 326	Negotiation	
CONF 331	Simulation in Community and Organizational Conflict Resolution	
CONF 341	Simulation in Global Conflict Resolution	
CONF 375	Special Programs Field Experience	
CONF 385	International Field Experience	
CONF 386	Context and Synthesis: Study Abroad	
CONF 397	Study Abroad Special Topics (Allowed only when also completing CONF 386)	
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict	
CONF 499	Independent Research in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
Total Credits		4

Courses may NOT double count for the concentration requirement, field experience requirement, or the skills and practice requirement.

## Research Methods

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least six credits from the following:		6
ANTH 450	Ethnographic Research Methods	
CRIM 315	Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology	
CDS 201	Introduction to Computational Social Science	
CDS 292	Introduction to Social Network Analysis (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	
HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	
PSYC 300	Statistics in Psychology	
PSYC 301	Research Methods in Psychology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 213	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 303	Methods and Logic of Inquiry (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 410	Social Surveys and Attitude and Opinion Measurements (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
STAT 250	Introductory Statistics I (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
STAT 362	Introduction to Computer Statistical Packages	
STAT 474	Introduction to Survey Sampling	
WMST 410	Feminist Research Methods	
Total Credits		6

## Concentrations

There are eight concentrations:

- Concentration in Building Peace in Divided Societies (BPDS)
- Concentration in Global Engagement (GLBE)
- Concentration in Political and Social Action (PSA)
- Concentration in Justice and Reconciliation (JRCN)
- Concentration in Interpersonal Dynamics (INTD)
- Concentration in Collaborative Leadership (CLDR)
- Concentration in Environmental Conflict and Collaboration (EVCC)
- Individualized (IND)

Concentrations are made up of six courses. The following are guidelines for approved concentrations:

- At least four courses must be taken from the selected concentration category. The remaining two supporting courses may be selected from any of the concentration lists or may be any CONF course not applied to another degree requirement.
- Three of the six courses must be in-residence CONF coursework. CONF 397 Study Abroad Special Topics and courses transferred from another institution may be substituted for concentration requirements, but cannot fulfill the in-residence requirement.

Special topics courses relevant to the concentration and/or courses that provide regional expertise can be substituted with departmental approval. Students are encouraged to check special topics courses each semester and think creatively about which courses support learning in their chosen concentration. Courses may not double count for the concentration requirement, field experience requirement, or the skills and practice requirement.

**Concentration in Building Peace in Divided Societies (BPDS)**

Focuses on how divided societies with a history of conflict seek to transform relationships and situations of violence and injustice. Examines communities and societies that have experienced conflict and how individuals and groups build peace locally and globally.

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least four of the six concentration courses from the following:		12

CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	
CONF 335	Justice and Reconciliation	
CONF 392	Youth and Conflict	
CONF 393	Violence: Causes, Dynamics Alternatives	
CONF 435	Building Peace in Divided Societies	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
CULT 320	Globalization and Culture (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GGG 307	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development	
GOVT 342	Diplomacy	
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
SOCI 320	Globalization and Social Change (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.

Total Credits	18
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**Concentration in Global Engagement (GLBE)**

Focuses on studying the dynamics and impact of global conflict resolution. Examines domestic and international dimensions of security, state-to-state conflict, internal wars, terrorism, migration, negotiation, and diplomacy. Explores what can be done to reduce violent conflict and increase peace and security.

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least four of the six concentration courses from the following:		12

CONF 335	Justice and Reconciliation	
CONF 345	Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security, and Justice	
CRIM 405	Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	
EVPP 337	Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
GGG 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

GGG 307	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development	
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	
GOVT 342	Diplomacy	
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	
INTS 416	Refugee and Internal Displacement (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 388	Violence and Religion	

The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.

Total Credits	18
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**Concentration in Political and Social Action (PSA)**

Focuses on the ways that people organize themselves to effect change in their societies. This concentration explores social action, social organization, social movements, and civil resistance to analyze and investigate the role of constructive conflict.

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least four of the six concentration courses from the following:		12

CONF 347	Mobilizing for Change and Justice	
CONF 393	Violence: Causes, Dynamics Alternatives	
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
COMM 326	Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
PSYC 427	Community Engagement for Social Change (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 307	Social Movements and Political Protest	
SOCI 340	Power, Politics, and Society	
SOCI 352	Social Problems and Solutions (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.

Total Credits	18
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**Concentration in Justice and Reconciliation (JRCN)**

Focuses on the relationships between human rights, justice, and conflict resolution. Encompasses a spectrum of coursework including

legal dimensions of human rights, trauma, memory, healing, conflict transformation, and forms of restorative justice.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four of the six concentration courses from the following:		
CONF 335	Justice and Reconciliation	12
CONF 337	Restorative Justice	
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
CONF 435	Building Peace in Divided Societies	
CRIM 307	Social Inequality, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 404	Crime Victims and Victimization	
INTS 300	Law and Justice (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 314	Conflict, Trauma and Healing	
INTS 362	Social Justice and Human Rights (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 308	Race and Ethnicity in a Changing World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
SOCI 355	Social Inequality (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.		
Total Credits		18

### Concentration in Interpersonal Dynamics (INTD)

Focuses on the dynamics of social interaction that lead to interpersonal conflict and the processes and skills that support the transformation of these conflicts. Issues examined include intercultural communication, psychology of groups, family relationships, and other dimensions of human relations.

Code	Title	Credits	
Select four of the six concentration courses from the following:			
CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	12	
CONF 392	Youth and Conflict		
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict		
COMM 301	Relational Communication Theory		
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )		
COMM 401	Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace		
INTS 317	Issues in Family Relationships (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )		
PSYC 231	Social Psychology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )		
PSYC 379	Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )		
PSYC 417	Science of Well Being		
The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.			6
Total Credits			18

PSYC 467	The Psychology of Working in Groups and Teams	6
SOCI 309	Contemporary Families and Intimate Relationships	
SOCI 315	Contemporary Gender Relations (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.		6
Total Credits		18

### Concentration in Collaborative Leadership (CLDR)

Focuses on improving the capacity of leaders to work with conflict and manage change. Includes topics in conflict transformation, mediation, dialogue, and organizational leadership.

Code	Title	Credits
Select four of the six concentration courses from the following:		
CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	12
CONF 326	Negotiation	
CONF 329	Community Engagement and Collaborative Problem Solving	
CONF 337	Restorative Justice	
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict	
COMM 201	Small Group Communication	
COMM 335	Organizational Communication	
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
INTS 404	Ethics and Leadership	
INTS 435	Leadership in a Changing Environment	
MGMT 303	Principles of Management	
RMGT 316	Leadership and Outdoor Education	
PSYC 333	Psychology in the Workplace (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
PSYC 335	Psychology of Creativity and Innovation	
The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.		6
Total Credits		18

### Concentration in Environmental Conflict and Collaboration (EVCC)

Focuses on using a variety of conflict resolution processes to address environmental issues. Examines how communities and societies are dealing with environmental issues and prepares students with process skills to promote collaborative solutions.

Code	Title	Credits
Select at least four of the six concentration courses from the following:		
CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	12
CONF 326	Negotiation	

CONF 329	Community Engagement and Collaborative Problem Solving	
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict	
ANTH 370	Environment and Culture	
CONS 410	Human Dimensions in Conservation (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
CONS 490	RS: Integrated Conservation Strategies (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
EVPP 336	Tackling Wicked Problems in Society the Environment (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
EVPP 337	Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
EVPP 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	
EVPP 436	Politics of Climate Change Governance	
GGG 307	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development	
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
The remaining two courses can be taken from any Conflict Analysis and Resolution concentration course list or may be any CONF elective course not already applied to a degree requirement.		6
Total Credits		18

**Individualized Concentration (IND)**

Students interested in creating their own concentration can work with an advisor to decide upon a set of at least six courses that will fulfill the requirements of the BS in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Individualized concentrations must be approved by the Director of the Undergraduate Program.

**BS in Conflict Analysis and Resolution without Concentration**

Students may opt to complete their major in Conflict Analysis and Resolution without a concentration. The department offers many elective courses that allow students to deepen their understanding of theory and practice within the field of Conflict Resolution. Students may choose this option and complete the conflict resolution core and 18 credits of elective conflict coursework selected from the following. These credits may not be used to also fulfill the skills and practice or field experience requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 18 credits from the following: 18		
CONF 250	Narratives of Conflict	
CONF 325	Dialogue and Difference	
CONF 326	Negotiation	
CONF 329	Community Engagement and Collaborative Problem Solving	
CONF 335	Justice and Reconciliation	
CONF 337	Restorative Justice	
CONF 345	Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security, and Justice	
CONF 347	Mobilizing for Change and Justice	

CONF 375	Special Programs Field Experience	
CONF 392	Youth and Conflict	
CONF 393	Violence: Causes, Dynamics Alternatives	
CONF 394	Human Rights and Inequality	
CONF 398	Special Topics in Advanced Techniques and Practices	
CONF 399	Special Topics in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict	
CONF 435	Building Peace in Divided Societies	
CONF 499	Independent Research in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
Total Credits		18

**Writing-Intensive Requirement**

All Mason students are required to complete at least one course designated as "writing intensive" in their major at the 300-level or above. CONF 302 Culture, Identity, and Conflict (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) has been designated "writing intensive."

**Electives**

Code	Title	Credits
Remaining credits needed to bring the degree total to 120 may be fulfilled with general elective courses. <sup>1,2</sup>		
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Up to 3 credits of 100 level Recreation (RECR) courses may be taken as general elective credits.		
2		

Only Military Science (MLSC) courses at the 400-level can be used for credit for a degree in the School; credit for other MLSC courses may not be applied toward a degree in the School.

**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
<b>Foundation Requirements</b>		
	Written Communication (lower-level) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written</a> )	3
	Oral Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral</a> )	3
	Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative</a> )	3

Information Technology and Computing ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology</a> )	3
<b>Exploration Requirements</b>	
Arts ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts</a> )	3
Global Contexts ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts</a> )	3
Global History ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history</a> )	3
Literature ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature</a> )	3
Natural Science ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science</a> )	7
Social and Behavioral Sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science</a> )	3
Just Societies (optional) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Integration Requirements</b>	
Written Communication (upper-level) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written</a> )	3
Writing Intensive ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi</a> ) <sup>2</sup>	3
Mason Apex ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex</a> ) <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>40</b>

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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.

2

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 Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution Sample Plan of Study

The sample plan below is a recommended sequencing of courses based on pre-requisites 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 and with PatriotWeb Degree Evaluation to ensure they enroll in the proper courses and are on track to graduate.

<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CONF 101		3 CONF 210	3
Mason Core (ENGH or COMM)		3 Mason Core-ENGH or COMM	3
Mason Core-Quantitative Reasoning		3 Mason Core-World History or Western Civilization	3
Mason Core-Fine Art		3 Mason Core-Natural Science non-Lab	3
Elective CONF Topics Course		3 Elective	3
UNIV 100 (optional)		1	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Second Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CONF 300		3 CONF 320 (or CONF 330 or CONF 340)	3
CONF 314		1 Concentration Course #2	3
Mason Core-Literature		3 Mason Core-ENGH 302	3
Mason Core-Natural Science with Lab		4 Mason Core - Information Technology	3
Concentration Course #1		3 Elective	3
CONF 310		1	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Third Year</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CONF 302		3 CONF 340 (or CONF 320 or CONF 330)	3
CONF 330 (or CONF 320 or CONF 340)		3 Research Methods #2	3
Concentration Course #3		3 Skills and Practice (or Field Experience)	3
Research Methods #1		3 Concentration Course #4	3
Elective		3 Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
CONF 301		3 CONF 490	3
Field Experience (or Skills and Practice)		3 CONF 310	1
Concentration #5		3 Concentration #6	3
Elective CONF Topics Course		3 Elective	4
Elective		3 Elective	3
	15		14

Total Credits 120

Detailed four year plans and degree planning checklists can be found at <https://advising.gmu.edu/current-student/majors-at-mason/>.

Students are encouraged to work with an academic advisor to optimize their use of the elective credits. Options include studying abroad, adding a minor or concentration, developing workplace skills, or pursuing a secondary interest.

Students must have a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25 at the time of application.

**Accelerated Master's Requirements**

- A maximum of 12 credits will count towards both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students should meet with a Carter School Academic Advisor to discuss how the courses may count towards degree requirements.
- At the time of the undergraduate degree conferral, students' GPAs must meet the standard required for admission to the master's degree.
- Contact [tcsadvi@gmu.edu](mailto:tcsadvi@gmu.edu) or [ugradcar@gmu.edu](mailto:ugradcar@gmu.edu) for additional information and to schedule an advising appointment.

**Accelerated Master's****Conflict Analysis and Resolution, BA or BS/Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Accelerated MS****Overview**

This accelerated Master's option is designed for highly qualified and motivated undergraduate students. If accepted, students may take up to 18 credits of graduate coursework before undergraduate degree conferral and will be able to earn an undergraduate degree and the Conflict Analysis and Resolution, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/conflict-analysis-resolution-ms/#text>) after satisfactory completion of at least 141 credits. The time period for the combined program is typically five years. It provides a streamlined MS application process with no additional application fee.

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/>).

**Application Requirements**

For specific application requirements and information for the accelerated Conflict Analysis and Resolution, MS (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/conflict-analysis-resolution-ms/#text>), see Eligibility, Policies, and Deadlines (<http://scar.gmu.edu/undergraduate/degrees/accelerated-masters/>). 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 (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).