

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, BA

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The BA in Government and International Politics teaches students to critically examine political issues, prominent actors, and processes in government, foreign policy, and international affairs. The government and international politics program:

- Equips students with expertise in international relations, political analysis, public service, law, campaigns, or research.
- Prepares students for leadership roles in government, nonprofits, or private businesses in the U.S. and around the world.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

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

Program Requirements

Students must fulfill all Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#text>) including the Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>). Students pursuing a BA in Government and International Politics must complete additional requirements for the BA degree in the Schar School of Policy and Government.

Students pursuing this degree must complete 43 credits in GOVT and earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students pursuing a BA in Government and International Politics and wishing to narrow their focus may choose to concentrate in one of eight government fields or complete a higher credit concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

BA with or without Government Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3

GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4
Senior Seminar		
Select one seminar from the following:		3
GOVT 490	Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 491	Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	
Total Credits		19

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This option is for students who have been accepted to pursue honors in the major.

Government Field Study

Code	Title	Credits
Select any eight advanced government field courses (GOVT 301-GOVT 499), with or without a government concentration.		24
Total Credits		24

Students may complete a government concentration (four courses) in one field, then complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. Students who do not pursue a government concentration may choose 24 credits from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience.

Up to three credits of GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement. Up to six credits of GOVT 398 Study Abroad, GOVT 399 Research Practicum, and GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Concentrations

- Concentration in American Institutions and Processes (AMIP)
- Concentration in Comparative Politics (CPOL)
- Concentration in International Political Economy (IPE)
- Concentration in International Relations (INTR)
- Concentration in Law, Philosophy and Governance (LPGV)
- Concentration in Political Analysis (PA)
- Concentration in Political Behavior and Identity Politics (PBIP)
- Concentration in Public Policy and Administration (PPA)

- Individualized Concentration (IND)
- Concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

Code	Title	Credits
Select 0-12 credits in any one concentration		0-12
Total Credits		0-12

Students may partially satisfy the field study requirement by completing four courses (minimum 12 credits) in any one approved concentration.

Concentration in American Institutions and Processes (AMIP)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	3
GOVT 304	American State and Local Government	3
GOVT 305	Contemporary American Federalism	3
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	3
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	3
GOVT 311	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
GOVT 319	Issues in Government and Politics	1-3
GOVT 344	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 409	Virginia Government and Politics	3
GOVT 422	Constitutional Interpretation	3
GOVT 423	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3

Concentration in Comparative Politics (CPOL)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 331	Politics of Latin America	3
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	3
GOVT 334	Politics of Europe	3
GOVT 337	Ethnic Politics in Western Europe and North America	3
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	3
GOVT 339	Issues in the Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies	1-3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 342	Diplomacy	3
GOVT 344	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 430	Comparative Political Leadership	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
GOVT 434	Democracy in Global Perspective	3
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War	3
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	1-3
GOVT 445	Human Rights	3
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	3
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	3

Concentration in International Political Economy (IPE)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	3
GOVT 339	Issues in the Politics of Advanced Industrial Societies	1-3
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 368	Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	1-3
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
ECON 385	International Economic Policy	3

Concentration in International Relations (INTR)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 342	Diplomacy	3
GOVT 344	American Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 346	American Security Policy	3
GOVT 347	International Security	3
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War	3
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	1-3
GOVT 445	Human Rights	3
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	3
GOVT 447	Revolution and International Politics	3
GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	3

Concentration in Law, Philosophy and Governance (LPGV)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	3
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	3
GOVT 322	International Relations Theory	3
GOVT 323	Classical Western Political Theory	3
GOVT 324	Modern Western Political Theory	3
GOVT 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	3
GOVT 329	Issues in Political Theories and Values	1-3
GOVT 334	Politics of Europe	3
GOVT 352	Responsible Innovation	3
GOVT 407	Law and Society	3
GOVT 420	American Political Thought	3
GOVT 422	Constitutional Interpretation	3
GOVT 423	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3
GOVT 427	Feminist Political Thought	3
GOVT 428	Advanced Democratic Theory	3
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War	3
GOVT 445	Human Rights	3
GOVT 446	International Law and Organization	3

GOVT 448	Ethics and International Politics	3
GOVT 452	Administrative Law and Procedures	3
GOVT 460	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	3
GOVT 461	Governance in Space	3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3

Concentration in Political Analysis (PA)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	3
GOVT 343	International Political Economy	3
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 368	Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 426	Political Theory of Autonomous Algorithms	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
STAT 350	Introductory Statistics II	3
Any 400-level STAT course		

Concentration in Political Behavior and Identity Politics (PBIP)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 311	Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior	3
GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	3
GOVT 313	Political Psychology	3
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	3
GOVT 319	Issues in Government and Politics	1-3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 412	Politics and the Mass Media	3
GOVT 414	Politics of Race and Gender	3
GOVT 423	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	3

Concentration in Public Policy and Administration (PPA)

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 304	American State and Local Government	3
GOVT 329	Issues in Political Theories and Values	1-3
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	3
GOVT 354	Nonprofit Sector in Society	3
GOVT 355	Public Personnel Administration	3
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
GOVT 357	Urban Planning	3
GOVT 358	Nonprofit Financial Planning	4
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
GOVT 362	Intermediate Environmental Policy	3

GOVT 363	Science and Technology Institutions/ Policy	3
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	3
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 368	Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	3
GOVT 369	Cybersecurity Policy	3
GOVT 400	Issues in Political Analysis	1-3
GOVT 452	Administrative Law and Procedures	3
GOVT 460	Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society	3
GOVT 462	Public Interest Technology	3
GOVT 464	Issues in Public Policy and Administration	1-3
GOVT 467	How Washington Really Works	3
GOVT 469	Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3

Individualized Concentration (IND)

Create your own concentration consisting of four upper level courses with Director approval. A minimum of two courses in this concentration must be GOVT.

BA with Concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

This is a high credit concentration for students interested in a program that explores the interdisciplinary connections between philosophy, politics, and economics.

Required Courses for Politics

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	4

Total Credits 16

Senior Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Select one from the following:		
GOVT 490	Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
GOVT 491	Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) ¹	

Total Credits 3

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Electives with Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Select one from the following: 3		
GOVT 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process	
GOVT 307	Legislative Behavior	
GOVT 308	The American Presidency	
GOVT 312	Political Parties and Campaigns	
GOVT 318	Interest Groups, Lobbying, and the Political Process	
GOVT 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
GOVT 331	Politics of Latin America	
GOVT 332	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
GOVT 333	Politics of East Asia	
GOVT 334	Politics of Europe	
GOVT 338	Politics of Eurasia	
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	
GOVT 361	Introduction to Environmental Policy	
GOVT 364	Public Policy Making	
GOVT 366	Public Policy Analysis	
GOVT 367	Money, Markets and Economic Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 422	Constitutional Interpretation	
GOVT 423	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties	
GOVT 443	Law and Ethics of War	
Culminating		
GOVT 467	How Washington Really Works	3
Total Credits		6

Economics

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational		
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
ECON 104	Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	3
Electives		
Select one from the following:		3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	
ECON 308	Managerial Economics and Strategy	
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	
ECON 310	Money and Banking	
ECON 311	Intermediate Macroeconomics	
ECON 321	Economics of Labor	
ECON 330	Public Finance	
ECON 345	Introduction to Econometrics	

ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 365	Topics in Economic History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 390	International Economics	
ECON 403	Austrian Economics	
ECON 410	Public Choice	
ECON 412	Game Theory and Economics of Institutions	
ECON 445	Design and Analysis of Experiments	
ECON 481	The Development of Economic Thought	
ECON 485	Smithian Political Economy I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 486	Smithian Political Economy II	
Culminating		
ECON 460	Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
Total Credits		12

Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational		
Select one from the following:		3
GOVT/PHIL 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
GOVT/PHIL 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	
Electives		
Select two from the following:		6
PHIL 311	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
Culminating		
PHIL 353	Theories of Justice	3
Total Credits		12

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors. Students majoring in government and international politics may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) in their major programs.

Schar Requirements in Addition to Mason Core Below

Code	Title	Credits
One course in Philosophy or Religion		
One additional course in Social and Behavioral Sciences		
One course in Non-Western Culture		
Proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level		

Mason Core

Some Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students

are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) requirements.

Students who have completed the following credentials are eligible for a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower level) requirement categories. The Integration category (upper level) is not waived under this policy. See Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-policies/#transfertext>) for more information.

- VCCS Uniform Certificate of General Studies
- VCCS or Richard Bland Associate of Science (A.S.), Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.&S.), or Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication (lower-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Oral Communication (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#oral)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#quantitative)	3
	Information Technology and Computing (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#information-technology)	3
Exploration Requirements		
	Arts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#arts)	3
	Global Contexts (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-contexts)	3
	Global History (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#global-history)	3
	Literature (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#literature)	3
	Natural Science (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#natural-science)	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#social-behavioral-science)	3
	Just Societies (optional) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#justsocieties) ¹	
Integration Requirements		
	Written Communication (upper-level) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#written)	3
	Writing Intensive (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#wi) ²	3
	Mason Apex (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/#apex) ³	3
	Total Credits	40

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In addition to covering content related to the designated category, Exploration level courses marked with a *Just Societies* "flag" are specifically designed to help students learn how to interact effectively with others from all walks of life, including those with backgrounds and beliefs that differ from their own. Courses marked with the Just Societies flag are available for students starting in Fall 2024. Students admitted prior to the Fall of 2025 are not required to take courses with a Just Societies flag but may wish to do so to increase their knowledge and skills in this important area. Students interested in this approach to completing their Mason Core Exploration Requirements should work closely with their advisor to identify the appropriate Just Societies-flagged courses.

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Most programs include the writing-intensive course designated for the major as part of the major requirements; this course is therefore not counted towards the total required for Mason Core.

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Minimum 3 credits required.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly qualified students majoring in Government and International Politics and Public Administration may pursue advanced work leading to graduation with honors in the major. Those students selected for participation in this program take a two-course sequence: GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) and GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete these courses with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

Accelerated Master's

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Biodefense, Accelerated MS

Overview

Highly qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated Biodefense, MS. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe.

For more detailed information, see AP6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP6 Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to fifteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include BIOD 604 Emerging Infectious Diseases I: Bacteria and Toxins, GOVT 500 The Scientific Method and Research Design, BIOD 605 Emerging Infectious Diseases II: Viral Agents, BIOD 620 Global Health Security Policy and BIOD 609 Biodefense Strategy. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/International Security, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in International Security. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits and have a minimum GPA of 3.60 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to twelve graduate credits, all of which may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Any remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are:

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 540	International Relations	3
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
PUBP 504	Grand Strategy	3
PUBP 506	Ethics and the Use of Force	3

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Global Commerce and Policy, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree program in Global Commerce and Policy. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits, including at least 12 credits of Government, Economics, and/or Global Affairs courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. The remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include GCP 500 Global Political Economy, GCP 501 Data Analysis for Global Political Economy, GCP 503 Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy, GCP 504 Microeconomics and Trade Policy, GCP 602 Global Financial Crises and Institutions, GCP 603 Global Trade Relations, and GCP 605 Technology, Culture and Commerce. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Political Science, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated MA degree in political science. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits, including 12 GOVT credits, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses are chosen from GOVT 500 The Scientific Method and Research Design, GOVT 510 American Government and Politics, GOVT 520 Political Theory, GOVT 530 Comparative Politics, GOVT 540 International Relations and POGO 511 Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government. Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Public Administration, Accelerated MPA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated master's degree in public administration. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

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/>).

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits, including 12 GOVT credits, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to eighteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The courses include PUAD 502 Administration in Public and Nonprofit Organizations, POGO 511 Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government, PUAD 520 Organization Theory and Management Behavior and PUAD 540 Public Policy Process.

Additionally, students can take one of the methods core courses (PUAD 613 Economic Analysis in Public Administration, PUAD 645 Policy Analysis, POGO 611 Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government or POGO 646 Policy and Program Evaluation) and one of the finance/budgeting/accounting core courses (PUAD 660 Public and Nonprofit Accounting and Finance, PUAD 662 National Budgeting, PUAD 663 State and Local Budgeting or PUAD 664 Nonprofit Financial Management). Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).

Bachelor's Degree (any)/Public Policy, Accelerated MPP

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in any major may apply to the accelerated Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. If accepted, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their current undergraduate major and a Schar School master's degree within a reduced timeframe. More information on bachelor's/accelerated master's programs may be found in AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>).

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. See AP.6.9 Requirements for Master's Degrees. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-9>)

Admission

Please see the Graduate Admissions Policies for general information on graduate admissions to George Mason University. Information specific to the accelerated master's program may be found on the Schar School BAM website.

To be considered for this accelerated master's program, applicants must have completed a minimum of 60 credits, including 12 credits of Government and/or Economics courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all coursework applied to the degree.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students may complete up to fifteen graduate credits of which twelve may be counted toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Remaining credits may be held as reserve graduate credit and count only toward the master's degree. The student must have a minimum GPA of 3.00 in each course.

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in these courses and in coursework applied to their major.

Code	Title	Credits
GOVT 500	The Scientific Method and Research Design	3
POGO 511	Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
POGO 611	Advanced Data Analysis for Policy and Government	3
or POGO 646	Policy and Program Evaluation	
PUAD 662	National Budgeting	3
PUBP 500	Theory and Practice in Public Policy	3
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology	3
PUBP 570	Policy Writing Fundamentals	3

Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, students must submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form to apply credits to the master's degree. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree (excluding summer).