

INTO MASON: CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION GRADUATE PATHWAYS

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Requirements

Graduate International Pathway to a master's degree in the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

INTO Mason provides one Graduate International Pathway for international students to enter the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/>) at George Mason University. The pathway gives students the academic foundation, essential language skills, and cultural knowledge to successfully move on to their master's degree program. For most students, enrolling in a Graduate International Pathway will add one additional semester to their overall master's degree program.

The following is the available Graduate International Pathway at INTO Mason to the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at GMU:

- Conflict Analysis and Resolution

The following are the types of pathways available:

- **One Term pathway (Accelerated):** This pathway leads students through their first semester of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program.
- **Two Term pathway (Standard):** This pathway leads students through their first semester of graduate school. Upon completion of all matriculation requirements, students will move on to their degree-seeking program often with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program.
- **Bridge pathway:** This pathway provides foundational coursework designed to substitute for an additional year of undergraduate academic coursework, to render students with three-year baccalaureate degrees eligible to move on to their graduate degree program. Students will often move on to their degree program with several graduate credits completed as determined by the graduate degree program. The following Carter School programs offer a Bridge option:
 - Conflict Analysis and Resolution

INTO Mason Graduate Pathway Programs often require credit loads above the established 11-credit limit for non-degree students. These Pathways are built to provide additional language and cultural support to international and multilingual students seeking master's degrees via the Pathways. This support is reflected in the additional courses required for Graduate Pathway students, which result in a curriculum that exceeds the university's Academic Load policies. These required additional courses include English for Academic Purposes and Cultural Transition courses along with classes in their future degree programs. This academic load has resulted in better graduation rates overall for

INTO Mason students as compared to their directly admitted classmates and similar GPAs. Each program's requirement section indicates the semesters when an overload is required.

Graduate International Pathways are generally designed for international students who:

- Need further English language development. Students who require a moderate amount of English language support can enter all available International Pathways to strengthen their language proficiency and ensure their long-term academic success
- Require a fourth year of undergraduate study. Students who hold three-year baccalaureate degrees that are not formally evaluated as equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree may enter many Graduate International Pathways. For these students, their pathway acts as a "bridge" enhancing their international educational background with academic coursework to meet the eligibility for admission to a GMU graduate degree program
- Fall short of meeting the minimum GPA or admission test score requirements
- Need to improve study skills for success in their chosen field of study
- Any or all of the above

Administered through INTO Mason (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/international-programs-resources/into-mason/#text>) in partnership with the academic units across the university, the courses in each Graduate International Pathway are taught by highly qualified Mason instructional faculty members and supported by International Pathways academic advisors.

Students enrolled in any Graduate International Pathway should review the program's student guidebook for specific details related to program requirements and expectations.

Program Requirements

The following Graduate International Pathways are offered by INTO Mason in collaboration with the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/>):

Conflict Analysis and Resolution Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 1 of 2¹		
CONF 600	Foundations of Conflict Analysis and Resolution	6
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3

EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
Total Credits		15

¹ A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Standard, 2-semester Pathway into the Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Standard semester 2 of 2 ¹		
CONF 657	Facilitation Skills	3
CONF 610	Conflict Inquiry	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		12

¹ A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the single semester of the Accelerated, 1-semester Pathway into the Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Accelerated semester 1 of 1 ¹		
CONF 600	Foundations of Conflict Analysis and Resolution	6
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		14

¹ A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the first semester of the Bridge Pathway into the Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 of 2 ¹		
Upper-level Undergraduate Course		3
CONF 600	Foundations of Conflict Analysis and Resolution	6
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
INYO 504	Transitions for International Graduate Students	3
Total Credits		16

¹ A credit overload is required in this semester.

The following grid is for the second semester of the Bridge Pathway into the Master of Science in Conflict Analysis and Resolution degree:

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 2 of 2 ¹		
Upper-level Undergraduate Course		3
CONF 657	Facilitation Skills	3
CONF 610	Conflict Inquiry	3
EAP 507	Advanced Graduate Communication Across the Disciplines	4
INYO 505	Intercultural Competence and Professional Development for Multilingual Graduate Students	1
EAP 401	Advanced English Grammar for Multilingual Students	1
Total Credits		15

¹ A credit overload is required in this semester.