

# INTO MASON: POLICY, GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GRADUATE PATHWAYS

## Requirements

### Graduate International Pathways to master's degrees in the Schar School of Policy and Government

INTO Mason provides two Graduate International Pathways for international students to enter various graduate degrees in the Schar School of Policy and Government (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/>) at George Mason University. The pathways give students the academic foundation, essential language skills, and cultural knowledge to successfully move on to their master's degree programs. For most students, enrolling in a Graduate International Pathway will add one or two additional semesters to their overall master's degree program.

The following are the available Graduate International Pathways at INTO Mason to degrees in the Schar School of Policy and Government at GMU:

- International Commerce and Policy
- Public Policy

The following is the type of pathway available:

- **Two Term pathways (Standard):** These pathways lead students through their first year 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. Both Schar School pathways have two-term options available.

Graduate International Pathways are 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 (<http://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 Schar School of Policy & Government:

### International Commerce and Policy Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy degree:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Standard semester 1 of 2</b>		
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
INYO 504	Accelerated Graduate Transitions for International Students	3
ITRN 504	Microeconomics and Trade Policy	3
Total Credits		12

The following grid is for the second semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Arts in International Commerce and Policy degree:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Standard semester 2 of 2</b>		
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines II	4
EAP 405	Special Topics in Advanced English for Academic Purposes	1
INYO 508	Special Topics Content Support in the Disciplines	1
ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	3
Total Credits		9

### Public Policy Graduate Pathway

The following grid is for the first semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Public Policy degree:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Standard semester 1 of 2</b>		
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines I	4
EAP 410	Language Support for International Students	2
INYO 504	Accelerated Graduate Transitions for International Students	3

ITRN 503	Macroeconomic Policy in the Global Economy	3
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Total Credits		12

**The following grid is for the second semester of the standard, 2-semester pathway into the Master of Public Policy degree:**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Standard semester 2 of 2</b>		
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in the Disciplines II	4
EAP 405	Special Topics in Advanced English for Academic Purposes	1
INYO 508	Special Topics Content Support in the Disciplines	1
PUBP 503	Culture, Organization, and Technology	3
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Total Credits		9