

# YOUR MASON CATALOG

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## Courses Guide

### How to Find Courses

You can view courses in several different ways, including:

- Use Courses A-Z (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/>) to view all courses alphabetized by subject.
- Academic Unit pages (found within each College (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/>)page) include listings for all courses offered by that unit.
- Use the main search bar at the top of this page or the search bar on the home (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/>)page to find specific courses.

### A Look at Courses

1. *Limited to two attempts* indicates the repeat-ability of a course. Some courses may be repeated for credit within the term or degree, and some courses limit the number of attempts.
2. *Equivalent to* indicates any course(s) which covers the same content as the display course. If you take both a course and its equivalent, you will only receive credit towards your degree for one of those courses.
3. *Specialized Designations* indicate any course which fulfills a Mason requirement, including Mason Core courses, Writing Intensive, Research, and more. Designations also might include the language a course is taught in (for foreign language courses) or physical activity courses.
4. *Registration Restrictions* indicate any conditions you must meet before attempting to register for the course. If you do not meet those conditions, you will be unable to register for the course via Patriot Web (<https://patriotweb.gmu.edu>).
5. *Required Prerequisites* indicate any course which you must first successfully pass (with the indicated minimum grade). 'May be taken concurrently' indicates that you may also register for the prerequisite course at the same time.
6. Other conditions may include the specific student level, class, degree, major/minor/concentration, or student attribute requirement for registration. To view your personal student details:
  - a. Login to Patriot Web (<https://patriotweb.gmu.edu>).
  - b. Select 'Student Services.'
  - c. Select 'Student Records.'
  - d. Select 'Degree Evaluation Menu.'
  - e. Select 'Degree Works' (for students with a catalog year of 2012 or later only).
  - f. Your student details will be located at the top of the page.
7. *Schedule Type* indicates how the course is taught. See AP.2.2 Schedule Types (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/course-information/#ap-2-2>) for definitions.

8. *Grading* indicates how the course is graded. See AP.3.1.1 and AP .3.2.1 (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>) for Undergraduate and Graduate grading scales.

## Programs Guide

### How to Find Programs

You can view programs in several different ways, including:

1. Use Find Your Program (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/>) to view all academic programs or to filter to find a selection of programs.
2. Academic Unit pages (found within each College (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/>)page) include listings for all programs offered by that unit.
3. Use the main search bar at the top of this page or the search bar on the home (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/>) page to find specific programs by name or by keyword.

### A Look at Programs

1. The *breadcrumb trail* indicates the home department and college which administer the program.
2. *Admissions & Policies* includes any policies specific to the program. You must also abide by any policies listed in both Academic Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/>) and in your program's home department and college pages.
3. *Requirements* details the degree requirements for the program **for this specific catalog year only**. If you have a different catalog year, see Archives (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/archives/>) for the degree requirements associated with your program.
  - a. To view your catalog year, login to Patriot Web (<https://patriotweb.gmu.edu/>).
  - b. Select 'Student Services.'
  - c. Select 'Student Records.'
  - d. Select 'Degree Evaluation Menu.'
  - e. Select 'Degree Works' (for students with a catalog year of 2012 or later only).
  - f. Your student details will be located at the top of the page, and your catalog year will be located beneath it as associated with each program you are enrolled in.
4. *Accelerated Master's* details options for transitioning from a Bachelor's program directly into a Master's. Each program has specific admissions and course requirements.
5. *Related Programs* includes other programs which share the same level and department. For a list of other programs which may be related, see Find Your Program (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/programs/>).
6. *Print Options* allows you to download a reader-friendly pdf of the entire program page, including information from each tab.

## Catalog Guide

### A Look at Your Mason Catalog

1. Note the year of the *catalog edition*. If you have a catalog year of 2018-2019, the requirements listed in this catalog apply to you.
2. To find another catalog year, use the *archive* button.

3. *Find Your Program* allows you to search by level, degree, and college to find programs that interest you.
4. *A to Z Courses* provides a full listing of all courses as of catalog publication.
5. *Colleges & Schools* allows you to find information about specific colleges and the programs they offer.
6. Use the *Search* button, or the click the magnifying glass at the top of the page, to search the catalog by course, program, or to search everything.
7. *Courses at Mason* will allow you to search for courses and find offerings in specific semesters.
8. Use the tool bar at the top of the page to find more information about Admissions, Tuition & Fees, Student Services, and Policies. This toolbar appears on every page in the catalog. You can also use this toolbar to return to the homepage at any point.
9. Use the thumbnails at the bottom of the page to navigate to frequently searched for catalog pages, including Mason Core, University Honors, International Resources and Programs, Mason Online and About Mason.