

# Your Guide to Global Affairs

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## WELCOME!

This information is intended to:

- Orient you to the Global Affairs Program
- Present opportunities available to you as a Global Affairs major
- Provide links to essential college and university policies and resources

In addition to using these resources, remember to consult with your academic advisor. To find your advisor and schedule an appointment go to:

<http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/advising>

## THE GLOBAL AFFAIRS MAJOR

### *Core Coursework*

The Global Affairs major promotes a multidisciplinary perspective through six required core courses (18 credits) drawn from areas including Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Cultural Studies, Economics, Environmental Science and Policy, and Government.

<http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/programs/la-ba-gloa/requirements/>

### *Concentration*

All students select a concentration that focuses on a global theme or a world region. The best time to begin coursework for your concentration is once you've completed most of your general education courses, GLOA 101, and any other prerequisites. You can declare a concentration by visiting your advisor to plan a schedule and fill out the requisite paperwork.

<http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/courses-and-sections/undergraduate/concentration-courses>

### *Internships and Study Abroad*

We strongly encourage you to participate in a study abroad program or internship to complement your Global Affairs coursework. Talk to your advisor about receiving credit towards the major for study abroad and internships.

<http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/internships> • <http://gloaled.gmu.edu>

### *Foreign Language Requirement*

The Global Affairs major requires a total of 18 foreign language credits. If you are taking courses at Mason numbered 110-202, you need intermediate proficiency (202) plus 6 more credits. If you are transferring language courses numbered 101-202, you need intermediate proficiency (202) plus 6 credits. The additional 6 credits can be earned in any foreign language at any level.

- If you received language credit through AP scores, consult your degree evaluation to determine your remaining language requirement. <http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/>
- If you are a heritage speaker, consult the Department of Modern & Classical Languages for information on proficiency and placement tests. <http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testing>

## DEGREE EVALUATION

All Mason students should regularly check their degree evaluation. It lets you know exactly which requirements you have fulfilled and those you still need to fulfill. To run a degree evaluation, follow these steps:

1. Login to Patriot Web
  2. Select Student Services
  3. Select Student Records
  4. Select Degree Evaluation Menu
  5. Select Degree Works
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## Freshmen

### “EXTRAS” - OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AS A GLOBAL AFFAIRS MAJOR

- Challenge yourself in the Global Affairs **Honors Program**. Conduct research, present your findings, graduate with honors and impress graduate schools! <http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/honors>
- Apply for a Global Affairs **research assistantship**. Spend the spring semester working on a project of mutual interest with a Global Affairs faculty member. <http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/research>
- Become a **Global Politics Fellow** or **Global Health Fellow**! The Arlington Fellows programs are academic programs that challenge Mason undergraduates to take their learning to the next level. Apply what you are studying in the classroom to the real world and better prepare yourself to be a Mason Graduate! These semester-long, 15 credit academic programs take place at the Arlington campus and incorporate a significant internship into your experience. <http://fellows.gmu.edu/>
- Consider a **double major**. Talk to your advisor about complementary fields, such as Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Economics, Foreign language, Communications, and more.
- Add a **minor**. Select Business, IT, Intelligence Analysis, Anthropology, or another field to pair with your major.
- Like Global Affairs on **Facebook**. Stay connected as we post event announcements, student achievements, study abroad pictures and more. Search “Global Affairs at George Mason University.”

### DO YOU HAVE AP OR IB CREDITS (SCORE OF 4 OR ABOVE)? CHECK HERE...

<http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/>

### UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

- University Catalog: <http://catalog.gmu.edu/>
  - Consult **your catalog year** for the most accurate academic information and policies
  - Select “University General Education” to view approved general education courses for each category
- Admissions Office: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/>
  - Academic Credit by Exam: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/>
  - Evaluation of Transfer Credit: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/TransferCreditEvaluation.asp>
- Registrar’s Office: <http://registrar.gmu.edu/>
  - Information related to the academic calendar, registration, graduation and more

### COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (CHSS) RESOURCES

- CHSS website: <http://chss.gmu.edu/>  
Approved courses for the Non-Western Culture general education requirement: <https://chss.gmu.edu/general-education/non-western-culture>
- CHSS Undergraduate Academic Affairs: <http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/>
  - Policies on credit overload, withdrawal, courses elsewhere and more
- Department of Modern & Classical Languages: <http://mcl.gmu.edu/>
  - Foreign language placement testing: <http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testing>
- Selecting a Minor: <http://chss.gmu.edu/minors/about>

#### GLOBAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
B.A. DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS  
CATALOG YEAR 2020-2021**

**A. Mason Core**

**I. University General Education Requirements**

- a. Written Communication: ENGH 101(100) (C or better) (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Written Communication: ENGH 302 (C or better) (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Oral Communication: COMM 101 (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Quantitative Reasoning (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Literature (3) (required prerequisite to ENGH 302) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Fine Arts (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Western Civilization: HIST 100 or 125 (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Social & Behavioral Science (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Natural Science (4,3) \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Global Understanding (3) (satisfied by GLOA 101 or SOCI 120) \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Information Technology (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Capstone/Synthesis (3) (satisfied by GLOA 400) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. CHSS Requirements for B.A. Degree**

- a. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Social Sciences (3)  
(In addition to the University-wide Social & Behavioral Science requirement) Fulfilled by any  
course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GGS (except 102 or 309)  
GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Non-Western Culture (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**a. Core Courses.** Students must earn a grade of C or better in each of the core courses.

1. GLOA 101: Introduction to Global Affairs or SOCI 120: Globalization & Society
2. GOVT 322: International Relations Theory (*Prerequisite: GOVT 132 or GOVT 133*)
3. CONF 340: Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution
4. ECON 385: International Economic Policy
5. CULT 320: Globalization and Culture (*Prerequisite: GLOA 101; Freshmen may not enroll*)
6. EVPP 337: Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries

**b. Language Requirement.** Students must complete Steps 1 **and** 2, and earn grade of C- or better in each course.

1. *Step 1—Intermediate Proficiency in a Foreign Language:* students must complete through or transfer credit for the 202 level language course **OR** demonstrate equivalent proficiency in a foreign language through a proficiency test (please see: <http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testing>).
2. *Step 2—Language Electives (Choose Any Language at Any Level):* students must complete 6 additional foreign language credits **OR** demonstrate appropriate proficiency in a second foreign language.

**c. Concentration (12 credits).** Students must earn a grade of C- or better in each of the courses.

Students choose **one concentration in either a global theme or a world region** and take twelve credits; courses in a concentration must come from at least two different departments or programs. The courses must be unique and cannot be applied to any other major, minor, concentration, or certificate program. For any concentration, study abroad and globally-oriented internships can reduce the credits required in the concentration. Course listing: <http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/courses-and-sections/undergraduate/concentration-courses>

**Choose One Concentration in Either a Global Theme or a World Region:**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Human Security                    | • Africa                       |
| • Global Governance                 | • Asia                         |
| • Global Economy and Management     | • Europe                       |
| • Global Inequalities and Responses | • Latin America                |
| • International Development         | • North America                |
| • The Environment                   | • Middle East and North Africa |
| • Media, Communication, and Culture | • Russia and Central Asia      |
| • Independent Study                 |                                |

**GENERAL ELECTIVES: Variable credits**

**MINIMUM CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120**

**UPPER DIVISION CREDITS: Minimum 45 credits at the 300 or 400 upper level**

This planning form is intended for use in consultation with your academic advisor.

The University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.

## UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

<http://catalog.gmu.edu/>

**Bolded** courses have double-counting possibilities.

Remember to run your degree evaluation regularly and contact your advisor with questions!

Written Communication: ENGH 101 (or 100) and ENGH 302

Oral Communication: COMM 101, INTS 101, 202

Quantitative Reasoning: Recommended: MATH 106, SOCI 313, STAT 250 (Math Placement Test not required for MATH 106, SOCI 313, and STAT 250)

Literature: ARAB 325; CHIN 310, 311, **325**, 328; CLAS 250, 260, 340, 350, 360, 380; ELED 258, 358; ENGH 201, 202, 203, 204; FREN 325, 329; FRLN 330; GERM 325; HIST 334; INTS 101; ITAL 320, 325; JAPA 340; KORE 311; PHIL 253; RELI 235; 333 RUSS 325, 326, 327; SPAN 325

Fine Arts: ARTH 101, 102, 103, 104, 200, 201, 203, 204, 206, 311, 321, 322, 324, 333, 334, 335, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 350, 360, 362, 370, 371, 372, 373, 376; AVT 103, 104, 215, 222, 232, 243, 252, 253, 262, 272, 385; DANC 101, 119, 125, 131, 145, 161, 225, 231, 245, 301, 325, 331, 345, 390, 391, 425; DSGN 102; ENGH 315, 370, 372, 396; FAVS 225; GAME 101; INTS 103, 245, 346; MUSI 100, 101, 102, 106, 107, 280, 301, 302, 380, 381, 382, 383, 385, 387, 389, 485; PHIL 156; THR 101, 150, 151, 210, 230, 395, 411, 412

Western Civilization: HIST 100 or 125. Transfer students may substitute - HIST 101, 102, 202, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 308, 309, 312, 314, 322, 387, 388, 436

Social and Behavioral Sciences: AFAM 200; **ANTH 114**, 120, 363, **396**; BUS 100, CONF 101; CONS 410; CRIM 100; ECON 100, 103, 104, 105, 367; EDEP 350; EDSE 203; EDUC 200, 203; GCH 325; GGS 103; GOVT 101, 103, 367, HDFS 200; HEAL 230; HIST 121, 122; INTS 203, 300, 304, 316, 317, 319, 320, 321, 331, 334, 336, 347, 361, 362, 371, 436, 437, 438, LING 306; PSYC 100, 211, 231; SOCI 101, 315, 352, 355; TOUR 311; WMST 200

Natural Sciences (7 credits required): ASTR 111+112, 113+114, 115; BIOL 103, 106; BIOL 213; CDS 101+102; CHEM 103, 104, 155, 156, 211+213, 212+214, 271+272; CLIM 102, 111+112; EVPP 108+109, 112+113; GEOL 101, 102; GGS 121; INTS 210, 311, 401, 403; PHYS 103, 104, 111+112, 160+161, 243+244, 245+246, 260+261, 262+263

Non-lab: ASTR 103, 111, 113, 302; BIOL 107, 140; CDS 101; CHEM 101, 102; CLIM 101, 111; EVPP 108, 112, 201; FRSC 101; GEOL 134, GGS 102; INTS 103, 211, 301; NEUR 101; NUTR 295; PHYS 106, 111, 160, 243, 245, 260, 262; PROV 301

Global Understanding: Satisfied by GLOA 101 or SOCI 120

Information Technology: ANTH 395; AVT 180; CDS 130; CS 100, 112; GOVT 300; HIST 390; INTS 203, 249; IT 104, MIS 303, MUSI 259; PHYS 251; SOCI 410

Capstone/Synthesis: **satisfied by GLOA 400**; ANTH 400; ARTH 394; AVT 385, 497, 498; BENG 492, 493; BINF 354; BIOL 301; BIS 490; CEIE 490; COMM 326, 362, 454; CONF 490; CONS 490, 491; CRIM 495; CS 306; DANC 490; ECE 492, 493; ECON 309; EVPP 480; FAVS 352; FRLN 385; GAME 490; GEOL 420; GGS 303, 304; GOVT 490, 491; HAP 465; HDFS 400; HIST 300, 499; IT 492; LAS 499; MATH 400; NURS 465; **PHIL 309, 343, 377, 379**; PHYS 346; PROV 342; PSYC 405, 406, 427; **RELI 490**; RUSS 353; SOCI 377, 483; SOCW 375; SPAN 388; SYST 495; THR 440, 496

## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Philosophy or Religious Studies: Fulfilled by any course in PHIL or RELI (except PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460). PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.

Social Sciences: Fulfilled by ECON 385 (Global Affairs core course) or GOVT 132/133 (Global Affairs core course prerequisite)

Non-western Culture: **ANTH 114**, 300, 302, 303, 307, 308, 309, 313, 314, 330, 332, 381, **396**; ARAB 360, 420, 440; ARTH 203, 204, 206, 318, 319, 320, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 482; CHIN 318, 320, **325**, 470; DANC 118; ECON 361, 362; FREN 451, 454; GGS 101, 316, 325, 330, 399; GOVT 328, 332, 333, 338, 340, 341, 345, 433; HIST 251, 252, 261, 262, 271, 272, 281, 282, 326, 327, 328, 329, 353, 354, 356, 357, 358, 360, 364, 365, 366, 367, 387, 426, 460, 461, 462, 465; JAPA 310, 340; KORE 320; MUSI 103; **RELI 211, 212, 240, 272, 313, 314, 315, 337, 365, 374, 375, 379, 387, 490**; RUSS 353, 354

## GLOBAL AFFAIRS COURSES

### CORE (REQUIRED)

1. GLOA 101
2. CONF 340
3. GOVT 322 (*Prerequisite: GOVT 132 or GOVT 133*)
4. ECON 385
5. CULT 320 (*Prerequisite: GLOA 101; Freshmen may not enroll*)
6. EVPP 337

### OTHER COURSES (RECOMMENDED)

- GLOA 400: Capstone
  - Satisfies Capstone/Synthesis requirement
- GLOA 450: Special Topics
  - Can count toward various concentrations
- GLOA 495: Global Experiential Learning
  - Internship, 3-9 credit hours
  - Up to 3 credits can count toward concentration

**GLOBAL AFFAIRS**  
**Freshman Schedule Worksheet**  
**15-16 Credits**

**1. GLOA 101**

Is GLOA 101 Full? Try SOCI 120. It's the same

**2. Foreign Language**

AP/IB/CLEP \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Mason Core 1**

Do you have AP/IB Scores? Be sure not to take a class for which you already have credit!

**4. Mason Core 2**

Are there any classes that require pre-requisites?

**5. Mason Core 3**

Are you considering a Minor?

**Possible courses for next semester:**

1. GLOA 101
2. Any **Mason core** or **CHSS** requirement you did not receive credit or will receive transfer credit for (except for ENGH 302 and GLOA 400)
3. Language credit
4. GOVT 132 or 133

*If you are unsure if you'll receive transfer credit make sure you check the Mason transfer credit matrix first before registering or speak with your advisor.*

## Important Dates – Fall 2020

Dates listed on this page are for full semester courses only. For graduation deadlines, please go to <http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/graduation/timelines/>

FALL SEMESTER	Fall 2020
First Day of Classes	Mon. Aug 24
Labor Day (university closed)	Mon. Sept 7
Last Day to Add (census)	Mon. Aug 31
Last Day to Drop	Tue. Sept 15
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period	Wed. Sept 16 – Mon. Sept
Fall Break (classes do not meet)	Mon. Oct 12
Monday Classes/Labs Meet (Tuesday classes do not meet this week)	Tue. Oct 13
Mid-term evaluation period (full-semester 100-200 level classes)	Mon. Sept 21 - Fri. Oct 16
Selective Withdrawal Period (undergraduates only)	Tue. Sept 29 - Wed. Oct 28
Thanksgiving Recess (no classes)	Wed. Nov 25 - Sun. Nov 29
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri. Dec 4
Last Day of Class	Sat. Dec 5
Reading Day(s)	Mon. Dec 7 - Tue. Dec 8
Examination Period	Wed. Dec 9 - Wed. Dec
Winter Graduation	Thu. Dec 17
Degree Conferral	Sat. Dec 19

This calendar and future calendars can be found at [registrar.gmu.edu](http://registrar.gmu.edu)



**YEAR ONE:**

First Semester	15 credits
GLOA 101 OR SOCI 120	3
COMM 101	3
ENGH 101	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 110	6

Second Semester	15 credits
WEST CIV (HIST 100 OR 125)	3
LITERATURE	3
QUANTITATIVE REASONING	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 201	3
GOVT 132 OR 133	3

**YEAR TWO:**

First Semester	16 credits
NATURAL SCIENCE w/LAB	4
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 202	3
PHIL/RELI	3
FINE ARTS	3
NON-WESTERN CULT	3

Second Semester	15 credits
FOREIGN LANGUAGE elective	3
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3
INFO TECHNOLOGY	3
NATURAL SCIENCE NON-LAB	3
ENGH 302	3

**YEAR THREE:**

First Semester	15 credits
GOVT 322	3
CULT 320	3
FOREIGN LANGUAGE elective	3
Minor*	3
Minor	3

Second Semester	15 credits
GLOA CONCENTRATION	3
ECON 385	3
CONF 340	3
Minor	3
Minor	3

**YEAR FOUR:**

First Semester	15 credits
GLOA CONCENTRATION	3
EVPP 337	3
GLOA CONCENTRATION	3
Minor	3
Minor	3

Second Semester	15 credits
GLOA CONCENTRATION	3
SYNTHESIS	3
GLOA 495 INTERNSHIP*	9

\* Internships and minors are optional

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