

ANTHROPOLOGY, BA

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Anthropology is the study of human beings and their cultures. Majors develop an eye for detail and careful observation, critical thinking, sensitivity to the unfamiliar, skills in research and writing, and an ability to describe and understand culture. The programs in archaeology and biological anthropology give hands-on research experience with faculty through fieldwork in bioarchaeology, archaeology, and museum-based data collection. The programs in cultural anthropology connect anthropological research to current social challenges such as health and disease, urbanization, and geopolitics. It is a strong undergraduate major that provides sound interdisciplinary preparation for a variety of careers.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students are advised to consult with an advisor to learn how they can fulfill Mason Core requirements in global understanding, information technology, and synthesis, as well as the college-level requirement in non-Western culture.

Core Courses in the Major

Core Courses

ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 120	Unearthing the Past: Prehistory, Culture and Evolution (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 390	Theories, Methods, and Issues I ¹	3
ANTH 490	Theories, Methods, and Issues II	3
Total Credits		12

¹ SOCI 311 Classical Sociological Theory may substitute for ANTH 390 Theories, Methods, and Issues I.

Electives in the Major

Select 24 credits from the following: 24

ANTH courses 300-499 ¹

The following SOCI courses:

SOCI 311	Classical Sociological Theory ²
SOCI 313	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core)

Total Credits 24

¹ Students wishing to pursue careers in anthropology should consider taking ANTH 492 Contemporary Controversies in Anthropology (or subfield specialty equivalents, such as ANTH 420 Interpretation in Archaeology, ANTH 450 Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research, ANTH 495 Internship, or ANTH 496 Evolutionary Theory) as one of their electives.

² Only if not used as a substitute for core course ANTH 390 Theories, Methods, and Issues I

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in anthropology may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing ANTH 490 Theories, Methods, and Issues II

Upper Level Requirement

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PHIL ¹		
RELI		

¹ Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 393 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253 Philosophy and Literature (Mason Core) and RELI 235 Religion and Literature (Mason Core) cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits of social and behavioral sciences from the following (additional to the Mason Core social and behavioral sciences requirement) ¹		3

ANTH
CRIM
ECON
GOVT
HIST ²
LING
PSYC
SOCI

Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)
GGS 103	Human Geography (Mason Core)
GGS 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGS 301	Political Geography
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)
GGS 304	Population Geography (Mason Core)
GGS 305	Economic Geography
GGS 306	Urban Geography
GGS 315	Geography of the United States
GGS 316	Geography of Latin America
GGS 320	Geography of Europe
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGS 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States
GGS 357	Structures in Urban Governance and Planning
GGS 380	Geography of Virginia

¹ The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

² HIST 100 History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) and HIST 125 Introduction to World History (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language, fulfilled by: ¹		
Completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202, 209, or 210 (or higher level courses taught in the language)		
Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test		
Or completing the following ASL three course sequence:		
EDSE 115	American Sign Language (ASL) I	
EDSE 116	American Sign Language (ASL) II	
EDSE 219	American Sign Language (ASL) III	

¹ Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu>).

Non-Western Culture

Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits (additional to Mason Core Global Understanding requirement) ¹		
ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 301	Native North Americans	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 303	Peoples and Cultures of the Andes	3
ANTH 306	Peoples and Cultures of Island Asia (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 316	Peoples and Cultures of the Caribbean (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 323	Digging and Dealing in the Dead: Ethics in Archaeology	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3
ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 383	Cities of the Global South	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core)	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core)	3

CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3	HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core)	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core)	3	HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core)	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)	3-6
FREN 451	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 328	Non-Western Political Theory	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	3	RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	RELI 272	Islam	3
GOVT 432	Political Change and Social Development in Sub-Saharan Africa	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 379	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RELI 387	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3	RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core)	3
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3	RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core)	3
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3			
HIST 354	Modern China	3			
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)	3			

¹ A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (<http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu>).

Mason Core

Note: Some 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 requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Requirements		
	Written Communication	6

Oral Communication	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Information Technology	3-7
Core Requirements	
Arts	3
Global Understanding	3
Literature	3
Natural Science	7
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Synthesis/Capstone Requirement ¹	
Synthesis/Capstone	3
Total Credits	40

¹ minimum 3 credits

Additional Electives

Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly-qualified students majoring in anthropology may apply to graduate with honors in the major.

Eligibility

To be eligible, students must have completed at least 60 credits, taken ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) for the social sciences, completed 15 credits of anthropology (including ANTH 114 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)), and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 and a minimum grade of B+ in anthropology courses.

Requirements

If accepted, students complete two honors courses. The first course is an honors section of one of these courses: ANTH 496 Evolutionary Theory, ANTH 420 Interpretation in Archaeology, ANTH 430 Research Methods in Archaeology, ANTH 450 Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research, ANTH 495 Internship or another course chosen in consultation with the honors director. The second course is ANTH 499 Independent Research, in which students complete an honors paper written under the guidance of an anthropology faculty member. All candidates for honors in the major participate in an honors colloquium. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete the honors coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's programs in the list below specify the BA in anthropology as a feeder degree for their programs. It is important to note, however, that many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason, including this one. See the full list of master's degrees with accelerated programs at George Mason.

Anthropology, BA/Anthropology, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified Mason anthropology majors may apply to the accelerated master's degree program. If accepted, students will be able to earn both a BA and a MA in anthropology after satisfactory completion of 144 credits, sometimes within 5 years. Students with both a BA and MA have a competitive advantage when applying to PhD programs in anthropology. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

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.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MA in anthropology, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://soan.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ANTH/application>).

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (chosen from ANTH 535 Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar I, ANTH 536 Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar II, and ANTH 650 Methods in Anthropology) as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. On completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit (chosen from ANTH 635 Regional Ethnography, ANTH 650 Methods in Anthropology, or ANTH 699 Contemporary Issues in Sociocultural Anthropology). These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master's degree, students should use the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form.

The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/Middle East and Islamic Studies, Accelerated MA

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates pursuing a BA in select majors (listed below) may apply to the accelerated master's degree in Middle East and Islamic studies. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a master's degree in Middle East and Islamic studies after satisfactory completion of 144 credits, sometimes within five years. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

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.

Selected Majors

- government and international politics
- global affairs
- history
- religious studies
- Russian and Eurasian studies
- sociology
- anthropology

It is preferred, though not required, that the student have a minor in Middle East studies or Islamic studies.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MA in Middle East and Islamic studies, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://meis.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-ancel-meis>).

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6
MEIS 500	Critical Issues and Debates in Middle East and Islamic Studies	
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History	
GOVT 632	Politics and Societies of the Middle East	
RELI 644	Islamic Texts and Contexts	
Total Credits		6

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students

must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master's degree, students should use the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form.

Code	Title	Credits
Select up to 6 additional graduate credits from the following:		6
MEIS 500	Critical Issues and Debates in Middle East and Islamic Studies	
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History	
GOVT 731	Advanced Seminar in Comparative Politics (when content focus is the Middle East)	
GOVT 733	Islam and Politics	
RELI 644	Islamic Texts and Contexts	
Total Credits		6

The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/ Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Women and Gender Studies Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in select majors may apply to the accelerated master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in women and gender studies. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in women and gender studies after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometime within five years.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Selected Majors

Anthropology, Sociology, English, History, Philosophy, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Psychology, Government and International Politics, and Communication.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see <http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/> application on the departmental web site.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two from the following:		6
WMST 600	Special Topics	
WMST 610	Feminist Approaches to Social Research	
WMST 630	Feminist Theories across the Disciplines	
WMST 640	Women and Global Issues	
Total Credits		6

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master's degree, students should use the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
WMST 600	Special Topics	
WMST 610	Feminist Approaches to Social Research	
WMST 630	Feminist Theories across the Disciplines	
WMST 640	Women and Global Issues	
Total Credits		6

The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/ Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Religion, Culture, and Values Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in selected majors (see below) may apply to the accelerated master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in religion, culture, and values. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor's degree in their chosen major and a master's in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in religion, culture, and values after

satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometimes within five years. See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees.

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.

Selected Majors

- Art history
- Philosophy
- Conflict analysis and resolution
- Global affairs
- History
- Religious studies
- Russian and Eurasian studies
- Sociology
- Anthropology

If the student has not majored in religious studies, it is preferred, though not required, that the student have a minor in religious studies.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application>).

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all coursework. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two from the following:		6
RELI 630	Approaches to the Study of Religion	
RELI 631	Sacred as Secular in Modern Spirituality	
RELI 632	World Religions in Conflict and Dialogue	
RELI 633	Ethical Perspectives of World Religions	
RELI 635	World Religions in Transition and Transformation	
RELI 636	Religion and the Natural Environment	
RELI 642	Sacred Language, Scripture, and Culture	
Total Credits		6

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree.

To apply these credits to the master's degree, students should use the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits from the following:		6
RELI 630	Approaches to the Study of Religion	
RELI 631	Sacred as Secular in Modern Spirituality	
RELI 632	World Religions in Conflict and Dialogue	
RELI 633	Ethical Perspectives of World Religions	
RELI 635	World Religions in Transition and Transformation	
RELI 636	Religion and the Natural Environment	
RELI 642	Sacred Language, Scripture, and Culture	
Total Credits		6

The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Bachelor's Degree (selected)/ Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Social Justice and Human Rights Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in select majors (listed below) may apply to the accelerated master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn an undergraduate degree in their chosen major and a master's in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometimes within five years.

For more detailed information, see AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Selected Majors

Anthropology, Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Sociology, English, History, Philosophy, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Psychology, Government and International Politics, Integrative Studies, and Communication.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application>) on the departmental web site.

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights and one course chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights as indicated on their Accelerated

Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit (chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights). These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. The ability to take courses for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the program. Permission to take a graduate course for reserve graduate credit is normally granted only to Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

Code	Title	Credits
Select up to 6 credits from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights		6
Total Credits		6