

COMMUNICATION, BA

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Communication is the study of basic human social processes: the creation and dissemination of meaning and information. The major prepares students for graduate study or professional positions in such fields as interpersonal and organizational communication, journalism, media production and criticism, political communication, and public relations. Students develop skills and knowledge that put them at the edge of a rapidly changing communication industry. Majors learn to construct and evaluate messages across platforms—web, print, audio and visual.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 39 credits within the major, with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course.

Of the 39 credits applied to the major, no more than 10 credits may be from courses listed in the Degree Requirements. In addition to 12 credits of core courses, students take 21 credits of courses in a concentration and 6 credits of additional communication courses. Of these last 27 credits, at least 12 credits must be at the 300-400 level, no more than 6 credits may be in COMM 450 Internship in Communication, and no more than 3 credits may be in COMM 452 Media Production Practicum.

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.

Core Courses

COMM 200	Communication Theory	3
COMM 300	Foundations of Public Communication ¹	3
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core)	3
COMM 400	Research Methods in Communication ²	3
Total Credits		12

¹ Must first complete COMM 200 Communication Theory with a grade of C or better.

² Must first complete six credits from COMM 300 Foundations of Public Communication, COMM 301 Foundations of Interpersonal Communication, or COMM 305 Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) with a grade of C or better.

Concentration

Students must complete coursework in one concentration. Students may also declare a second concentration. They must declare a concentration before they earn more than 75 credits. Transfer students with 60 or more credits are encouraged to declare a concentration by the end of their first semester. COMM 399 Special Topics in Communication or other special topics courses from other concentrations may be applied toward a concentration when the topic is relevant to the concentration with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

Concentration in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication (IOC)

Required Courses

COMM 301	Foundations of Interpersonal Communication (core course)	3
COMM 335	Organizational Communication (core course)	3
COMM 201 or COMM 332	Small Group Communication Nonverbal Communication	3

Electives

Select 12 credits from the following:		12
COMM 201	Small Group Communication	
COMM 230	Case Studies in Persuasion	
COMM 304	Foundations of Health Communication	
COMM 306	Issues in Intercultural Communication	
COMM 320	Business and Professional Communication	
COMM 332	Nonverbal Communication	
COMM 334	Family and Health Communication	
COMM 367	Children and Media	
COMM 385	Special Topics in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication	
COMM 395	Special Topics in Health Communication	
COMM 401	Interpersonal Communication in the Workplace	
COMM 430	Persuasion	
COMM 433	Environmental Communication	
COMM 434	Interviewing	
COMM 435	Digital Communication	
COMM 440	Ceremonial Speech Writing and Performance	
COMM 465	Topics in Communication and Gender	
Total Credits		21

Concentration in Journalism (JNL)

Required Courses

COMM 203	Introduction to Journalism	3
COMM 303	Writing across the Media	3
COMM 454	Free Speech and Ethics (Mason Core)	3

Select three credits from the following: 3

COMM 351	News Writing and Reporting	
COMM 352	News Editing: Print and Beyond	
COMM 361	Online Journalism	
COMM 453	Multimedia Journalism	

Electives

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

COMM 145	Newspaper Workshop I	
COMM 148	Radio Workshop I	
COMM 157	Digital Media Workshop	
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory	
COMM 345	Newspaper Workshop II	
COMM 351	News Writing and Reporting (if not taken as a required course)	
COMM 352	News Editing: Print and Beyond	
COMM 353	Broadcast Journalism	
COMM 356	Video: Performance and Writing	
COMM 361	Online Journalism (if not taken as a required course)	
COMM 370	Feature Writing	
COMM 371	Sports Writing and Reporting	
COMM 373	Business and Economic Journalism	
COMM 374	Political Journalism	
COMM 387	Special Topics in Journalism	
COMM 453	Multimedia Journalism (if not taken as a required course)	
COMM 455	History of Journalism	
COMM 475	Journalism Law	

Total Credits 21

Concentration in Media Production and Criticism (MPC)

Required Courses

COMM 208	Introduction to Media Production	3
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory	3
COMM 380	Media Criticism	3

Electives

Select 12 credits from the following: 12

COMM 148	Radio Workshop I	
COMM 157	Digital Media Workshop	
COMM 202	Media and Society	
COMM 210	Voice and Articulation	
COMM 255	Introduction to Media Literacy	
COMM 303	Writing across the Media	
COMM 310	Performance for Communication Arts	
COMM 346	Yearbook Workshop	
COMM 347	Cable TV Programming and Marketing	
COMM 348	Radio Workshop II	
COMM 350	Mass Communication and Public Policy	
COMM 353	Broadcast Journalism	
COMM 354	Radio Production	
COMM 356	Video: Performance and Writing	
COMM 358	Multi-Camera Studio Production	
COMM 359	Media Management	

COMM 360	Digital Postproduction	
COMM 363	Media Career Seminar	
COMM 364	Videography	
COMM 365	Gender, Race, and Class in the Media	
COMM 366	Visual Communication	
COMM 367	Children and Media	
COMM 372	Sports and the Media	
COMM 375	Mass Communication Advertising and Promotions	
COMM 396	Special Topics in Mass Communication	
COMM 397	Special Topics in Production	
COMM 435	Digital Communication	
COMM 452	Media Production Practicum	
COMM 456	Comparative Mass Media (Mason Core)	

Total Credits 21

Concentration in Political Communication (PCOM)

Required Courses

COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory	3
COMM 327	Political Communication	3
COMM 430	Persuasion	3
COMM 454	Free Speech and Ethics (Mason Core)	3

Electives

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

COMM 140	Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts	
COMM 141	Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts	
COMM 142	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Affirmative Strategies	
COMM 143	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Negative Strategies	
COMM 230	Case Studies in Persuasion	
COMM 260	Basic Debate Theory and Practice	
COMM 261	Theories of Argumentation	
COMM 320	Business and Professional Communication	
COMM 326	Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy (Mason Core)	
COMM 340	Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts	
COMM 341	Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts	
COMM 342	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Affirmative Strategies	
COMM 343	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Negative Strategies	
COMM 362	Argument and Public Policy (Mason Core)	
COMM 374	Political Journalism	
COMM 380	Media Criticism	
COMM 386	Special Topics in Political Communication	
COMM 412	Politics and the Mass Media	
COMM 431	New Media and Democracy	
COMM 433	Environmental Communication	
COMM 465	Topics in Communication and Gender	

Total Credits 21

Concentration in Public Relations (PR)**Required Courses**

COMM 204	Introduction to Public Relations	3
COMM 303	Writing across the Media	3
COMM 331	Advanced Principles in Public Relations	3
COMM 430	Persuasion	3

Electives

Select 9 credits from the following:		9
COMM 202	Media and Society	
COMM 230	Case Studies in Persuasion	
COMM 260	Basic Debate Theory and Practice	
COMM 261	Theories of Argumentation	
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory	
COMM 320	Business and Professional Communication	
COMM 335	Organizational Communication	
COMM 351	News Writing and Reporting	
COMM 359	Media Management	
COMM 362	Argument and Public Policy (Mason Core)	
COMM 375	Mass Communication Advertising and Promotions	
COMM 384	Public Relations and Social Media	
COMM 388	Special Topics in Public Relations	
COMM 389	Public Relations for Associations and Nonprofits	
COMM 390	Issues in Public Relations	
COMM 391	Writing for Public Relations	
COMM 392	Public Relations Study Abroad	
COMM 411	Public Relations Practicum	
COMM 433	Environmental Communication	
COMM 440	Ceremonial Speech Writing and Performance	
COMM 454	Free Speech and Ethics (Mason Core)	

Total Credits		21
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Electives

Select six credits of COMM courses in consultation with an advisor ¹	6
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Total Credits	6
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¹ COMM 100 Public Speaking (Mason Core) and COMM 101 Interpersonal and Group Interaction (Mason Core) cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

Courses Limited to 10 Credits

Of the 39 credits applied to the major, no more than 10 credits may be in these courses. In addition, no more than 6 credits of COMM 450 Internship in Communication or 3 credits of COMM 452 Media Production Practicum may be applied to the major.

COMM 140	Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts	1
COMM 141	Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts	1
COMM 142	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Affirmative Strategies	1

COMM 143	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Negative Strategies	1
COMM 145	Newspaper Workshop I	1
COMM 148	Radio Workshop I	1
COMM 157	Digital Media Workshop	1
COMM 340	Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts	1
COMM 341	Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts	1
COMM 342	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Affirmative Strategies	1
COMM 343	Forensics Seminar in Debate: Negative Strategies	1
COMM 345	Newspaper Workshop II	1
COMM 346	Yearbook Workshop	1
COMM 348	Radio Workshop II	1
COMM 398	Research Practicum in Communication	1-3
COMM 450	Internship in Communication	3
COMM 451	Facilitating Communication Education	3
COMM 452	Media Production Practicum	1-3
COMM 491	RS: Honors Research Project in Communication	3
COMM 498	RS: Research Projects in Communication	3
COMM 499	Independent Study in Communication	1-3

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated as writing intensive in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in communication fulfill this requirement by successfully completing COMM 300 Foundations of Public Communication.

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		

ANTH		3
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	HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)	3	HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core)	3	HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core)	3	HIST 326	Stalinism	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3	HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core)	3	HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	3	HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core)	3	HIST 353	History of Traditional China	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core)	3	HIST 354	Modern China	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core)	3	HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	3	HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	3	HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	3	HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core)	3	HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3	HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)	3	HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core)	3	HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core)	3	HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)	3-6
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core)	3	HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	3
FREN 451	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3	HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)	3	HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3	HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3	JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	3
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3	JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3	KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
GOVT 328	Non-Western Political Theory	3	MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	3	RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	RELI 272	Islam	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 432	Political Change and Social Development in Sub-Saharan Africa	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 379	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
			RELI 387	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
			RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core)	3
			RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core)	3

RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core)	3
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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 Elective Courses

Select any remaining credits of elective courses to bring the degree total to 120

Honors

Honors in the Major

Highly-qualified students may pursue advanced coursework leading to graduation with honors in the major.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for honors coursework if they meet the following requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 75 credit hours, including COMM 200 Communication Theory and two of COMM 300 Foundations of Public Communication, COMM 301 Foundations of Interpersonal Communication, COMM 302 Foundations of Media Theory, COMM 305 Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core).

- Minimum GPA of 3.25 in all coursework completed at George Mason.
- GPA of 3.50 in all communication coursework completed at George Mason and applied to the major.

Honors coursework in communication is a fall-spring sequence. Applications may be submitted by eligible students for fall semester enrollment. The deadline is March 15 each spring, for the sequence beginning the following fall. Student eligibility will be dependent on the GPA at the time of application. If accepted to pursue honors coursework, the student must then enroll in COMM 490 Honors Research Methods in Communication. Under the guidance of the COMM 490 Honors Research Methods in Communication instructor, the student will complete a research prospectus for an honors project to be implemented in the following semester in COMM 491 RS: Honors Research Project in Communication.

Honors Requirements

To remain eligible for honors coursework, the student must

- receive a grade of 3.00 (no lower than B) in COMM 490 Honors Research Methods in Communication;
- have the research prospectus approved by the COMM 490 Honors Research Methods in Communication instructor and the honors director; and
- maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a minimum GPA of 3.50 in all COMM coursework completed at George Mason University and applied to the major.

In the following semester, the student enrolls in COMM 491 RS: Honors Research Project in Communication. The student conducts his/her research and prepares a written project conforming to the standards set by the instructor. Upon completion of the project, the COMM 491 RS: Honors Research Project in Communication instructor and the honors director will determine if the project is of honors quality, which is then indicated by the grade earned in COMM 491 RS: Honors Research Project in Communication. For honors designation, the student must achieve an average grade of 3.50 across COMM 490 Honors Research Methods in Communication and COMM 491 RS: Honors Research Project in Communication and must also maintain minimum GPA eligibility requirements outlined above.

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's programs in the list below specify the BA in communication 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.

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 (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
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	Total Credits	6