

HISTORY, BA

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The BA in history looks at the range of human experience: how people have lived in the past, how they live and coexist in the present, and the links between the two. Students learn to interpret the past by examining a variety of original sources: newspapers, letters and diaries, literature, government records, images, films, oral interviews, and more. Majors hone their skills in collecting, interpreting, and communicating information. Majors move on to careers in government, law, and management, as well as teaching and graduate study.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major with at least 18 credits at the 300 and 400 levels. Additional credits of history in excess of 36 may be presented as elective credits to be counted toward graduation. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the major.

HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) and HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) may not be used to satisfy the geographic distribution requirements in U.S. history, European history, and global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern history. No more than 3 credits of ARTH coursework may apply to the History BA. 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.

Before registering, students should see an advisor to help plan their history program to meet Mason Core and college-level requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives or a minor.

Major without Concentration

HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core)	3
Total Credits		6

U.S. History

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 121	Formation of the American Republic (Mason Core)
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HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core)	
HIST 331	Postwar United States, 1945-1973	
HIST 332	United States since 1973	
HIST 333	The Automobile in the United States	
HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885	
HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present	
HIST 337	Race and Gender in American Sports	
HIST 338	History of College Athletics	
HIST 339	History of Baseball	
HIST 340	Basketball and the American Experience	
HIST 341	History of Sport in the United States	
HIST 342	History of the Olympics and the United States	
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History	
HIST 351	History of the Old South	
HIST 352	The South since 1865	
HIST 370	War and American Society	
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 377	The Vietnam War	
HIST 378	History of Aviation	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History	
HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800	
HIST 392	History of Virginia Since 1800	
HIST 401	Colonial America	
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	
HIST 404	Jacksonian America, 1812-1854	
Total Credits		6

European History

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) ¹
HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization
HIST 301	Classical Greece
HIST 302	Classical Rome
HIST 304	Western Europe in the Middle Ages
HIST 305	The Renaissance
HIST 306	The Reformation
HIST 307	Old Regime and Revolutionary Europe
HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST 309	Europe in Crisis: 1914-1948
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe
HIST 314	History of Germany

HIST 322	Modern Britain
HIST 326	Stalinism
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)
HIST 388	Topics in European History
HIST 426	The Russian Revolution
HIST 436	European Society and Culture: 19th and 20th Centuries
HIST 480	Alexander the Great
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Total Credits	6

¹ Used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in Western civilization may also fulfill 3 credits of this requirement

Global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern History

Approved courses in history used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in global understanding and the college-level requirement in non-Western culture may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)
HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)
HIST 353	History of Traditional China
HIST 354	Modern China
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)
HIST 359	Modern Iraq
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)
HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery
HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)

HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century
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Total Credits	6

Electives in the Major

Students may also meet the elective requirement by completing an optional concentration.

Select four electives in history ¹	12
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Total Credits	12

¹ Students should choose courses in history at the 300 or 400 levels to meet this requirement if they need credits to complete the 18-credit, upper-level history requirement. In addition to HIST courses, history majors may use one 300-level ARTH course and HNRS 240 Reading the Past (Topic Varies) to fulfill this requirement.

Major with Concentration

Concentration in Digital History (HISD)

In this concentration, students explore and develop skills in using digital methods for the research, analysis, and presentation of history. Students interested in graduate education or careers in the digital humanities and new media or in working with digital methods in museums, archives, and other public history institutions should consider this concentration.

Core Courses

HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core)	3

Select three electives with at least 6 credits in HIST from the following: 9

HIST 395	Topics in Digital History
ENGH 375	Web Authoring and Design
ENGH 376	Rhetoric and New Media
INTS 345	Introduction to Multimedia
other coursework, including internships, approved by the program director	

Total Credits 18

U.S. History

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 121	Formation of the American Republic (Mason Core)
HIST 122	Development of Modern America (Mason Core)
HIST 331	Postwar United States, 1945-1973
HIST 332	United States since 1973
HIST 333	The Automobile in the United States
HIST 335	The African American Experience in the United States: African Background to 1885
HIST 336	The African American Experience in the United States: Reconstruction to the Present

HIST 337	Race and Gender in American Sports
HIST 338	History of College Athletics
HIST 339	History of Baseball
HIST 340	Basketball and the American Experience
HIST 341	History of Sport in the United States
HIST 342	History of the Olympics and the United States
HIST 350	U.S. Women's History
HIST 351	History of the Old South
HIST 352	The South since 1865
HIST 370	War and American Society
HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST 377	The Vietnam War
HIST 378	History of Aviation
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History
HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800
HIST 392	History of Virginia Since 1800
HIST 401	Colonial America
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812
HIST 404	Jacksonian America, 1812-1854

Total Credits 6

European History

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) ¹
HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization
HIST 301	Classical Greece
HIST 302	Classical Rome
HIST 304	Western Europe in the Middle Ages
HIST 305	The Renaissance
HIST 306	The Reformation
HIST 307	Old Regime and Revolutionary Europe
HIST 308	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST 309	Europe in Crisis: 1914-1948
HIST 312	Nationalism in Eastern Europe
HIST 314	History of Germany
HIST 322	Modern Britain
HIST 326	Stalinism
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)
HIST 388	Topics in European History
HIST 426	The Russian Revolution
HIST 436	European Society and Culture: 19th and 20th Centuries
HIST 480	Alexander the Great

Total Credits 6

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Global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern History

Approved courses in history used to fulfill the Mason Core requirement in global understanding and the college-level requirement in non-Western culture may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Select two courses from the following: 6

HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)
HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)
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HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)
HIST 353	History of Traditional China
HIST 354	Modern China
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)
HIST 359	Modern Iraq
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)
HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery
HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century

Total Credits 6

Concentration in Public History (HISP)

In this concentration, students explore a variety of issues related to preserving historical materials and presenting historical information to a broader public. Students interested in graduate education in public history or in working in public history institutions such as museums, libraries, archives, and historic sites should consider this concentration.

Core Courses

HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 396	Introduction to Public History	3
HIST 390	The Digital Past (Mason Core)	3
HIST 399	Internship ¹	3
Select one elective from the following:		3
HIST 397	Topics in Public History	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
ARTH 394	The Museum (Mason Core)	
ENGH 370	Introduction to Documentary (Mason Core)	
other coursework, not including internships, approved by the program director		
Total Credits		18

¹ Students work individually with the department's internship coordinator to find appropriate internships. HIST 399 may be repeated up to a maximum of 9 credits, and students in the public history concentration are encouraged to take more than 3 credits of internships, with additional credits beyond the first 3 counting as general electives.

U.S. History

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HIST 373	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 377	The Vietnam War	
HIST 378	History of Aviation	
HIST 380	Uncovering the U.S. Past Through Film	
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History	

HIST 391	History of Virginia to 1800	
HIST 392	History of Virginia Since 1800	
HIST 401	Colonial America	
HIST 403	Revolutionary Era in American History, 1763-1812	
HIST 404	Jacksonian America, 1812-1854	
Total Credits		6

European History

Select two courses from the following:		6
HIST 100	History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) ¹	
HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civilization	
HIST 102	Development of Western Civilization	
HIST 301	Classical Greece	
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HIST 314	History of Germany	
HIST 322	Modern Britain	
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HIST 202	Freshman/Sophomore Seminar in Global History	
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	

HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)	
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HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)	
HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)	
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
Total Credits		6

Concentration in Global History (HISG)

In this concentration, students explore the interconnected histories of major world regions beyond the United States and Europe. Students interested in graduate education in global history or careers in government or business or with non-governmental organizations or other employers operating in the international arena should consider this concentration. Students in the global history concentration are especially encouraged to study abroad as part of their undergraduate program.

Core Courses

HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core)	3
HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 394	Globalization and History	3
Select five courses chosen from the following lists. No more than 3 credits of ARTH coursework may apply to the History BA.		15

Asian History

HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	
HIST 353	History of Traditional China	
HIST 354	Modern China	
HIST 356	Modern Japan (Mason Core)	

HIST 357	Postwar Japan (Mason Core)	
HIST 358	Post-1949 China (Mason Core)	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core)	
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core)	
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core)	
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core)	
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core)	

African History

HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	
HIST 360	History of South Africa (Mason Core)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core)	

Latin American History

HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	
HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	
HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core)	

Middle Eastern & North African History

HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	
HIST 359	Modern Iraq	
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core)	
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core)	

Russian & Central Asian History

HIST 326	Stalinism	
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HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	
HIST 328	Rise of Russia (Mason Core)	
HIST 329	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)	
HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core)	
World History		
HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core)	
HIST 384	Global History of Christianity	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (depending on topic)	
Other HIST coursework approved by the program director		
Optional foreign language skills development course in history ²		1
HIST 386	Topics in History	
Select four electives in history ³		11-12
Total Credits		36

¹ Three of the five courses must be chosen from one of the following areas: Asian, African, Latin American, Middle Eastern and North African, or Russian and Central Asian history.

² Working individually with their instructor for an upper-level HIST course, students may pursue historical reading or other work to develop skills in an appropriate foreign language in which they have already met the CHSS requirement for intermediate-level proficiency.

³ Students should choose courses in history at the 300- or 400-levels to meet this requirement if they need to complete the 18-credit, upper-level history requirement. In addition to HIST courses, students may apply HNRS 240 Reading the Past (Topic Varies) and/or one 300-level ARTH course not counted above toward this requirement. In total, no more than 3 credits of ARTH may be applied to the history BA.

Individualized Concentration (IND)

Students who wish to design their own concentration must submit a one-page proposal and create a curriculum plan to be approved by the program director. This option may be particularly appropriate for students who want to focus on U.S. history or European history without emphasis on digital or public history methods.

All students in the individualized concentration will be required to complete 15-18 credits of breadth requirements modeled on the geographic distribution coursework in the history BA without concentration. For their remaining 12-15 credits in history, students will work with the program director to plan coursework that explores their chosen concentration across time periods and geographical lines as appropriate.

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 history may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing:

HIST 300	Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core)	3
or HIST 499	RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core)	
Total Credits		3

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:		
PHIL ¹		3
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		
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)	

GGG 305	Economic Geography
GGG 306	Urban Geography
GGG 315	Geography of the United States
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America
GGG 320	Geography of Europe
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States
GGG 357	Structures in Urban Governance and Planning
GGG 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
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core)	3
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core)	3
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core)	3
ECON 362	African Economic Development (Mason Core)	3
FREN 451	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	3
FREN 454	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3
GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)	3
GGG 316	Geography of Latin America	3
GGG 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3
GGG 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3
GGG 399	Select Topics in GGS	3
GOVT 328	Non-Western Political Theory	3

GOVT 332	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3	RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	3	RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3	RELI 272	Islam	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3	RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3	RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
GOVT 432	Political Change and Social Development in Sub-Saharan Africa	3	RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3	RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 379	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 387	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3	RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core)	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core)	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3	RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core)	3
HIST 326	Stalinism	3			
HIST 327	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	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			
HIST 364	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 365	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 366	Comparative Slavery	3			
HIST 367	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	3			
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core)	3-6			
HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	3			
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3			
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)	3			
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3			
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)	3			
JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)	3			
KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3			
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core)	3			
RELI 211	Religions of the West (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 electives to bring the degree total to 120.

Honors

Honors in the Major

History majors who have completed 75 credits (a minimum of 15 in history, 6 of which must have been taken at Mason) with an overall GPA of 3.50 and a GPA of 3.50 in history courses are eligible to apply to graduate with honors in history. Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core). The statement of application should include references from at least one Mason history faculty member. If a major part of the student's work includes transfer credit, transcripts may be required. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are guaranteed acceptance into honors in the major.

Students pursuing honors in the major will take a two-semester course sequence: HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings and HIST 491 Honors Directed Research. HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings will focus on the design of a major research project and HIST 491 Honors Directed Research will focus on completing that project. To graduate with honors in the major, students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the honors courses and a minimum GPA of 3.50 in history courses applied to the degree. A grade of B or higher in HIST 490 Honors Directed Readings is required to proceed to HIST 491 Honors Directed Research. The two honors courses (6 credits) may be applied to the requirement of 36 credits in history and successful completion of HIST 491 Honors Directed Research satisfies the seminar course requirement in place of HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core).

Accelerated Master's

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

History, BA/History, Accelerated MA Overview

Highly-qualified Mason undergraduates may apply to the accelerated master's degree program and obtain both a BA and a MA in history after satisfactory completion of 144 credits. The BA and MA earned separately require 120 and 30 credits respectively. If accepted into the program, they must have completed 90 credits including HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) with a minimum grade of B+ before they can enter the program.

Interested students should contact the Director of Undergraduate Programs for details about the application process.

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.

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 history, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-hist/application>) on the departmental web site.

Accelerated Option Requirements

Applicants accepted to the accelerated MA program must have completed 90 credits including HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) with a minimum grade of B+ as a condition to entry into the program.

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (HIST 610 The Study and Writing of History and one additional 3 credit HIST course at the 500-level or 600-level), as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application, with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. These credits cannot replace HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core). Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all coursework and earn a B or better (3.00 or higher) in coursework applied to their major. 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 credits of HIST courses at the 500-level or 600-level 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.

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:		
MEIS 500	Critical Issues and Debates in Middle East and Islamic Studies	6
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:		
MEIS 500	Critical Issues and Debates in Middle East and Islamic Studies	6
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 (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

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.