

# PHILOSOPHY, BA

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The BA in philosophy examines how philosophers have answered some of the most enduring questions about human existence, while exploring how those answers continue to inform our thinking in the present. Students gain a deeper understanding of philosophy's relevance to key contemporary issues—such as global warming, social justice and the defense of human rights, or the relationship between science and religion. Students can use this major as preparation for professions such as law or government service, as a pathway to graduate work, or to complement other interests by taking a double major in philosophy and a related field of study.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. At least 21 credits must be at the 300 level or above, including at least 3 credits in PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core)/PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core). If a course counts for the requirement in analytic or continental philosophy, and also for the ethics and political philosophy requirement, then both requirements are fulfilled with that course.

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 without Concentration

#### Logic

PHIL 173	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 376	Symbolic Logic	

#### History of Philosophy

PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	3
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	3

#### Analytic Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 332	Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 333	American Philosophy: Pragmatism	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	

PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
PHIL 371	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	
PHIL 373	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 374	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 411	Theories of Decision	

#### Continental Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion (with departmental approval) <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 335	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	
PHIL 336	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Existentialism	
PHIL 337	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Phenomenology	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 340	Hermeneutic Philosophy	
PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	

#### Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 305	Business Ethics	
PHIL 309	Bioethics (Mason Core)	
PHIL 311	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
PHIL 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender	
PHIL 343	Topics in Environmental Philosophy (Mason Core)	
PHIL 344	Ethical Issues in Global Health	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
PHIL 411	Theories of Decision	

Total Credits 18

<sup>1</sup> When the subject matter is appropriate and with the prior written approval of the undergraduate director, PHIL 391 Special Topics in Philosophy, PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core), PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core), or PHIL 425 Independent Study may be used to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Only with departmental approval.

### Electives without Concentration

Select five or six electives from any philosophy courses including those listed above that are not used to meet another requirement. <sup>1</sup> 15-18

Total Credits 15-18

<sup>1</sup> If both the analytic or continental philosophy and the ethics and political philosophy requirements are met with the same course, the student will complete six elective courses.

## Optional Concentrations

Students interested in a degree in philosophy with a concentration will complete the coursework for one of the concentrations below.

### Concentration in Philosophy and Law (PHLW)

The concentration in philosophy and law offers philosophy majors the opportunity to focus their study of philosophy in a way that prepares them for the study of the law.

In addition to the specific courses listed below, other relevant courses may be applied to the requirements for this concentration with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

#### Logic

PHIL 173	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 376	Symbolic Logic	

#### History of Philosophy

PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	3
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	3

#### Analytic Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 332	Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 333	American Philosophy: Pragmatism	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	
PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
PHIL 371	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	
PHIL 373	Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 374	Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL 411	Theories of Decision	

#### Continental Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 335	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	
PHIL 336	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Existentialism	
PHIL 337	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Phenomenology	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 340	Hermeneutic Philosophy	
PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	

#### Philosophy and Law

PHIL 311	Philosophy of Law	3
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Select two courses from the following: 6

PHIL 323	Classical Western Political Theory	
PHIL 324	Modern Western Political Theory	
PHIL 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	

GOVT 428 Advanced Democratic Theory

GOVT 448 Ethics and International Politics

#### Electives in Philosophy

Select three electives from any philosophy courses including those listed above that are not used to meet another requirement. 9

Total Credits 33

<sup>1</sup> When the subject matter is appropriate and with the prior written approval of the undergraduate director, PHIL 391 Special Topics in Philosophy, PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core), PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core), or PHIL 425 Independent Study may be used to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Only with departmental approval.

### Concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

This is a high credit concentration for students interested in a program that explores the interdisciplinary connections between philosophy, political science, and economics.

Students pursuing this concentration, similar to all students pursuing a BA in philosophy, must complete at least 33 credits in philosophy earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. No course may be used to fulfill more than one requirement. In addition to the specific courses listed below, other relevant courses may be applied to the requirements for this concentration with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

#### Logic

PHIL 173	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL 376	Symbolic Logic	

#### History of Philosophy

PHIL 301	History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	3
PHIL 303	History of Western Philosophy: Modern	3

#### Analytic Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 332	Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy	
PHIL 333	American Philosophy: Pragmatism	
PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 355	Theories of Ethics	
PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	
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#### Continental Tradition

Select one course from the following: <sup>1</sup> 3

PHIL 313	Philosophy of Religion <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 325	Karl Marx's Social and Political Thought	
PHIL 335	Nineteenth-Century Philosophy	
PHIL 336	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Existentialism	
PHIL 337	Twentieth-Century Continental Thought: Phenomenology	

PHIL 338	Philosophy, Sex, and Gender <sup>2</sup>	
PHIL 340	Hermeneutic Philosophy	
PHIL 356	Philosophy of Art	
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Required Courses for Concentration</b>		
GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government (Mason Core)	3
ECON 103	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
ECON 104	Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles (Mason Core)	3
ECON 306	Intermediate Microeconomics	3
GOVT/PHIL 324	Modern Western Political Theory	3
GOVT/PHIL 327	Contemporary Western Political Theory	3
GOVT 422	Constitutional Interpretation	3
PHIL 357	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	3
or PHIL 371	Philosophy of Natural Sciences	
PHIL 358	Ethics and Economics	3
ECON 412	Game Theory and Economics of Institutions	3
PHIL 411	Theories of Decision	3
GOVT 467	Current Issues in Economic Policy	3
PHIL 460	Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	3
Total Credits		54

<sup>1</sup> When the subject matter is appropriate and with the prior written approval of the undergraduate director, PHIL 391 Special Topics in Philosophy, PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core), PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core), or PHIL 425 Independent Study may be used to fulfill this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Only with departmental approval.

### 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. All senior seminars (PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core), PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core)) in philosophy are writing intensive. Philosophy majors should consult the undergraduate director for other courses that can be taken to fulfill this requirement.

### 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 <sup>1</sup>		3

#### RELI

<sup>1</sup> 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) <sup>1</sup>		

ANTH		
CRIM		
ECON		
GOVT		
HIST <sup>2</sup>		
LING		
PSYC		
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Or choose from the following GGS courses:

GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)
GGG 103	Human Geography (Mason Core)
GGG 110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGG 301	Political Geography
GGG 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)
GGG 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

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

<sup>2</sup> 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: <sup>1</sup>		
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	

<sup>1</sup> 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) <sup>1</sup>		
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
GOVT 333	Government and Politics of Asia	3
GOVT 340	Central Asian Politics	3
GOVT 341	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
GOVT 345	Islam and Politics	3
GOVT 432	Political Change and Social Development in Sub-Saharan Africa	3
GOVT 433	Political Economy of East Asia	3
HIST 251	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 252	Survey of East Asian History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 261	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 262	Survey of African History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 271	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3

HIST 272	Survey of Latin American History (Mason Core)	3
HIST 281	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (Mason Core)	3
HIST 282	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (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
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core)	3
RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
RELI 272	Islam	3
RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core)	3
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core)	3
RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core)	3
RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	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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<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Foundation Requirements</b>		
	Written Communication	6
	Oral Communication	3
	Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Information Technology	3-7
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
	Arts	3
	Global Understanding	3
	Literature	3
	Natural Science	7
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
	Western Civilization/World History	3
<b>Synthesis/Capstone Requirement <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Synthesis/Capstone	3
Total Credits		40

<sup>1</sup> minimum 3 credits

## Addition Electives

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

## Honors

### Honors in the Major

Highly-qualified students may apply to the honors program in the major. Students can apply in their second semester as a junior, before they have completed 90 credits and should have a minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major. Eligible students should submit a transcript, one letter of recommendation from a member of the philosophy faculty, and one writing sample, a paper from one of the student's courses in philosophy.

Students pursuing honors in the major complete 6 credits of honors coursework chosen from PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) or PHIL 425 Independent Study. To graduate with honors in philosophy, students must complete these courses with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

## Accelerated Master's

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

### Philosophy, BA/Philosophy, Accelerated MA

#### Overview

Highly qualified Mason philosophy majors may apply to the accelerated master's degree program. If accepted, students will be able to earn a BA and a MA in philosophy after satisfactory completion of as few as 145 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.

#### 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 philosophy, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://philosophy.gmu.edu/programs/application/LA-MA-ACEL-PHIL>) on the departmental web site.

#### Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete six credits of PHIL courses at the 600-level (chosen in consultation with the graduate program director and indicated on the 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, taking 25 graduate credits beyond 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 PHIL coursework at the 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)/ 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.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	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