

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES (Robinson Hall A 253, 703-993-4556)**

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**2016-2017 CATALOG**

	<u>Department(s) &amp; Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<b><u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (36) (for Individualized Concentration)</u></b>			
a. Composition: ENGH 101 (100), 302 (C or better) (3,3)		_____	_____
b. Humanities--any ARTH, AVT, COMM, DANC, MUSI, RELI, THR, any course from a foreign languages department, any ENGH (except 100, 101, 302), any PHIL (except 173, 376) (list courses) (9)		_____	_____
c. Social Sciences—any ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GGS (except 102, 309), GOVT, HIST, LING, PSYC, SOCI, WMST 200 (list courses) (9)		_____	_____
d. MATH 106 (or any MATH course above 106) or STAT 250 (circle choice) (3)		_____	_____
e. IT 104 or any course that fulfills the Mason Core IT proficiency (all components) (3)		_____	_____
f. Natural Science—any ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CLIM, EVPP, EOS, GEOL, PHYS courses, CONS 401, GGS 102, GGS 309, INTS 301, IBTS 318, INTS 395, INTS 401 (list course) (3-4)		_____	_____
g. Synthesis: BIS 490		_____	_____

**Required Courses (10 credits)**

a. *BIS 300: Understanding Multidisciplinary Studies (3)		a. _____	_____
b. *BIS 390 (writing intensive course) or 391 (3)		b. _____	_____
c. *BIS 490: BIS Project (satisfies the synthesis requirement)(3)		c. _____	_____
d. *BIS 491: Senior Project Exhibit (1)		d. _____	_____

\*A grade of C or better required.

**CONCENTRATIONS (24-42 credits)**

**BIS in Early Childhood Education Studies (34-42)**

- a. 19 credits of interdisciplinary courses: EDUC 302; SOCI 303 or GOVT 300; six credits of electives relevant to the concentration in consultation with their faculty advisor; ECED 402 or 403; ECED 422 or 423 (24)
- b. Completion of a self-selected minor (15-23)

**BIS Individualized Concentration (24-36) (List courses from two or more disciplines)**

Students may do an individualized concentration to meet their own academic needs and interests. The concentration is developed in close consultation with BIS staff and a faculty mentor. Students may incorporate into their individualized concentrations up to nine credits of previously earned college course work or previously earned nontraditional credit from other institutions. In addition to the four core courses, students complete between 24 and 36 credits, depending on the topic and the student's preparation. (Students are encouraged to include UNIV 304 - Bachelor Individualized Studies Transfer Transition in the concentration. Students are also encouraged to include BIS 489 - Directed Readings and Research and complete it before taking BIS 490 - Senior Project.)

a. _____	b. _____	a. _____	b. _____
c. _____	d. _____	c. _____	d. _____
e. _____	f. _____	e. _____	f. _____
g. _____	h. _____	g. _____	h. _____
i. _____	j. _____	i. _____	j. _____
k. _____	l. _____	k. _____	l. _____

Of the credits applied to the concentration, at least 15 credits must be at the 300 level or above and a maximum of six credits can have grades of C- or D (grades below 2.00). The total credits applied to the concentration must represent a minimum GPA of 2.00.

Courses applied to a concentration may not also be used to fulfill Mason Core requirements.

**GENERAL ELECTIVES (as needed; list courses)**

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_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____
_____		_____	_____

**MINIMUM HOURS TO GRADUATE: 120**

**UPPER DIVISION HOURS (minimum 45):**

This planning form is intended to be used in consultation with your academic advisor and reflects the requirements for the 2016-2017 Catalog; the University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.