

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY, LAW AND SOCIETY (354 Enterprise Hall, 703-993-8314)
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2018 - 2019 CATALOG

	<u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*31)</u>			
a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3)	_____	_____	_____
b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (please circle choice) (3)	_____	_____	_____
c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)	_____	_____	_____
d. Literature (3)	_____	_____	_____
e. Arts (3)	_____	_____	_____
f. Western Civilization (3)	_____	_____	_____
g. Social & Behavioral Science (3) (satisfied by CRIM 100)	_____	_____	_____
h. Natural Science (4,3)	_____	_____	_____
i. Global Understanding (3) (may be satisfied by CRIM 405)	_____	_____	_____
j. Information Technology (3)	_____	_____	_____
k. Synthesis (satisfied by CRIM 495)	_____	_____	_____

Go to: <http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> to link to information on Mason Core requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (*18)

- a. Foreign Language: Intermediate level in a single foreign language.
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) (not PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460) _____
 (PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.)
- c. Three credits in social & behavioral sciences in addition to the university-wide requirement in social & behavioral science for a total of 6 credits. The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380.

- d. Non-Western Culture _____

*The number of hours needed to fulfill Mason Core requirements may vary; see the University Catalog for information. The two courses used to fulfill the college and university requirements for social & behavioral sciences must be from different disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (42 Hours)

a. Required Courses (15 credits)

- 1. CRIM 100 (3), 2. CRIM 306 (3), 3. CRIM 315 (3) _____
- 4. CRIM 424 (3), 5. CRIM 495 (writing intensive course) (3) _____

b. CRIM Elective Credits (27)

CRIM 210, 220, 230, CRIM 301 or GOVT 301, CRIM 302, CRIM 304 or IT 357, CRIM 305, 307, 308, 310, 312, 320, 325, 350, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 422, CRIM 423 or GOVT 423, CRIM 425, 430, 460, 462, 471, 475, 485, 490, 491, 492, 498, 499

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Concentration Option: Criminology, law and society majors have the option of obtaining a concentration by completing 15 of their 27 elective credits within one of the following areas. Credits earned in [CRIM 490](#) may be applied to a concentration as appropriate for the content of the course, to be determined by the undergraduate director. Complete 15 credits in one of the following areas:

Criminal Justice: CRIM 210, 302, CRIM 304 or IT 357, CRIM 305, 307, 320, 325, 400 - 404, 408, 409, 410, 411, 425, 462, 471

Law & Society: CRIM 220, CRIM 301 or GOVT 301, CRIM 308, 325, 405-408, 422, CRIM 423 or GOVT 423, CRIM 430, CRIM 460

Homeland Security and Justice: CRIM 230, 310, 312, 350, 405, 460, 462, 475

Students pursuing this degree must complete 42 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00

GENERAL ELECTIVES Only 400-MLSC courses can be used for credit towards degree; other MLSC courses will not receive credit. 3 credits max of 100-level RECR may be applied toward student's general electives. (List courses)

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

MINIMUM 120 HOURS (including Minimum 45 UPPER DIVISION HOURS) to GRADUATE

This planning form is intended to be used in consultation with your academic advisor and reflects the requirements for the 2018-2019 Catalog; the University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.

YEAR ONE – FRESHMAN (0-29 credits)

FALL 2018 (15 credits)	SPRING 2019 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2019
ENGH 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Information Technology and Computing (Mason Core) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core) – 3cr	COMM 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	
HIST 100 or 125 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Literature (Mason Core) – 3cr	
Arts (Mason Core) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM 100 (Mason Core/Major) – 3cr	General Elective– 3cr	

YEAR TWO – SOPHOMORE (30-59 credits)

FALL 2019 (16 credits)	SPRING 2020 (15-16 credits*)	SUMMER 2020
Natural Science w/Lab (Mason Core) – 4cr	Natural Science (Lab or Non-Lab) (Mason Core) – 3-4cr*	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Foreign Language XXX 110 (College) – 6cr	Global Understanding (Mason Core) – 3cr	
CRIM 306 (Major) – 3cr	Foreign Language XXXX 201 (College) – 3cr	
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 315 (Major) – 3cr	
	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	

YEAR THREE – JUNIOR (60-89 credits)

FALL 2020 (15 credits)	SPRING 2021 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2021
ENGH 302 – Social Sciences, Humanities, or Multidisciplinary (Mason Core) – 3cr	Non-Western Culture (College) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Foreign Language XXXX 202 (College) – 3cr	Social & Behavioral Science II (College) – 3cr	
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 424 (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective – 3cr	General Elective– 3cr	

YEAR FOUR – SENIOR (90+ credits)

FALL 2021 (15 credits)	SPRING 2022 (13-14 credits*)	SUMMER 2022
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 495 (Mason Core/Major) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work.</i>
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
Philosophy or Religion (College) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	General Elective– 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	General Elective– 1-2cr*	

REQUIRED TO GRADUATE:

- **MINIMUM 120 CREDITS**
- **MINIMUM 45 CREDITS UPPER-LEVEL (300-499)**
- **CUMULATIVE GPA 2.0 or higher** (strive for 3.0 or higher)

LEGEND:

- GREEN: Mason Core
- YELLOW: CLS Major
- BLUE: College/CHSS
- PINK: General Electives

PLEASE NOTE: This is **an example** of a graduation plan based on the assumption that the student has zero credits at point of matriculation. It is **the student's responsibility** to know and understand his/her degree requirements and how they plan to complete them in a timeline fashion – your advisor is a resource to assist you. Plan to meet with your assigned advisor once per semester to review your progress (Fall semester – meet in late Sept/early Oct; Spring semester – meet in late Feb/early March).

What should I be doing and when?

FRESHMAN YEAR (0-29 credits)

- Start learning about different career paths within your major (Hint: Visit Career Services)
- Explore your options – takes classes that sound interesting to you; try something new!
- Look into other programs (i.e. minors) that will expand and diversify your skill set for your intended career
- Look for ways to get involved on campus – a good starting point would be University Life at <http://ulife.gmu.edu>
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss all of the above and how you are settling in at Mason.**

SOPHOMORE YEAR (30-59 credits)

- Explore study abroad opportunities (programs available in Fall, Spring, Winter, and Summer) – attend a Mason Study Abroad info session!
- Build/sustain faculty relationships
- Consider externships/job shadowing opportunities and/or various training and volunteer opportunities.
- Start looking into internship opportunities and application deadlines (Hint: Visit Career Services)
- Attend a job/internship fair (offered through Career Services in both Fall and Spring semesters)
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your progress.**

JUNIOR YEAR (60-89 credits)

- Consider completing an internship to get field experience on your resume!
- Consider participating in undergraduate research opportunities (ex. CLS Honors Seminar; OSCAR)
- Research graduate schools
- Attend a job/internship fair (offered through Career Services in both Fall and Spring semesters)
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your progress.**

SENIOR YEAR (90+ credits)

- Explore post-graduation opportunities such as, jobs and/or graduate programs.
- Create a LinkedIn account to promote your professional edge and stay connected with faculty, fellow students, and employers.
- Visit career services
- **Meet with your academic advisor to complete a graduation check.**
- Apply to graduate in Patriot Web the semester prior to your intended graduation (ex. If you plan to graduate in the Spring, then you should submit your graduation application in Nov/Dec).