

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY
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2018 - 2019 CATALOG

	<u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*34)			
a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3)		____	____
b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (circle choice) (3)		____	____
c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)		____	____
d. Literature (3) (may be satisfied by PHIL 253)		____	____
e. Arts (3) (may be satisfied by PHIL 156)		____	____
f. Western Civilization (3)		____	____
g. Social & Behavioral Science (3)		____	____
h. Natural Science (4,3)		____	____
i. Global Understanding (3)		____	____
j. Information Technology (3)		____	____
k. Synthesis/Capstone (3) (e.g., PHIL 309, 343, 377, 378, 421, or 422)		____	____

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

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (*15)

- a. Foreign Language: Intermediate level in a single foreign language.
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (**satisfied by completion of major requirements**)
- 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 (33 hours required)

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

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| a. Logic: PHIL 173 or PHIL 376 (please circle choice) (3) | a. _____ | _____ |
| b. History of philosophy (6): | b. _____ | _____ |
| 1. PHIL 301 (3) | _____ | _____ |
| 2. PHIL 303 (3) | _____ | _____ |
| c. One course in the analytical tradition chosen from:
PHIL 313, 332, 333, 338, 355-358, 371, 373, 374, 411 (circle choice) (3) | c. _____ | _____ |
| d. One course in the continental tradition chosen from:
PHIL 313, 325, 335-338, 340, 356, 357 (circle choice) (3) | d. _____ | _____ |
| e. One course in Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy chosen from:
PHIL 305, 309, 311, 323, 324, 325, 327, 338, 343, 344, 355, 358, 411 | e. _____ | _____ |

Fifteen-eighteen hours of other Philosophy course work chosen from any PHIL course including those above not already used to meet a core requirement for the major. If both the analytic or continental philosophy and the ethics and political philosophy requirements above are met with the same course, the student will complete six elective courses. (list course #) (15-18)

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| 1. PHIL _____ | 2. PHIL _____ | | | | |
| 3. PHIL _____ | 4. PHIL _____ | | | | |
| 5. PHIL _____ | 6. PHIL _____ | | | | |

When the subject matter is appropriate and with the prior written approval of the undergraduate director, PHIL 391, 421, or 425 may be used to fulfill the requirements in analytic tradition, continental tradition, or ethics and social and political philosophy.

Twenty-one hours at the 300-level or above, including at least three credits in PHIL 421/422.
A grade of C or better is required in all major courses.

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.



Fall Semester 1	15 credits
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Foreign language 110	6
Non-western culture	3
PHIL 100, Introduction to Philosophy	3

Spring Semester 1	15 credits
Natural science without lab	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Quantitative reasoning	3
Foreign language 201	3
PHIL 173, Logic and Critical Thinking	3

Fall Semester 2	15 credits
Foreign Language 202	3
Global Understanding	3
Information technology	3
Social and Behavioral science	3
PHIL 301, History of Western Phil: Ancient	3

Spring Semester 2	16 credits
Art	3
Natural science with lab	4
Social and Behavioral science	3
Literature (consider PHIL 156 or PHIL 253)	3
PHIL 303, History of Western Phil: Modern	3

Fall Semester 3	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective*	3
ENGH 302	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3

Spring Semester 3	15 credits
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
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Fall Semester 4	15 credits
PHIL 421 or 422 (capstone)	3
PHIL analytic/continental/ethics, social and political requirement	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester 4	15 credits
PHIL elective	3
PHIL elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3
General elective	3

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Philosophy majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor to work through their own unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students pursuing this degree complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 (C) in each course. At least 21 credits of PHIL courses taken should be at the 300 level or above, including at least 3 credits in either PHIL 421 Seminar (topics vary) or PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (if enrolled in the honors program in the major).
 - Please note that requirements for the Philosophy major vary for previous catalog years. Students can check the requirements appropriate to their own catalog year via the Archive link on the University Catalog home page.
- Students interested in law school may pursue the major concentration in Philosophy and Law. Students interested in philosophy, policy, and public service may pursue the major concentration in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE).
- Students are strongly encouraged to group some of their general and upper-level electives together so as to take at least one minor. Please consult an academic advisor for guidance.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2018-2019 Catalog](#)