

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY (B305 Robinson Hall, 703-993-1440)
<http://soan.gmu.edu/programs/la-ba-soci>
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 (satisfied by SOCI 313)			
d. Literature (3)	_____	_____	_____
e. Arts (3)	_____	_____	_____
f. Western Civilization (3)	_____	_____	_____
g. Social & Behavioral Science (satisfied by SOCI 101)	_____	_____	_____
h. Natural Science (4,3)	_____	_____	_____
i. Global Understanding (may satisfied by SOCI 120)	_____	_____	_____
j. Information Technology (3)	_____	_____	_____
k. Synthesis (satisfied by SOCI 377, 483, or 485)	_____	_____	_____

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 (34 hours required)

- a. SOCI 101 (3) _____
- b. SOCI 313, 303 (4,3) _____
- c. SOCI 311, 412 (writing intensive course) (3,3) _____
- d. One of the following: **SOCI 485, SOCI 416, or SOCI 481** (circle choice) (3) _____
- e. Fifteen hours of additional sociology course work at the 100- or 400-level. _____

Students can choose a general sociology degree or concentrate (12 credits) in one of four areas:

Childhood & Youth: SOCI 360 & nine more credits from: SOCI 302, 307, 309, 314, 315, 352, 382, 395, 483, ANTH 315

Deviance, Crime, & Social Control: Twelve credits from: SOCI 301, 302, 307, 308, 310, 326, 332, 340, 352, 355, 388, 395 (depending on topic)

Global Sociology: SOCI 320 & nine more credits from: SOCI 307, 308, 326, 330, 332, 340, 352, 388, 395, ANTH 332

Inequality & Social Change: SOCI 355 & nine more credits from: SOCI 307, 308, 310, 315, 320, 330, 332, 340, 352, 360, 382, 390, 395 (depending on topic)

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

Students must complete major requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.0. No more than six credits of C- or D may apply to the major electives. A "C or better" is required for SOCI 101, 303, 311, 313, 412, and 485/416/481.

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 One	15 credits
SOCI 101, Introductory Sociology (social and behavioral science)	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Western Civilization/World History	3
Foreign Language 110	6

Spring Semester One	16 credits
Natural science with lab	4
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Literature	3
Social and Behavioral Science (college)	3
Foreign Language 201	3

Fall Semester Two	15 credits
Foreign Language 202	3
Philosophy or Religious Studies	3
Non-Western Culture	3
Natural science without lab	3
General Elective	3

Spring Semester Two	15 credits
Arts	3
Information Technology/Ethics	3
SOCI upper-level elective*	3
General Elective	3
Minor course/General elective	3

Fall Semester Three	15 credits
ENGH 302	3
SOCI 303 – Methods & logic of Inquiry	3
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Spring Semester Three	16 credits
SOCI 311 – Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 313, Stats for Behavioral Sciences (quantitative reasoning)	4
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
General elective	3

Fall Semester Four	15 credits
SOCI 412, Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 485, Capstone**	3
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Minor course/upper-level elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3

Spring Semester Four	15 credits
SOCI upper-level elective	3
Synthesis or upper-level elective**	3
Minor course/general elective	3
Minor course/general elective	3
General elective	3

*Students are required to take 15 credits of upper-level SOCI electives. Students may structure 12 of these elective credits into an approved concentration: Childhood & Youth; Deviance, Crime, & Social Control; Global Sociology; or Inequality & Social Change.

**Students may fulfill the capstone requirement with one of the following: SOCI 485, Sociological Analysis & Practice (3 cr), SOCI 416, Internship (3 cr), or SOCI 481, Honors Seminar in Sociology II (3 cr). SOCI 485 also fulfills Mason Core synthesis.

This document is an **EXAMPLE** of a degree path for Sociology majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet at least once per semester with an advisor to develop a unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00 overall and a minimum GPA of 2.00 in each core course. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the major electives requirement.
- Students should select Mason Core courses from the approved list in the [2018-2019 Catalog](#).
- 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 advisor for guidance.
- Students interested in pursuing honors in the major would complete the honors section of SOCI 485 in their senior year and should discuss their interest with their academic advisor and undergraduate director.