

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.F.A. DEGREE IN CREATIVE WRITING (Robinson B 413, 703-993-1180)
 creativewriting.gmu.edu/programs/la-bfa-cw
2018 - 2019 CATALOG

	<u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*34-40)</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)		___ ___	___ ___
h. Natural Science (4,3)		___ ___	___ ___
i. Global Understanding (3) (e.g. ENGH 495)		___ ___	___ ___
j. Information Technology (3)		___ ___	___ ___
k. Synthesis (3) (e.g. ENGH 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 (45)

Acceptance into the program is competitive

- a. **Five Required Courses (15)**
 - 1. ENGH 301, 305 (3,3) _____
 - 2. ENGH 377, 396 (3,3) _____
 - 3. ENGH 495 (3) _____
- b. Two required workshop courses chosen from: ENGH 397, 398, 399 (circle choices) (3,3)
- c. One of the following concentrations (12):
 - 1. **Fiction:** ENGH 398, 392, 355, 492
 - 2. **Nonfiction:** ENGH 399, 393, 456, 493
 - 3. **Poetry:** ENGH 397, 391, 356, 494
- c. English Department Requirements (12)
 - 1. **One course in Pre-1800's Literature** (circle choice) (3) Chosen from: ENGH 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 330, 331, 332, 333, 340, 421, 422, 424, 428
 - 2. **One course in Pre-1915 Literature** (circle choice) (3) Chosen from: ENGH 334, 335, 336, 341, 343, 348, 349, 360, 361, a second course from the pre-1800's literature list (circle choice) (3)
 - 3. **One course in minority, folkloric, or popular literary and cultural traditions** (circle choice) (3) Chosen from: ENGH 310, 315, 319, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, **362, 366**, 367, 412, 414, 415, 416, 419, 451, 452
 - 4. **One course in writing or literature electives** (see catalog for courses; list course) (3)
 ENGH _____

A minimum GPA of 2.0 or better is required in 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.

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EXAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN: 2018-19

Freshman year

Semester 1	16 Credits
English 101 Composition*	3
University 100	1
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Foreign Language 110*	6
History 100 or 125	3

Semester 2	15 Credits
English 201, 202, 203 or 204	3
Foreign Language 201*	3
English 301: Fields of English	3
Information Technology	3
Non-western Culture	3

Sophomore year

Semester 3	16 Credits
English 305: Dimensions Writ & Lit	3
Foreign Language 202*	3
COMM 101	3
English 396: (BFA section)	3
Natural Science (lab)	4

Semester 4	15 Credits
English 302: Advanced Composition	3
English: 398 Fiction Writing	3
English: 397 Poetry Writing	3
Social & Behavioral Science	3
Natural Science (non-lab)	3

Junior Year

Semester 5	15 Credits
Minority/Folk/Pop Lit	3
English 399: Creative Nonfiction	3
CHSS Social Science	3
Global Understanding	3
Philosophy or Religious Studies	3

Semester 6	15 Credits
English 377: Digital Writing	3
Pre 1915 Lit	3
Concentration Forms Course	3
Elective	3
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Summer: Excellent time to look into internship options
and/or apply for funded research for credit through OSCAR.GMU.EDU

Senior Year

Semester 7	15 Credits
Advanced Concentration course	3
Concentration Literature course	3
Pre 1800 Lit	3
Electives**	6

Semester 8	15 Credits
BFA Writing/Lit Elective	3
English 495: Capstone	3
General Electives	9

Elective restrictions: 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

*There are many pathways towards satisfying Intermediate Proficiency in a Foreign Language. Consult advisor for alternatives

**Internship strongly recommended

Keep in Mind:

- This is only an example. We encourage you to consult your advisor at least once a semester for individualized academic planning
- The department offers exemption options for English 101 and 302
- There are “double-dipping” opportunities in these categories: Non-western Culture, Global Understanding, Social Science, Phil/Religious studies. Ask your advisor for more info