

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**BACHELOR OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDIES (300 Enterprise Hall, 703-993-4556)**

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**2018 - 2019 CATALOG**

Admission is directly to BIS with no change to another major without reapplying.

Department(s) & Course #(s)	Completed/ Grade(s)	Needed
<b>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (36) (for Individualized Concentration)</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	_____	___ ___

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

**BIS Core Courses in the Major (10 credits) A grade of C or better required for BIS Core courses**

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. _____	_____

**CONCENTRATIONS (24-42 credits)**

**BIS in Early Childhood Education Studies (34-42) Students are eligible for this concentration if they have an associate's degree in applied science in early childhood development.**

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

**BIS Individualized Concentration (24-36) (List courses from two or more disciplines). Eligibility requirements: Adult transfer applicants, age 25 or older may be considered for the BIS only with the following minimum criteria:**

- 12 credits of transferable college coursework as determined by the Office of Admissions
- Cumulative collegiate grade point average of 2.00+

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 9 credits of previously earned college course work or previously earned nontraditional credit from other institutions. In addition to the 4 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** 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)

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**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.