

College of Humanities and Social Sciences -Bachelor Individualized Study, BIS

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements: 33-34 credits	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
MATH 106 or STAT 250	Any MATH course above 106 or Introductory Statistics I	3		
Information Technology	IT 104 Recommended	3		
Humanities: Any ARTH, AVT, COMM, DANC, ENGH, MUSI, PHIL, RELI, THR, or course from a foreign language department (9 credits). Except for ENGH 100, ENGH 101, ENGH 302; PHIL 173, or PHIL 376				
Humanities Course #1:		3		
Humanities Course #2:		3		
Humanities Course #3:		3		
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Any ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GGS, GOVT, HIST, LING, PSYC, SOCI course, or WMST 200 (9 credits). Except for GGS 102, GGS 309				
Social and Behavioral Science Course #1:		3		
Social and Behavioral Science Course #2:		3		
Social and Behavioral Science Course #3:		3		
Natural Science: Select any 3-4 credit lab or non lab course from the following: Any ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, CILM, EVPP, GEOL, PHYS course; CONS 401; GGS 102, GGS 309; INTS 301, 318, 395, 401				
Natural Science Course (with or without lab)		3		
Synthesis/Capstone	Satisfied by BIS 490			
Major Requirements (34-46 credits) Students must complete each of the four core courses with a minimum grade of 2.00.				
Core Courses in the Major (10 credits)		Credits	Earned	Needed
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies	3		
BIS 390 or BIS 391	The Research Process or The Research Process for Honors	3		
BIS 490	RS: Senior Project (Mason Core)	4		
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. Of the credits applied to the concentration, at least 15 credits must be at the 300 level or above and a maximum of 6 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.				
First Discipline		Credits	Earned	Needed
Concentration Course #1:				
Concentration Course #2:				
Concentration Course #3:				
Concentration Course #4:				
Second Discipline		Credits	Earned	Needed
Concentration Course #1:				
Concentration Course #2:				
Concentration Course #3:				
Concentration Course #4:				
Optional Third Discipline or Additional Courses		Credits	Earned	Needed
Concentration Course #1:				
Concentration Course #2:				
Concentration Course #3:				
Concentration Course #4:				
Degree Notes				
Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level. 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+ Admission is directly to BIS with no change to another major without reapplying. The concentration in early childhood education studies is an exception to the age requirement				
Advisor Notes:				