

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Criminology, Law and Society, BA

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (31-34 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding	May be satisfied by CRIM 405	0-3		
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Satisfied by CRIM 100			
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	Satisfied by CRIM 495			
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree				
Philosophy or Religious Studies		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
Additional Social & Behavioral Sciences		3		
(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)				
Foreign Language		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
Non-Western Culture		3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
Major Requirements (42 credits) Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 in major				
Major Core Courses (15 credits)		Credits	Earned	Needed
CRIM 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Mason Core)	3		
CRIM 306	Criminal Justice Ethics	3		
CRIM 315	Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology	3		
CRIM 424	Constitutional Law: Criminal Process and Rights	3		
CRIM 495	Capstone in Criminology, Law and Society (Mason Core)	3		
Major Electives or Optional Concentration (27 credits) Criminology majors have the option of obtaining a concentration by completing 15 of their 27 elective credits within one of the following areas. Students can pursue only one concentration. Credits earned in CRIM 490 Special Topics may be applied to a concentration with program approval.				
Criminal Justice: CRIM 210, 302, CRIM 304 or IT 357, CRIM 305, 307, 320, 325, 400 - 404, 408 - 411, 425, 462, 471				
Law & Society: CRIM 220, CRIM 301 or GOVT 301, CRIM 308, 325, 405-408, 422, CRIM 423 or GOVT 423, CRIM 430, CRIM 460				
Homeland Security and Justice: CRIM 230, 310, 312, 350, 405, 460, 462, 475				
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 1		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 2		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 3		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 4		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 5		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 6		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 7		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 8		3		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 9		3		
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.				

YEAR ONE – FRESHMAN (0-29 credits)

FALL 2019 (16 credits)	SPRING 2020 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2020
ENGH 100 or 101 (Mason Core) or COMM 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Information Technology and Computing (Mason Core) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core) – 3cr	ENGH 100 or 101 (Mason Core) or COMM 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	
HIST 100 or 125 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Literature (Mason Core) – 3cr	
Arts (Mason Core) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM 100 (Major) – 3cr	General Elective – 3cr	

YEAR TWO – SOPHOMORE (30-59 credits)

FALL 2020 (16 credits)	SPRING 2021 (15-16 credits*)	SUMMER 2021
Natural Science w/Lab (Mason Core)– 4cr	Natural Science (Lab or Non-Lab, Mason Core) – 3-4cr*	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Foreign Language 110 (College) – 6cr	Global Understanding (Mason Core) – 3cr	
CRIM 306 (Major) – 3cr	Foreign Language 201 (College) – 3cr	
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 315 (Major) – 3cr	
	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	

YEAR THREE – JUNIOR (60-89 credits)

FALL 2021 (15 credits)	SPRING 2022 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2022
ENGH 302 – Social Sciences, Humanities, or Multidisciplinary (Mason Core) – 3cr	Non-Western Culture (College) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work or get ahead for future terms.</i>
Foreign Language 202 (College) – 3cr	Social & Behavioral Science II (College) – 3cr	
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 424 (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective – 3cr	General Elective– 3cr	

YEAR FOUR – SENIOR (90+ credits)

FALL 2022 (15 credits)	SPRING 2023 (13-14 credits*)	SUMMER 2023
CRIM 495 (Mason Core/Major) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester. Can use this semester to catch up on course work.</i>
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
Philosophy or Religion (College) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	General Elective– 3cr	
General Elective– 3cr	General Elective– 1-2cr*	

REQUIRED TO GRADUATE:

- **MINIMUM 120 CREDITS**
- **MINIMUM 45 CREDITS UPPER-LEVEL (300-499)**
- **CUMULATIVE GPA 2.0 or higher** (strive for 3.0 or higher)

LEGEND:

- GREEN:** Mason Core
- YELLOW:** CLS Major Courses
- BLUE:** College/CHSS
- PINK:** General Electives

PLEASE NOTE: This is **an example** of a graduation plan based on the assumption that the student has zero credits at point of matriculation. It is **the student's responsibility** to know and understand his/her degree requirements and how they plan to complete them in a timeline fashion – your advisor is a resource to assist you. Plan to meet with your assigned advisor once per semester to review your progress (Fall semester – meet in late Sept/early Oct; Spring semester – meet in late Feb/early March).

What should I be doing and when?

FRESHMAN YEAR (0-29 credits)

- Start learning about different career paths within your major (Hint: Visit Career Services)
- Explore your options – takes classes that sound interesting to you; try something new!
- Look into other programs (i.e. minors) that will expand and diversify your skill set for your intended career
- Look for ways to get involved on campus – a good starting point would be University Life at <http://ulife.gmu.edu>
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss all of the above and how you are settling in at Mason.**

SOPHOMORE YEAR (30-59 credits)

- Explore study abroad opportunities (programs available in Fall, Spring, Winter, and Summer) – attend a Mason Study Abroad info session!
- Build/sustain faculty relationships
- Consider externships/job shadowing opportunities and/or various training and volunteer opportunities.
- Start looking into internship opportunities and application deadlines (Hint: Visit Career Services)
- Attend a job/internship fair (offered through Career Services in both Fall and Spring semesters)
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your progress.**

JUNIOR YEAR (60-89 credits)

- Consider completing an internship to get field experience on your resume!
- Consider participating in undergraduate research opportunities (ex. CLS Honors Seminar; OSCAR)
- Research graduate schools
- Attend a job/internship fair (offered through Career Services in both Fall and Spring semesters)
- **Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your progress.**

SENIOR YEAR (90+ credits)

- Explore post-graduation opportunities such as, jobs and/or graduate programs.
- Create a LinkedIn account to promote your professional edge and stay connected with faculty, fellow students, and employers.
- Visit career services
- **Meet with your academic advisor to complete a graduation check.**
- Apply to graduate in Patriot Web the semester prior to your intended graduation (ex. If you plan to graduate in the Spring, then you should submit your graduation application in Nov/Dec).