

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

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			
Major Requirements (60 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 (30 credits) Criminology majors have the option of obtaining a concentration by completing 15 of their 30 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		
Major Elective/Concentration Course # 10		3		
Internship or Minor in the Major (15-20 credits)				
Internship Courses (15 credits):				
CRIM 479		3		
CRIM 480		12		
OR Pre-Approved Minors (select one from the following): Computational and Data Sciences Minor (15 credits); Computer Science Minor (19-20 credits); Data Analysis Minor (15 credits); Forensic Psychology Minor (18 credits); Forensic Science Minor (20 credits); Geographic Information Systems Minor (18-20 credits); Information Technology Minor (18 credits); Intelligence Analysis Minor (18 credits); International Security Minor (18 credits); Legal Studies Minor (18 credits); Statistics Minor (15 credits)				
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.				
Advisor Notes:				

YEAR ONE – FRESHMAN (0-29 credits)

FALL 2019 (16 credits)	SPRING 2020 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2020
ENGH 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Literature (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>
COMM 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Arts (Mason Core) – 3cr	
Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core) – 3cr	Information Technology and Computing (Mason Core) – 3cr	
HIST 100 or 125 (Mason Core) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM 100 (Mason Core/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>
Global Understanding (Mason Core) – 3cr	CRIM 315 (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM 306 (Major) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
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General Elective – 3cr	General Elective – 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	CRIM 480 (Internship/Major) – 12cr* <i>*540 intern hours total required</i>	<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>
CRIM 479 (Intern Prep/Major) – 3cr	CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM 424 (Major) – 3cr		
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr		
General Elective – 3cr		

YEAR FOUR – SENIOR (90+ credits)

FALL 2022 (15 credits)	SPRING 2023 (13-14 credits)	SUMMER 2023
CRIM Elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 495 (Major/Mason Core) – 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	
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- **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:** CLS Internship Program
- **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?

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- Start learning about different career paths within your major (Hint: Visit Career Services)
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- **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!
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**Because each minor has a different set of requirements and varying number of credits, this gives an outline of how to map out your courses. If your minor requires fewer unique credits, then you will replace any extra "Minor Course" options with "General Elective". Always speak with minor advisor to ensure you are successfully progressing with those requirements.

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