

College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Creative Writing, BFA

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	Satisfied by ENGH 396			
Global Understanding	May be satisfied by Major Requirement	0-3		
Literature		3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3		
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	Satisfied by ENGH 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 (45 credits) A minimum GPA of 2.0 or better is required in major courses				
Core Courses in the Major		Credits	Earned	Needed
ENGH 301	The Fields of English	3		
ENGH 305	Dimensions of Writing and Literature	3		
ENGH 377	Digital Creative Writing	3		
ENGH 396	Introduction to Creative Writing (Mason Core)	3		
ENGH 495	Capstone and Thesis (Mason Core)	3		
Literature before 1800: Select one from the following: ENGH 320-325, 330-333, 340, 421, 422, 428		3		
Literature before 1915: Select one from the following: ENGH 334-336, 341, 343, 348, 349, 360, 361		3		
Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Cultural Traditions: Select one from the following: ENGH 310, 315, 319, 348-352, 362, 366, 367, 412, 414-417, 419, 451, 452, 484		3		
Writing or Literature Electives: See catalog for list of courses		3		
Required workshop courses (6 credits): Select from the following:		6		
ENGH 397	Poetry Writing			
ENGH 398	Fiction Writing			
ENGH 399	Creative Nonfiction Writing			
Concentration (12 credits): Select one of the following:				
Fiction: ENGH 355, 392, 398, 492		12		
Nonfiction: ENGH 393, 399, 456, 493		12		
Poetry: ENGH 356, 391, 397, 494		12		
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.				

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EXAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN: 2019-20

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 & Behavioral 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