

YEAR ONE – FRESHMAN (0-29 credits)

FALL 2016 (15 credits)	SPRING 2017 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2017
ENGH 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Literature (Mason Core) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester.</i>
COMM 100 or 101 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Arts (Mason Core) – 3cr	
Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core) – 3cr	IT – Tech and Ethics (Mason Core) – 3cr	
CRIM 100 (Mason Core/Major) – 3cr	CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	
General elective– 3cr	General elective– 3cr	

YEAR TWO – SOPHOMORE (30-59 credits)

FALL 2017 (16 credits)	SPRING 2018 (15-16 credits*)	SUMMER 2018
Natural Science w/lab (Mason Core) – 4cr	Natural Science w/Lab or non-Lab (Mason Core) – 3-4cr*	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester.</i>
HIST 100 or 125 (Mason Core) – 3cr	Global Understanding (Mason Core) – 3cr	
CRIM 306 (Major) – 3cr	CRIM 315 (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	
General elective– 3cr	General elective– 3cr	

YEAR THREE – JUNIOR (60-89 credits)

FALL 2018 (15 credits)	SPRING 2019 (15 credits)	SUMMER 2019
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.</i>
CRIM 479 (Intern Prep/Major) – 3cr	CRIM 424 (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr		
CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr		
General elective– 3cr		

YEAR FOUR – SENIOR (90+ credits)

FALL 2019 (15 credits)	SPRING 2020 (13-14 credits*)	SUMMER 2020
CRIM 495 (Mason Core/Major) – 3cr	CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	<i>Not required if completing 15+ credits per semester.</i>
CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	
CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	CRIM elective (Major) – 3cr	
General elective– 3cr	General elective– 3cr	
General elective– 3cr	General elective– 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:** 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?

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 (ex. minors) that will expand and diversify your skill set for your 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.**

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)

- Complete an internship
- 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).