

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF POLICY, GOVERNMENT, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
B.A. DEGREE IN GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
(359 Research Hall, 703-993-1400)

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2018 - 2019 CATALOG

| | <u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u> | <u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u> | <u>Needed</u> |
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| <u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*28)</u> | | | |
| a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3) | | _____ | _____ |
| b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (circle choice) (3) | | _____ | _____ |
| c. Quantitative Reasoning (3) | | _____ | _____ |
| d. Literature (3) | | _____ | _____ |
| e. Arts (3) | | _____ | _____ |
| f. Western Civilization (3) | | _____ | _____ |
| g. Social & Behavioral Science (satisfied by GOVT 101 and 103) | | _____ | _____ |
| h. Natural Science (4,3) | | _____ | _____ |
| i. Global Understanding (satisfied by GOVT 132 and 133) | | _____ | _____ |
| j. Information Technology (satisfied by GOVT 300) | | _____ | _____ |
| k. Synthesis (satisfied by GOVT 490 or 491) | | _____ | _____ |

Go to: <http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> to link to information on Mason Core requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (*18)

- a. Proficiency in a foreign language through the intermediate level
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) (not PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460)
 (PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.)
- c. Three credits in social & behavioral sciences in addition to the university-wide requirement in social & behavioral science for a total of 6 credits. 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.
- d. Non-Western Culture (**may be satisfied by major course**)

*The number of hours needed to fulfill Mason Core requirements may vary; see the University Catalog for information. The two courses used to fulfill the college and university requirements for social & behavioral sciences must be from different disciplines.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (43 hours required)

Core Courses (19)

- a. **GOVT 101, 103, 132, 133** (3, 3, 3, 3) _____
- b. **GOVT 300** (4) _____
- c. **GOVT 490 or 491** (3) (writing intensive courses) _____

Field Requirements (24) Students may complete a government concentration (four courses) in one field, then complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. Students who do not pursue a government concentration may choose 24 credits from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience.

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| American Institutions and Processes (AMIP) | Political Analysis (PA) |
| Comparative Politics (CPOL) | Political Behavior and Identity Politics (PBIP) |
| International Political Economy (IPE) | Public Policy and Administration (PPA) |
| International Relations (INTR) | Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) |
| Law, Philosophy, and Governance (LPGV) | Individualized Concentration (IND) |
| 1. GOVT _____ | 3. GOVT _____ |
| 2. GOVT _____ | 4. GOVT _____ |
| | 5. GOVT _____ |
| | 6. GOVT _____ |
| | 7. GOVT _____ |
| | 8. GOVT _____ |

Advanced government field courses include courses numbered GOVT 301 - GOVT 499. With prior approval, up to three credits of GOVT 399 and GOVT 480 and up to six credits of GOVT 496 may be substituted for this requirement. GOVT 490 or 491 may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Courses for major requirements must have a grade of "C" or better.

GENERAL ELECTIVES (approx. 31) (List courses) Physical Education (PHED); Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Studies (PRLS); and Recreation (RECR) activity courses cannot be used for credit for a degree in the Schar school. Only Military Science (MLSC) courses at the 400-level can be used for credit for a degree in the School; credit for other MLSC courses may not be applied toward a degree in the School.

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MINIMUM 120 HOURS (including Minimum 45 UPPER DIVISION HOURS) to GRADUATE

This planning form is intended to be used in consultation with your academic advisor and reflects the requirements for the 2018-2019 Catalog; the University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.

Government Major Concentration Courses

American Institutions and Processes (AMIP): GOVT 301, 302, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 31,, 319, 344, 357, 364, 365, 409, 422, 423

Comparative Politics (CPOL): GOVT 331-345, 430, 432, 433, 434, 443, 444, 445, 447, 448

International Political Economy (IPE): GOVT 322, 339, 343, 366-368, 433, 444, 446, 469; ECON 385

International Relations: GOVT 322, 341, 342, 344-347, 443-448

Law, Philosophy, and Governance (LPGV): GOVT 301, 302, 307, 322-324, 327-329, 334, 407, 420, 422, 423, 427, 428, 443, 445, 446, 448, 452, 460, 469

Political Analysis (PA): GOVT 307, 343, 356-358, 366-368, 433, 469, STAT 350 (any 400-level STAT course)

Political Behavior and Identity Politics (PBIP): GOVT 311-313, 318, 319, 345, 353, 412, 414, 423

Public Policy and Administration (PPA): GOVT 304, 329, 351, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 361, 362, 364-368, 452, 460, 464, 467, 469

Non-Government Concentration: **Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE):** *See BA BA GVIP PPE Planning Sheet*

Individualized Concentration (IND): Create your own concentration consisting of four upper level courses with Director approval. A minimum of two courses in this concentration must be GOVT



BA GVIP ROADMAP TO SUCCESS: SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN

Some courses might double-count! See your advisor for details.

| FIRST YEAR: Fall Semester | Hrs |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| GOVT 101 | 3 |
| GOVT 132 | 3 |
| ENGH 101 or COMM 101 | 3 |
| Western Civ / World History | 3 |
| Philosophy/Religion | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

| Spring Semester | Hrs |
|---|-----------|
| GOVT 103 | 3 |
| GOVT 133 | 3 |
| ENGH 101 or COMM 101 | 3 |
| Quant reasoning (STAT 250 is recommended) | 3 |
| Social and Behavioral Science II | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

| SECOND YEAR: Fall Semester | Hrs |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Language 110 | 6 |
| Arts | 3 |
| GOVT 300 | 4 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| Total | 16 |

| Spring Semester | Hrs |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Literature | 3 |
| Language 201 | 3 |
| GOVT Field 1 | 3 |
| GOVT Field 2 | 3 |
| GOVT Field 3 | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

| THIRD YEAR: Fall Semester | Hrs |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| ENGH 302 | 3 |
| Non Western Culture | 3 |
| Nat Science I | 4 |
| GOVT Field 4 | 3 |
| Language 202 | 3 |
| Total | 16 |

| Spring Semester | Hrs |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Nat Science II | 3 |
| GOVT Field 5 | 3 |
| GOVT Field 6 | 3 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| UL elective | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

| FOURTH YEAR: Fall Semester | Hrs |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| GOVT Field 7 | 3 |
| GOVT Field 8 | 3 |
| UL elective | 3 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

| Spring Semester | Hrs |
|-----------------|-----------|
| GOVT 490 | 3 |
| UL elective | 3 |
| UL elective | 3 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| Elective/Minor | 3 |
| Total | 15 |

Other options:

- GOVT 480 Internship 3 or 6 credits
- Study abroad 3 / 6 / 9 / 12 / 15 credits
- GOVT 399 research practicum
- Schar Honors sequence: GOVT 491 / 496

Summer options:

- Always offered: 300, 490, some GOVT fields
- Internship or study abroad

What should I be doing?

ALSO CHECK OUT → https://careers.gmu.edu/sites/career_svcs/files/successRoadmap.pdf

FRESHMEN

GOVT 101
GOVT 103
GOVT 132
GOVT 133
STAT 250



- Join a club
- Attend on campus events
- Get to know your advising team

SOPHOMORES

GOVT 300 in Fall
ENGH 302 in Spring
Major field classes

- Look into internships
- Do research (URAP program)
- Visit the Career Center
- Consider applying to SCHAR Honors program (junior or senior year)
- Plan for an accelerated master's program

JUNIORS

Major field classes
Minor classes

- Study abroad
- Complete an internship
- Do research (URAP program)
- Research graduate schools
- Consider applying to SCHAR Honors program (junior or senior year)

SENIORS

Major field classes
GOVT 490

- Apply to jobs
- Apply to graduate school

