

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

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**2018 - 2019 CATALOG**

	<u>Department(s) &amp; Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<b><u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*28)</u></b>			
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 <b>GOVT 101 and 103</b> )		_____	_____
h. Natural Science (4,3)		_____	_____
i. Global Understanding (satisfied by <b>GOVT 132 or 133</b> )		_____	_____
j. Information Technology (satisfied by <b>GOVT 300</b> )		_____	_____
k. Synthesis (satisfied by <b>GOVT 490 or 491</b> )		_____	_____

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

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (52 hours required)**

**Core Courses & Seminar (28)**

a. GOVT 101, GOVT 103 (3, 3)		a. _____	_____
b. GOVT 132 or GOVT 133 (circle choice) (3)		b. _____	_____
c. GOVT 300, GOVT 351 (4, 3)		c. _____	_____
d. GOVT 367, GOVT 368 (3, 3)		d. _____	_____
e. One course in math or statistics in addition to Mason core quantitative reasoning (3)		e. _____	_____

**Seminar Course** GOVT 490 or GOVT 491 (3) (writing intensive course)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Administration Field Study (minimum of 24 credits)**

Students may complete a concentration of at least 12 credits in one field to fulfill a concentration. Students who do not wish to pursue a concentration may choose at least 24 credits from any of the advanced public administration courses listed below (with restrictions noted below) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

**Advanced Public Administration Courses include (12):** ECON 309, 310, 320, 335, 355, 385, 390; GOVT 301, 302, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 311, 312, 313, 318, 322, 339, 343, 346, 347, 353, 354, 355, 356, 358, 361, 364, 366, 409, 412, 433, 446, 452, 464, 469; INTS 331 or 431.

**Concentrations: (12)**

**Administration and Management (ADMM):** GOVT 305, 313, 355, 356, 358, 452

**Public Policy (PUBP):** GOVT 312, 318, 346, 347, 361, 364, 366, 412, 464; ECON 309, 335

**Nonprofit Management (NPMP):** GOVT 313, 353, 354, 358, ECON 355; INTS 331, 431

**US Government Institutions (USGI):** GOVT 301, 302, 304, 305, 307, 308, 309, 311, 409

**Economics Policy Analysis (ECPA):** ECON 309, 310, 320, 335, 355

**International Political Economy (IPE):** GOVT 322, 339, 343, 366, 433, 446, 469, ECON 385

**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 advanced public administration field courses.


**All courses for major requirements must have a "C" or better.**

**GENERAL ELECTIVES (approx. 40)** (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.


**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.



## BS PUAD ROADMAP TO SUCCESS: SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN

<b>FIRST YEAR: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT 101	3
GOVT 132 or 133	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Western Civ / World History	3
MATH 106	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT 351	3
GOVT 367 (Fall only)	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
Arts	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>THIRD YEAR: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT Field 3	3
GOVT Field 4	3
Nat Science 2	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>FOURTH YEAR: Fall Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT Field 7	3
GOVT Field 8	3
Elective	3
Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT 103	3
STAT 250	3
ENGH 101 or COMM 101	3
Nat Science 1	4
Literature	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
ENGH 302	3
GOVT 368 (Spring only)	3
GOVT Field 1	3
GOVT Field 2	3
GOVT 300	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT Field 5	3
GOVT Field 6	3
Elective	3
Elective/Minor	3
UL elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Hrs</b>
GOVT 490	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

**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](https://careers.gmu.edu/sites/career_svcs/files/successRoadmap.pdf)

## FRESHMEN

GOVT 132 or 133  
GOVT 101  
STAT 250



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

## SOPHOMORES

GOVT 300  
ENGH 302  
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

