

**Schar School of Policy and Government - Government and International Politics, BA**

		Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020	Grades		
Mason Core Requirements: 28 credits	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed	
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3			
Oral Communication:		3			
Quantitative Reasoning		3			
*Information Technology	*Satisfied by Major Requirement (GOVT 300)				
Arts		3			
*Global Understanding	*Satisfied by Major Requirement (GOVT 132 or 133)				
Literature		3			
Natural Science Overview		3			
Natural Science with Lab		4			
*Social and Behavioral Sciences	*Satisfied by Major Requirement (GOVT 101 or 103)				
Western Civilization/World History		3			
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3			
*Synthesis/Capstone	*Satisfied by Major Requirement (GOVT 490 or 491)				
College Level Requirements for the BA Degree					
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>		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)					
<b>Additional Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>		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)					
<b>Foreign Language</b>		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)					
<b>Non-Western Culture</b>		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 (43 credits)					
Grade of "C" or better in all courses used to fulfill major requirements					
GOVT 101	Democratic Theory and Practice	3			
GOVT 103	Introduction to American Government	3			
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics	3			
GOVT 133	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3			
GOVT 300	Research Methods and Analysis	4			
GOVT 490 or GOVT 491	Synthesis Seminar or Honors Seminar	3			
Government Field Study (24 credits): Select Eight advanced government field courses, with or without a government concentration. May partially satisfy the field study requirement by completing four courses (min 12 credits) in any one concentration		24			
American Institutions and Processes: GOVT 301, 302, 304, 305, 307-309, 311, 319, 344, 357, 364, 365, 409, 422, 423					
Comparative Politics: GOVT 331-334, 337-342, 344, 345, 430, 433, 434, 443-445, 447, 448					
International Political Economy: 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: GOVT 301, 302, 307, 322-324, 327-329, 334, 407, 420, 422, 423, 437, 438, 443, 445, 446, 448, 452, 460, 469					
Political Analysis: GOVT 307, 343, 356, 357, 358, 366-358, 433, 469; STAT 350					
Political Behavior and Identity Politics: GOVT 311-313, 318, 319, 345, 353, 413, 414, 423					
Public Policy & Admin: GOVT 304, 329, 351, 353-358, 361, 362, 364-368, 452, 460, 464, 467, 469					
Individualized: Four upper-level courses (Min 2 must be GOVT)					
Degree Notes					
Approximately 31 credits of elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 credits at the 300/400 level					
Advisor Notes:					



## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

SECOND YEAR: Fall Semester	Hrs
Language 110	6
Arts	3
GOVT 300	4
Elective/Minor	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring Semester	Hrs
Literature	3
Language 201	3
GOVT Field 1	3
GOVT Field 2	3
GOVT Field 3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

THIRD YEAR: Fall Semester	Hrs
ENGH 302	3
Non Western Culture	3
Nat Science I	4
GOVT Field 4	3
Language 202	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

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

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

Spring Semester	Hrs
GOVT 490	3
UL elective	3
UL elective	3
Elective/Minor	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 101  
GOVT 103  
GOVT 132  
GOVT 133  
STAT 250

GET  
INVOLVED!

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

## 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)

## 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

## SENIORS

Major field classes  
GOVT 490

- Apply to jobs
- Apply to graduate school

