Anthropology, BA

Banner Code: LA-BA-ANTH

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Anthropology is the study of human beings and their cultures. Majors develop an eye for detail and careful observation, critical thinking, sensitivity to the unfamiliar, skills in research and writing, and an ability to describe and understand culture. The programs in archaeology and biological anthropology give hands-on research experience with faculty through fieldwork in bioarchaeology, archaeology, and museum-based data collection. The programs in cultural anthropology connect anthropological research to current social challenges such as health and disease, urbanization, and geopolitics. It is a strong undergraduate major that provides sound interdisciplinary preparation for a variety of careers.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

For policies governing all undergraduate degrees, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: minimum 120

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students are advised to consult with an advisor to learn how they can fulfill Mason Core requirements in global understanding, information technology, and synthesis, as well as the college-level requirement in non-Western culture.

Core Courses in the Major

Core Courses

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1. SOCI 311 Classical Sociological Theory may substitute for ANTH 390 Theories, Methods, and Issues I.

Electives in the Major

Select 24 credits from the following:

24

ANTH courses 300-499

The following SOCI courses:

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<td>Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (Mason Core)</td>
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Total Credits: 24

1. Students wishing to pursue careers in anthropology should consider taking ANTH 492 Contemporary Controversies in Anthropology (or subfield specialty equivalents, such as ANTH 420 Interpretation in Archaeology, ANTH 450 Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research, ANTH 495 Internship, or ANTH 496 Evolutionary Theory) as one of their electives.

2. Only if not used as a substitute for core course ANTH 390 Theories, Methods, and Issues I

Writing-Intensive Requirement

The university requires all students to complete at least one course designated "writing intensive" in their majors at the 300 level or above. Students majoring in anthropology may fulfill this requirement by successfully completing ANTH 490 Theories, Methods, and Issues II

Upper Level Requirement

Students seeking a bachelor’s degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

College Level Requirements for the BA Degree

In addition to the Mason Core program, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill a college level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements (Mason Core requirements or requirements for the major).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Select 3 credits from the following:

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<td>460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics</td>
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Note that the following courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement:

- PHIL 323 Classical Western Political Theory
- PHIL 324 Modern Western Political Theory
- PHIL 327 Contemporary Western Political Theory
- PHIL 353 Humanities College to Career
- PHIL 460 Senior Seminar in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Additionally, PHIL 253 Philosophy and Literature (Mason Core) and RELI 235 Religion and Literature (Mason Core) cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Select 3 credits of social and behavioral sciences from the following (additional to the Mason Core social and behavioral sciences requirement):

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Or choose from the following GGS courses:

- GGS 101: Major World Regions (Mason Core)
- GGS 103: Human Geography (Mason Core)
- GGS 110: Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
- GGS 301: Political Geography
- GGS 303: Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)
- GGS 304: Population Geography (Mason Core)
- GGS 305: Economic Geography
- GGS 306: Urban Geography
- GGS 315: Geography of the United States
- GGS 316: Geography of Latin America
- GGS 320: Geography of Europe
- GGS 325: Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
- GGS 330: Geography of the Soviet Succession States
- GGS 357: Structures in Urban Governance and Planning
- GGS 380: Geography of Virginia

Non-Western Culture
Select 3 credits of an approved course in the study of a non-Western culture (additional to the Mason Core requirement in global understanding)

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<td>Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core)</td>
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The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and Mason Core requirements must be from different disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences.

HIST 100 History of Western Civilization (Mason Core) and HIST 125 Introduction to World History (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Foreign Language

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Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language, fulfilled by:

- Completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202, 209, or 210 (or higher level courses taught in the language)
- Or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test
- Or completing the following ASL three course sequence:

1 Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu).
HIST 360  History of South Africa (Mason Core)  3
HIST 358  Post-1949 China (Mason Core)  3
HIST 356  Modern Japan (Mason Core)  3
HIST 354  Modern China  3
HIST 353  History of Traditional China  3
HIST 352  History of East Asia (Mason Core)  3
HIST 351  History of the Middle East (Mason Core)  3
HIST 349  The History of the Soviet Union (Mason Core)  3
HIST 348  The History of the Russian Revolution (Mason Core)  3
HIST 347  The Rise of Russia (Mason Core)  3
HIST 346  The Rise of Russia (Mason Core)  3
HIST 345  The Rise of Russia (Mason Core)  3
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HIST 320  The Rise of Russia (Mason Core)  3

HIST 364  Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)  3
HIST 365  Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (Mason Core)  3
HIST 366  Comparative Slavery  3
HIST 367  History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America  3
HIST 387  Topics in Global History (Mason Core)  3
HIST 426  The Russian Revolution  3
HIST 460  Modern Iran (Mason Core)  3
HIST 461  Arab-Israeli Conflict  3
HIST 462  Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core)  3
HIST 465  The Middle East in the 20th Century  3
JAPA 310  Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core)  3

JAPA 340  Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core)  3

KORE 320  Korean Popular Culture in a Global World  3
MUSI 103  Musics of the World (Mason Core)  3
MUSI 204  Musics of the World (Mason Core)  3
RELI 211  Religions of the West (Mason Core)  3
RELI 212  Religions of Asia (Mason Core)  3
RELI 240  Death and the Afterlife in World Religions  3
RELI 272  Islam  3
RELI 313  Hinduism (Mason Core)  3
RELI 314  Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions  3
RELI 315  Buddhism (Mason Core)  3
RELI 337  Mysticism: East and West  3
RELI 365  Muhammad: Life and Legacy  3
RELI 374  Islamic Thought (Mason Core)  3
RELI 375  Qur'an and Hadith  3
RELI 379  Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics  3
RELI 387  Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights  3
RELI 490  Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core)  3

RUSS 353  Russian Civilization (Mason Core)  3
RUSS 354  Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core)  3

1 A course used to fulfill the Mason Core global understanding requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. A course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any other requirements (Mason Core requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major). Additional information on waivers can be found at the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs (http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu).

Mason Core

Note: Some Mason Core requirements may already be fulfilled by the major requirements listed above. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their advisors to ensure they fulfill all remaining Mason Core requirements.

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Oral Communication 3
Quantitative Reasoning 3
Information Technology 3-7

Core Requirements
Arts 3
Global Understanding 3
Literature 3
Natural Science 7
Social and Behavioral Sciences 3
Western Civilization/World History 3

Synthesis/Capstone Requirement 1
Synthesis/Capstone 3

Total Credits 40

1 minimum 3 credits

Additional Electives
Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120.

Honors

Honors in the Major
Highly-qualified students majoring in anthropology may apply to graduate with honors in the major.

Eligibility
To be eligible, students must have completed at least 60 credits, taken ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core) for the social sciences, completed 15 credits of anthropology (including ANTH 114 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)), and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30 and a minimum grade of B+ in anthropology courses.

Requirements
If accepted, students complete two honors courses. The first course is an honors section of one of these courses: ANTH 496 Evolutionary Theory, ANTH 420 Interpretation in Archaeology, ANTH 430 Research Methods in Archaeology, ANTH 450 Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research, ANTH 495 Internship or another course chosen in consultation with the honors director. The second course is ANTH 499 Independent Research, in which students complete an honors paper written under the guidance of an anthropology faculty member. All candidates for honors in the major participate in an honors colloquium. To graduate with honors in the major, students must complete the honors coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.50.

Accelerated Master's

The accelerated master's programs in the list below specify the BA in anthropology as a feeder degree for their programs. It is important to note, however, that many accelerated master's programs are available for any bachelor's degree at Mason, including this one. See the full list of master's degrees with accelerated programs at George Mason.

Anthropology, BA/Anthropology, Accelerated MA

Overview
Highly-qualified Mason anthropology majors may apply to the accelerated master's degree program. If accepted, students will be able to earn both a BA and a MA in anthropology after satisfactory completion of 144 credits, sometimes within 5 years. Students with both a BA and MA have a competitive advantage when applying to PhD programs in anthropology. See AP.6.7 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Application Requirements
Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MA in anthropology, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (http://soan.gmu.edu/programs/LA-MA-ANTH/application).

Accelerated Option Requirements
While undergraduate students, accelerated master's students complete two graduate courses (chosen from ANTH 535 Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar I, ANTH 536 Anthropology and the Human Condition: Seminar II, and ANTH 650 Methods in Anthropology) as indicated on their Accelerated Master's Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master's pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. On completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

As graduate students, accelerated master's students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master's degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit
Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit (chosen from ANTH 635 Regional Ethnography, ANTH 650 Methods in Anthropology, or ANTH 699 Contemporary Issues in Sociocultural Anthropology). These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master’s degree, students should use the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form.

The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.
Bachelor's Degree (selected)/Middle East and Islamic Studies, Accelerated MA

Overview
Highly-qualified undergraduates pursuing a BA in select majors (listed below) may apply to the accelerated master’s degree in Middle East and Islamic studies. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor’s degree in their chosen major and a master’s degree in Middle East and Islamic studies after satisfactory completion of 144 credits, sometimes within five years. See AP.6.7 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees.

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Selected Majors
- government and international politics
- global affairs
- history
- religious studies
- Russian and Eurasian studies
- sociology
- anthropology

It is preferred, though not required, that the student have a minor in Middle East studies or Islamic studies.

Application Requirements
Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MA in Middle East and Islamic studies, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (http://meis.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-meis).

Accelerated Option Requirements
While undergraduate students, accelerated master’s students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master’s Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master’s pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

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Total Credits 6

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Bachelor's Degree (selected)/Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Women and Gender Studies Concentration)

Overview
Highly-qualified undergraduates in select majors may apply to the accelerated master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in women and gender studies. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor’s degree in their chosen major and a master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in women and gender studies after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometime within five years. See AP.6.7 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Selected Majors

Application Requirements
Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application on the departmental web site.
Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master’s students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master’s Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master’s pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master’s degree, students should use the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form.

Code | Title | Credits
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Select two from the following: |  | 6
WMST 600 | Special Topics | 6
WMST 610 | Feminist Approaches to Social Research | 6
WMST 630 | Feminist Theories across the Disciplines | 6
WMST 640 | Women and Global Issues | 6

As graduate students, accelerated master’s students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master’s degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master’s program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. To apply these credits to the master’s degree, students should use the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form.

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WMST 610 | Feminist Approaches to Social Research | 6
WMST 630 | Feminist Theories across the Disciplines | 6
WMST 640 | Women and Global Issues | 6

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Bachelor’s Degree (selected)/Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Religion, Culture, and Values Concentration)

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates in selected majors (see below) may apply to the accelerated master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in religion, culture, and values. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn a bachelor’s degree in their chosen major and a master’s in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in religion, culture, and values after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometimes within five years. See AP.6 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master’s degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

Selected Majors

- Art history
- Philosophy
- Conflict analysis and resolution
- Global affairs
- History
- Religious studies
- Russian and Eurasian studies
- Sociology
- Anthropology

If the student has not majored in religious studies, it is preferred, though not required, that the student have a minor in religious studies.

Application Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application).

Accelerated Option Requirements

While undergraduate students, accelerated master’s students complete two graduate courses as indicated on their Accelerated Master’s Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master’s pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all coursework. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

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RELI 631 | Sacred as Secular in Modern Spirituality | 6
RELI 632 | World Religions in Conflict and Dialogue | 6
RELI 633 | Ethical Perspectives of World Religions | 6
RELI 635 | World Religions in Transition and Transformation | 6
RELI 636 | Religion and the Natural Environment | 6
RELI 642 | Sacred Language, Scripture, and Culture | 6

As graduate students, accelerated master’s students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master’s degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master’s program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Reserve Graduate Credit

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree.
To apply these credits to the master’s degree, students should use the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form.

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The ability to take courses, including ones not listed above, for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the department. Permission is normally granted only to qualified Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

**Bachelor’s Degree (selected)/Interdisciplinary Studies, Accelerated MAIS (Social Justice and Human Rights Concentration)**

**Overview**

Highly-qualified undergraduates in select majors (listed below) may apply to the accelerated master’s degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights. If accepted, and depending on their undergraduate major, students will be able to earn an undergraduate degree in their chosen major and a master’s in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in social justice and human rights after satisfactory completion of 150 credits, sometimes within five years.

For more detailed information, see AP 6.7 Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Degrees. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

**Selected Majors**


**Application Requirements**

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. For information specific to the accelerated MAIS, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (http://mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin/application) on the departmental web site.

**Accelerated Option Requirements**

While undergraduate students, accelerated master’s students complete INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights and one course chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights as indicated on their Accelerated Master’s Program Application with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course. Once admitted to the accelerated master’s pathway, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 in all course work. Upon completion and conferral of the undergraduate degree in the semester indicated in the application, they submit the Bachelor’s/Accelerated Master’s Transition Form and are admitted to graduate status.

As graduate students, accelerated master’s students have an advanced standing. They must meet all master’s degree requirements except for the two courses (6 credits) they completed as undergraduates. Students must begin their master’s program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

**Reserve Graduate Credit**

Students may take up to 6 additional graduate credits as reserve graduate credit (chosen from the list of electives for the MAIS concentration in social justice and human rights). These credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. The ability to take courses for reserve graduate credit is available to all high achieving undergraduates with the permission of the program. Permission to take a graduate course for reserve graduate credit is normally granted only to Mason seniors within 15 hours of graduation. See AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates.

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