

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION (Robinson A307, 703-993-1090)
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2014-2015 CATALOG

	<u>Department(s) & Course #(s)</u>	<u>Completed/ Grade(s)</u>	<u>Needed</u>
<u>MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (*41)</u>			
a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100), ENGH 302 (C or better) (3,3)		___ ___	___ ___
b. Oral Communication: COMM 100 or 101 (please circle choice) (3)		_____	_____
c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)		_____	_____
d. Literature (3)		_____	_____
e. Arts (3)		_____	_____
f. Western Civilization (3)		_____	_____
g. Social & Behavioral Science (3)		_____	_____
h. Natural Science (4,4)		_____	_____
i. Global Understanding (3) (COMM 305 satisfies this requirement)		_____	_____
j. Information Technology (3)		_____	_____
k. Synthesis (COMM 326, 362, or 454 satisfy this requirement) (3)		_____	_____

Go to: <http://provost.gmu.edu/gened/general-education-requirements/> to link to information on Mason Core requirements.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS (*18)

- a. Foreign Language: Intermediate level in a single foreign language.
- b. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) (not PHIL 323, 324, 393, or 460) _____
- 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 (3) _____

*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 (39 hours required)

- a. COMM 200 (3) (a grade of C or better in 200 is the prerequisite for 300, 301, & 302) a. _____
- b. COMM 300 (writing intensive course) (3) b. _____
- c. COMM 305 (3) c. _____
- d. COMM 400 (3) (Prereq.: complete two of COMM 300, 301, 302, and 305 with a C or better) d. _____
- e. Twenty-one credits in one of the following concentrations:
 - 1. Interpersonal and Organization Communication
 - 2. Journalism
 - 3. Media Production and Criticism
 - 4. Political Communication
 - 5. Public Relations
- f. Six credits of additional COMM coursework (COMM 100 or 101 may not be used) (6) (list course #)
 - 1. COMM _____ 2. COMM _____

No more than ten hours from the following may be included: COMM 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, 148, 157, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 348, 398, 450, 451, 452, 499.

No more than six credits of internship (COMM 450) may be applied toward the concentration or COMM electives.
 Must have a grade of "C" or better in all courses used to fulfill major requirements

GENERAL ELECTIVES (List courses)

		___ ___	___ ___
		___ ___	___ ___
		___ ___	___ ___
		___ ___	___ ___

MINIMUM HOURS TO GRADUATE: 120

UPPER DIVISION HOURS (minimum 45):

Interpersonal and Organizational Communication (IOC)

Courses for Interpersonal and Organizational Concentration:

Three Required Courses:

COMM 301 Foundations of Interpersonal Comm. (3)

COMM 355 Organizational Communication (3)

And

One from:

COMM 201 Small Group Communication (3) OR

COMM 332 Nonverbal Communication (3)

Twelve credits chosen from:

201 Small Group Communication (3)

230 Case Studies in Persuasion (3)

304 Foundations of Health Communication (3)

320 Business and Professional Communication (3)

332 Nonverbal Communication (3)

344 Parliamentary Procedure (3)

401 Relational Communication (3)

430 Persuasion (3)

434 Interviewing (3)

435 Digital Communication (3)

465 Topics in Communication and Gender (3)

Journalism (JNL)

Courses for Journalism Concentration:

Four Required Courses:

COMM 203 Introduction to Journalism (3)

COMM 303 Writing Across the Media (3)

COMM 454 Free Speech and Ethics (3)

One from:

COMM 351 News Writing & Reporting (3)

COMM 352 News Editing: Print and Beyond (3)

COMM 361 Online Journalism (3)

COMM 453 Multimedia Journalism (3)

Nine credits chosen from:

145 Newspaper Workshop I (1)

148 Radio Workshop I (1)

157 Video Workshop (1)

302 Foundations of Mass Communication (3)

345 Newspaper Workshop II (1)

351 News Writing & Reporting (if not taken as required course) (3)

352 News Editing: Print and Beyond (3)

353 Broadcast Journalism (3)

356 Video: Performance and Writing (3)

361 Online Journalism (if not taken as required course) (3)

370 Feature Writing (3)

371 Sports Writing and Reporting (3)

373 Business and Economic Journalism (3)

374 Political Journalism (3)

391 Writing for Public Relations

453 Multimedia Journalism (if not taken as required course) (3)

454 Free Speech and Ethics

455 History of Print Journalism (3)

475 Journalism Law (3)

Media Production and Criticism (MPC)

Courses for Media Production and Criticism

Concentration:

Three Required Courses:

COMM 302 Foundations of Mass Communication (3)

COMM 355 Video Principles and Practices (3)

COMM 380 Media Criticism (3)

Twelve credits chosen from:

148 Radio Workshop I (1)

157 Video Workshop (1)

202 Mass Media and Communication Systems (3)

210 Voice and Articulation (3)

255 Introduction to Media Literacy (3)

303 Writing Across the Media (3)

347 Cabel TV Programming and Marketing (3)

348 Radio Workshop II (1)

350 Mass Communication and Public Policy (3)

354 Radio Production (3)

356 Video: Performance and Writing (3)

358 Video Producing and Directing (3)

359 Media Management (3)

363 Advanced Production (1)

365 Women and Media (3)

366 Visual Communication (3)

375 Mass Communication Advertising and Promotions (3)

435 Digital Communication (3)

456 Comparative Mass Media (3)

Persuasive and Political Discourse (PPC)

Courses for Persuasive and Political Concentration:

Four Required Courses:

COMM 302 Foundations of Mass Communication (3)

COMM 430 Persuasion (3)

COMM 432 Political Communication (3)

COMM 454 Free Speech and Ethics (3)

Nine credits chosen from the following:

140 Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts (1)

141 Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts (1)

142 Forensics Sem. in Debate: Affirmative Strategies (1)

143 Forensics Sem. in Debate: Negative Strategies (1)

230 Case Studies in Persuasion (3)

260 Basic Debate Theory and Practice (3)

261 Theories of Argumentation (3)

320 Business and Professional Communication (3)

326 Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political

Controversy (3)

340 Forensics Seminar in Creative Arts (1)

341 Forensics Seminar in Recreative Arts (1)

342 Forensics Sem. in Debate: Affirmative Strategies (1)

343 Forensics Sem. in Debate: Negative Strategies (1)

362 Argument and Public Policy (3)

374 Political Journalism (3)

380 Media Criticism (3)

412 Politics and the Mass Media (3)

431 Information Technology & the Political Process (3)

433 Environmental Communication (3)

465 Topics in Communication and Gender (3)

Public Relations

Courses for Public Relations Concentration:

Three required courses:

COMM 303 Writing across the Media (3)

COMM 330 Principles of Public Relations (3)

COMM 430 Persuasion (3)

Twelve credits chosen from:

202 Media and Society (3)

230 Case Studies in Persuasion (3)

260 Basic Debate Theory and Practice (3)

261 Theories of Argumentation (3)

302 Foundations of Mass Communication (3)

320 Business and Professional Communication (3)

335 Organizational Communication (3)

351 News writing and Reporting (3)

359 Media Management (3)

362 Argument and Public Policy (3)

375 Mass Communication Advertising and Promotions (3)

389 Public Relations for Associations and Nonprofits (3)

390 Issues in Public Relations (3)

391 Writing for Public Relations (3)

392 Public Relations Study Abroad (3)

411 Public Relations Practicum (3)

454 Free Speech and Ethics (3)

COMM 399 - Special Topics in Communication may be applied toward a concentration when topic is relevant to the concentration with prior written approval of the undergraduate director.

COURSE LISTS (COMMUNICATION)

Mason Core Requirements

Written Communication: ENGH 101 (or 100) and ENGH 302

Oral Communication: COMM 100 or COMM 101

Quantitative Reasoning: MATH 106, 108, 110, 111, 113, 115, 125, STAT 250. The Math Placement Test is required to take a MATH course (except 106). See this web site for more information: http://math.gmu.edu/placement_test.htm

Literature: ARAB 325; CHIN 310, 311, 325, 328; CLAS 250, 260, 340, 350, 360, 380; ENGH 201, 202, 203, 204; FREN 325, 329; FRLN 330; GERM 325; ITAL 320, 325; JAPA 340; PHIL 253; RELI 235; RUSS 325, 326, 327; SPAN 325

Arts: ARTH 101, 102, 103, 200, 201, 203, 204, 321, 322, 324, 333, 334, 335, 340, 341, 342, 344, 345, 360, 362, 370, 372, 373, 376; AVT 103, 104, 215, 222, 232, 243, 252, 253, 262, 272; DANC 101, 119, 125, 131, 145, 161, 225, 231, 245, 301, 354, 445, 390, 391; ENGH 370, 372, 396; FAVS 225; GAME 101; MUSI 100, 101, 102, 107, 280, 301, 302, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 387, 389, 485; PHIL 156; THR 101, 150, 151, 210, 230, 395, 411, 412.

Western Civilization: HIST 100 or 125; transfer students may substitute: the following courses for HIST 100: HIST 101, 102, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 308, 309, 312, 314, 322, 388, 435, 436, 480; and the following courses for HIST 125: HIST 202, 387.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: AFAM 200; ANTH 114, 120, 135, 396; CONF 101; CONS 410; CRIM 100; ECON 100, 103, 104, 105, 110, 111 (110 and 111 must be taken together); EDUC 372; GGS 103; GOVT 101, 103, 367; HEAL 230; HIST 121, 122; LING 306; PSYC 100, 211, 231; SOCI 101, 352, 355; SOM 100; TOUR 311; WMST 200

Natural Sciences: ASTR 111/112, 113/114, 115; BIOL 103, 104; BIOL 213; CDS 101/102; CHEM 103, 104, 155, 156; CHEM 211, 212, 251; CLIM 102, 111/112; EVPP 110, 111; GEOL 101, 102; GGS 121; PHYS 103, 104; PHYS 111/112; PHYS 243/244, 245/246; PHYS 160/161, 260/261; 262/263

Global Understanding: ANTH 302, 304, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 312, 313, 316, 331, 332, 385; ARTH 319, 320, 380, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386; CEIE 100; **COMM 305, 456**; CRIM 405; DANC 118, 318, 418; ECON 360, 361, 362, 380, 390; ENGH 362, 366; GCH 205; GGS 101; GLOA 101; GOVT 132, 133; HIST 130, 251, 252, 261, 262, 271, 272, 281, 282, 328, 329, 356, 358, 360, 364, 365, 387, 460, 462; JAPA 310; MSOM 305; MUSI 103, 431; PHIL 243; PSYC 379; RELI 100, 211, 212, 313, 315, 341, 374; RUSS 354; SOCI 120, 320, 332; SPAN 322; SYST 202; THR 359, TOUR 210; WMST 100

Information Technology: **One of these courses:** ANTH 395, CDS 130, CHEM 350, CS 100, GOVT 300, HIST 390, IT 103, MUSI 259 **or Course(s) from a) and one course from b):** **a)** AVT 180; CS 112; PHYS 251; PSYC 300, 301, & 372 (all three must be taken and in sequence); SOCI 410 **b)** CDS 151, CEIE 409, CS 105, ENGR 107, IT 304, PHIL 112

Synthesis: ANTH 400; ARTH 394; AVT 385, 497, 498; BENG 492, 493; BINF 354; BIOL 301; BIS 490; CEIE 490; COMM 326, 362, 454; CONF 490; CONS 490; CRIM 495; CS 306; DANC 490; ECE 447, 492, 493; ECON 309; EDCI 490; ENGH 305; EVPP 335, 480; FAVS 352; FRLN 385; GAME 490; GCH 465; GEOL 420; GGS 303, 304; GOVT 490, 491; HAP 465; HIST 300, 499; IT 492; LAS 499; MATH 400; MUSI 490; NCLC 308; NURS 465; PHIL 309, 343, 377, 378, 379; PHYS 346; PROV 342; PSYC 405, 406, 427; RELI 490; RUSS 353; SOCI 377, 483; SOCW 323, SOM 498; SPAN 388; SYST 495; THR 440, 496; UNIV 442

Additional Requirements

Foreign Language: Demonstrated intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language. See this web site for more information: <http://chss.gmu.edu/general-education/foreign-language>

Philosophy or Religious Studies: This can be fulfilled by any course in philosophy or religious studies except for PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460.

Social Sciences: This can be fulfilled by any course in ANTH; CRIM; ECON; GOVT; HIST (except 100 or 125); LING; PSYC; SOC; or GGS 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380,.

Non-western Culture: ANTH 114, 300, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 313, 314, 316, 323, 330, 332, 381, 396; ARAB 420, 440; ARTH 203, 204, 319, 320, 380, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 482; CHIN 318, 320, 325; DANC 118; ECON 361, 362; FREN 451, 454; GGS 101, 316, 325, 330, 399; GOVT 328, 332, 333, 340, 341, 345, 432, 433; HIST 130, 251, 252, 261, 262, 271, 281, 282, 328, 329, 353, 354, 356, 365, 366, 367, 387, 426, 460, 461, 465, 466; JAPA 310, 340; MUSI 103; RELI 211, 212, 272, 313, 314, 315, 337, 374, 375, 490; RUSS 353, 354.

Note: Students do not have to meet each requirement with a separate course; i.e. it is possible that a single course may be used to fulfill more than one college requirement; a single course may fulfill a Mason Core requirement and a college requirement; a course may fulfill a Mason Core requirement and/or a college requirement and a requirement for the major.