

So what classes should I take??

Don't worry, **History majors have lots of choices!** First, to make things easy, we suggest you try following the Semester 1 chart below, taken from the sample schedule History B.A. degree map:

Freshman Year (Semester 1)	Credits
HIST 125	3
English 101 (100)	3
Natural Science (non-lab)	3
Foreign Language	6
Total	15

Freshman Year (Semester 2)	Credits
Literature	3
Oral Communication (COMM 101)	3
Global Understanding (HIST)	3
Natural Science (w/lab)	4
Foreign Language	3
Total	16*

But maybe you expect to test out of part or all of foreign language, or you expect to have AP or IB credit for HIST 100/101 or English 101, or you aren't really so keen on science and don't want to lead with it in your first semester? No problem! Just borrow something from Semester 2. For example, you could take COMM 101 for **Oral Communication** or a 200-level History class for **Global Understanding**. If you've already got credit for English 101 or 100, you could take a **Literature** requirement course such as ENGH 201.

Still don't have enough options? Borrow from one of the later semesters and take something to fulfill one of these requirements:

Math (most students take MATH 106)

Arts (lots of choices, including Art History – aka ARTH – in our department)

Philosophy/Religious Studies (try PHIL 100 or RELI 100)

Just remember that any time you're going to fulfill a requirement for Mason Core or CHSS (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), you need to make sure the course you take is on the approved list. Use the list of Core classes offered in the upcoming semester to choose approved class options. If the list says a class has prerequisites, look up the course at <http://catalog.gmu.edu> to see if you've met the prereqs through exam credit or dual enrollment.

When it's time to register for classes, make sure you have 3 or more draft lists of courses you could take in case a 1st or 2nd choice course is full or conflicts with something else on your schedule! See schedule planner on reverse side.

***Full-time undergraduate tuition covers 12-15 semester credits. Semester credits beyond 15 are charged at the per-credit rate. This sample semester includes 16-credits but other plans can be developed. Please see your advisor.**

Handy reference for common AP/IB credits:

AP	
English Language & Comp	4 = ENGH 101 5 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Literature & Comp	4 = ENGH 101 5 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 202
European History	3 = HIST 100 4 or 5 = HIST 100 & HIST L388
Govt & Politics: Comparative	3, 4, or 5 = GOVT 133
Govt & Politics : United States	3, 4, or 5 = GOVT 103
U.S. History	3= HIST 121 4 or 5 = HIST 121 & HIST 122
World History: Modern	3 = HIST 125 4 or 5 = HIST 125 & HIST L387

IB	
English A: Language & Lit	5 = ENGH 101 6 or 7 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Literature A	5 = ENGH 101 6 or 7 = ENGH 101 & ENGH 201
English Language B	5,6, or 7 = ENGH 100
History: Americas	4 = HIST 122 5, 6, or 7 = HIST 122 & HIST 125
History: Europe	4 = HIST 100 5, 6, or 7 = HIST 100 & HIST 125
Geography	4 = GGS 101 5, 6, or 7 = GGS 101 & GGS 102
Philosophy	4, 5, 6, or 7 = PHIL 100
Psychology	4, 5, 6, or 7 = PSYC 100
Social & Cultural Anth	4, 5, 6, or 7 = ANTH 114

To see more Exam by Credit equivalencies: <https://www.gmu.edu/freshman/requirements/exam-credit>

Sample First Two Years, History B.A.

This is a sample schedule only. Students are not expected to hold themselves to this example. This should be used only as a framework for launching on your undergraduate coursework in this major.

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Natural Science (w/lab)	4
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Sophomore Year (Semester 3)	Credits
HIST	3
HIST 300	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3
IT (HIST 390)	3
Foreign Language	3
Total	15

Sophomore Year (Semester 4)	Credits
English 302 (45 credit prereq)	3
Non-Western Culture (HIST)	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3
General Electives	6
Total	15

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Plan your own first semester here!

First Choice

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #1

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #2

Term:	Credits
Total	

Alternative Schedule #3

Term:	Credits
Total	

For more advising information, visit <http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/undergraduate/welcome>
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