Your Guide to Global Affairs

WELCOME!

This information is intended to:

- Orient you to the Global Affairs Program
- Present opportunities available to you as a Global Affairs major
- Provide links to essential college and university policies and resources

In addition to using these resources, remember to consult your academic advisor. To find your advisor and schedule an appointment go to:
http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/advising

THE GLOBAL AFFAIRS MAJOR

Core Coursework

The Global Affairs major promotes a multidisciplinary perspective through seven required core courses (21 credits) drawn from areas including Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Cultural Studies, Economics, Environmental Science and Policy, and Government.
http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/programs/la-ba-gloa/requirements/

Concentration

All students select a concentration that focuses on a global theme or a world region. The best time to begin coursework for your concentration is once you've completed most of your general education courses, GLOA 101, and any other prerequisites. You can declare a concentration by visiting your advisor to plan a schedule and fill out the requisite paperwork.
http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/courses-and-sections/undergraduate/concentration-courses

Foreign Language Requirement

The Global Affairs major requires a total of 18 foreign language credits. If you are taking courses at Mason, you need to complete through intermediate proficiency (202, SPAN212, or EDSE219) plus six more credits. If you are transferring language courses numbered 101-202, you need intermediate proficiency (202) plus six credits. The additional six credits can be earned in any foreign language at any level.

- If you received language credit through AP scores, consult your degree evaluation to determine your remaining language requirement. http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/
- If you are a heritage speaker, consult the Department of Modern & Classical Languages for information on proficiency and placement tests.
  http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testin

Internships and Study Abroad

We strongly encourage you to participate in a study abroad program or internship to complement your Global Affairs coursework. Talk to your advisor about receiving credit towards the major for study abroad and internships.
http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/internships • http://globaled.gmu.edu

DEGREE EVALUATION

All Mason students should regularly check their degree evaluation. It lets you know exactly which requirements you have fulfilled and those you still need to fulfill. To run a degree evaluation, follow these steps:

1. Login to Patriot Web at patriotweb.gmu.edu
2. Select Student Services
3. Select Student Records
4. Select Student Profile
5. Select Degree Evaluation

For additional tips, visit our **Advising FAQs** web page:
http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/advising/faqs

Transfer Students

"EXTRAS" - OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AS A GLOBAL AFFAIRS MAJOR

- Challenge yourself in the Global Affairs **Honors Program**. Conduct research, present your findings, graduate with honors and impress graduate schools! http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/honors
- Apply for a Global Affairs **research assistantship**. Spend the spring semester working on a project of mutual interest with a Global Affairs faculty member. http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/undergraduate/research
- Consider a **double major**. Talk to your advisor about complementary fields, such as Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Economics, Foreign language, Communications, and more.
- Become a **Global Politics Fellow** or **Global Health Fellow**! The Arlington Fellows programs are academic programs that challenge Mason undergraduates to take their learning to the next level. Apply what you are studying in the classroom to the real world and better prepare yourself to be a Mason Graduate! These semester-long, 15 credit academic programs take place at the Arlington campus and incorporate a significant internship into your experience. http://fellows.gmu.edu/
- Add a **minor**. Select Business, IT, Intelligence Analysis, Anthropology, or another field to pair with your major.
- Like Global Affairs on **Facebook**. Stay connected as we post event announcements, student achievements, study abroad pictures and more. Search "Global Affairs at George Mason University."
- Follow Global Affairs on **Twitter**. http://twitter.com/GMU_GLOA

TRANSFER CREDIT TROUBLESHOOTING

I have credits that did not transfer, who should I contact?
Contact the Office of Admissions for credits that have not been accepted or are missing from your transcript.

What if a course transferred but wasn't assigned a course number?
If your degree evaluation lists a course without a number (e.g., SOCI 1---), this means it has not been immediately recognized as having an equivalent course at Mason. If you believe that you are transferring a course that has an equivalent at Mason, present the Reevaluation of Transfer credit appeal form and supporting documentation to the appropriate department. http://admissions.gmu.edu/documents/transferCreditReEvalAppealForm.pdf

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

University Catalog: http://catalog.gmu.edu/
- Consult **your catalog year** for the most accurate academic information and policies
- Select "University General Education" to view approved gen ed courses for each category

Admissions Office: http://admissions.gmu.edu/
- Academic Credit by Exam: http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/
- Transfer Credit: GMU Transfer Credit Matrix

Registrar's Office: http://registrar.gmu.edu/

COLLEGE RESOURCES

College (CHSS) website: http://chss.gmu.edu/
- Non-Western Culture courses: http://chss.gmu.edu/general-education/nonwestern

CHSS Undergraduate Academic Affairs: http://chssundergrad.gmu.edu/
- Policies on credit overload, withdrawal, courses elsewhere and more

Department of Modern & Classical Languages: http://mcl.gmu.edu/
- Foreign language placement testing: http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testing

Selecting a Minor: http://chss.gmu.edu/minors/about

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
B.A. DEGREE IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS
CATALOG YEAR 2022-2023

A. Mason Core

I. University General Education Requirements

a. Written Communication: ENGH 101(100) (C or better) (3) _____
b. Written Communication: ENGH 302 (C or better) (3) _____
c. Oral Communication: COMM 101 (3) _____
d. Quantitative Reasoning (3) _____
e. Literature (3) (required prerequisite to ENGH 302) _____
f. Arts (3) _____
g. Western Civilization: HIST 100 or 125 (3) _____
h. Social & Behavioral Science (3) _____
i. Natural Science (4,3) _____
j. Global Understanding (3) (satisfied by GLOA 101 or SOCI 120) _____
k. Information Technology (3) _____
l. Capstone/Synthesis (3) (satisfied by GLOA 400) _____

II. **CHSS Requirements for B.A. Degree**

a. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3) _____
b. Social Sciences (3) _____
(In addition to the University-wide Social & Behavioral Science requirement)
Fulfilled by any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GGS (except 102 or 309)
GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI
c. Non-Western Culture (3) _____

B. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

a. Core Courses. Students must earn a grade of C or better in each of the core courses.

1. GLOA 101: Introduction to Global Affairs or SOCI 120: Globalization & Society
2. GOVT 322: International Relations Theory (*Prerequisite: GOVT 132 or GOVT 133*)
3. CONF 340: Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution
4. ECON 385: International Economic Policy
5. CULT 320: Globalization and Culture (*Prerequisite: GLOA 101, cannot be a freshmen)*
6. EVPP 337: Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries
7. GLOA 400: Global Affairs Capstone

b. Language Requirement. Students must complete Steps 1 ***and*** 2, and earn grade of C- or better in each course.

1. *Step 1—Intermediate Proficiency in a Foreign Language*: students must complete through or transfer credit the completion of 202, SPAN 212, SPAN 215, EDSE 219 **OR** demonstrate equivalent proficiency in a foreign language through a proficiency test (please see: http://mcl.gmu.edu/placement-testing).
2. *Step 2—Language Electives (Choose Any Language at Any Level)*: students must complete 6 additional foreign language credits **OR** demonstrate appropriate proficiency in a second foreign language.

c. Concentration (12 credits). Students must earn a grade of C- or better in each of the courses.
Students choose **one concentration in either a global theme or a world region** and take twelve credits; courses in a concentration must come from at least two different departments or programs. The courses must be unique and cannot be applied to any other major, minor, concentration, or certificate program. For any concentration, study abroad and globally oriented internships can reduce the credits required in the concentration. Course listing: http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/courses-and-sections/undergraduate/concentration-courses

Choose One Concentration in Either a Global Theme or a World Region:

- Human Security
- Global Governance
- Global Economy and Management
- Global Inequalities and Responses
- International Development
- The Environment
- Media, Communication, and Culture
- Independent Study
- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- Latin America
- North America
- Middle East and North Africa
- Russia and Central Asia

GENERAL ELECTIVES: Variable credits
MINIMUM CREDITS TO GRADUATE: 120
UPPER DIVISION CREDITS: Minimum 45 credits at the 300 or 400 upper level

This planning form is intended for use in consultation with your academic advisor.
The University Catalog is the official reference for program requirements.

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
http://catalog.gmu.edu/

Bolded courses have double-counting possibilities.

Remember to run your degree evaluation regularly and contact your advisor with questions!

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

Oral Communication: COMM 100 101, INTS 101, 202

Quantitative Reasoning: Recommended: MATH 106, SOCI 313, STAT 250 (Math Placement Test not required for MATH 106, SOCI 313, and STAT 250) http://cos.gmu.edu/academics/undergraduate/math_placement_testing

Literature: ARAB 325; CHIN 310, 311, **325**, 328; CLAS 250, 260, 340, 350, 360, 380; ELED 258; ENGH 201, 202, 203, 204; FREN 325, 329; FRLN 330; GERM 325; HIST 334; INTS 101, 363; ; ITAL 320, 325; JAPA 340; KORE 311; PHIL 253; RELI 235, 333, 339 RUSS 325, 326, 327; SEED 370; SPAN 325

Arts: ARTH 101, 102, 103, 104, 200, 201, 203, 204, 206, 311, 321, 322, 324, 333, 334, 335, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 350, 360, 362, 370, 371, 372, 373, 376; AVT 103, 104, 105, 215, 222, 232, 243, 252, 253, 262, 272, 385; DANC 101, 119, 125, 131, 145, 161, 225, 231, 245, 301, 325, 331, 345, 390, 391, 425; DSGN 102, ENGH 315, 370, 371, 372, 396; FAVS 204, 225, 280; GAME 101; INTS 103, 245, 346, MUSI 100, 101, 102, 106, 107, 280, 301, 302, 380, 381, 382, 383, 385, 387, 389, 485, PHIL 156, RELI 237; THR 101, 150, 151, 210, 230, 395, 411, 412

Western Civilization: HIST 100, 125; INTS 102. Transfer students only may substitute - HIST 101, 102, 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 308, 309, 312, 314, 322, 388, 436

Social and Behavioral Sciences: AFAM 200; **ANTH 114**, 120, 121, 135, 363, 396; BUS 100, CONF 101; CONS 410; CRIM 100; ECON 100, 103, 104, 105, 367; EDEP 350; EDSE 203; EDUC 200, 203; GCH 325; GGS 103, 301; GOVT 101, 103, 367, HDFS 200; HEAL 230; HIST 121, 122; **INTS 203**, 300, 304, 316, 317, 319, 321, 331, 334, 336, 347, 362, 371, 436, 437, 438, LING 100, 306; PSYC 100, 211, 231; SOCI 101, 308, 315, 352, 355, 360, 371; SOCW 200; TOUR 311; UNIV 381; WMST 200, 208

Natural Sciences (7 credits required): *Lab science*: ASTR 111+112, 113+114, 115; BIOL 102; CDS 101+102; CHEM 103, 104, 155, 156, 211+213, 212+214, 271+272; CLIM 102, 111+112; EVPP 108+109, 112+113; GEOL 101+103, 102+104; GGS 121; INTS 311, 401, 403; PHYS 103, 104, 111+112, 160+161,170+161, 243+244, 245+246, 260+261, 262+263

Non-lab: ANTH 135; ASTR 103, 111, 113, 302, 303; BIOL 103, 107, 140; CDS 101; CHEM 101, 102, 271; CLIM 101, 111; COS 301; EVPP 108, 112, 201; FRSC 101; GEOL 102, 134, GGS 102; INTS 103, 210, 211, 301, 410; NEUR 101; NUTR 295; PHYS 106, 111, 160, 170, 243, 245, 260, 262, 270

Global Understanding: Satisfied by GLOA 101 or SOCI 120

Information Technology: ANTH 395, AVT 110, AVT 180, CDS 130, CS 100, CS 112, CYSE 130, ELED 257, GOVT 300, HIST 390, **INTS 203,** INTS 249, IT 104, MIS 303, MUSI 259, PHYS 251, SOCI 410, SYST 130

Capstone/Synthesis: *satisfied by GLOA 400*

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Philosophy or Religious Studies: Fulfilled by any course in philosophy or religious studies (PHIL, RELI) except for 323, 324, 327, 393, 460. PHIL 253, RELI 235, RELI 333, RELI 339 cannot be used to fulfill both the philosophy/religious studies requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement.

Social Sciences: Fulfilled by ECON 385 (Global Affairs core course) or GOVT 132/133 (Global Affairs core course prerequisite)

Non-western Culture: **ANTH 114**, 300, 302, 307, 308, 309, 313, 314, 317, 330, 332, 381, **396;** ARAB 360, 420, 440: ARTH 203, 204, 206, 318, 319, 320, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 482; CHIN 318, 320, **325**, 470; DANC 118; ECON 361, 362; FREN 454; GGS 101, 316, 317, 325, 399; GOVT 328, 332, 333, 338, 340, 341, 345, 433; HIST 251, 252, 261, 262, 271, 272, 281, 282, 326, 327, 328, 329, 353, 354, 356, 357, 358, 360, 364, 365, 366, 367, 387, 461, 462, 465; JAPA 310, 340, 380; KORE 300, 320, 385; MUSI 103; **RELI 211, 212, 272, 312, 313, 314, 315, 317, 318, 338, 342, 344, 358, 367, 368, 490;** RUSS 353, 354

GLOBAL AFFAIRS COURSES

CORE (REQUIRED)

1. GLOA 101
2. CONF 340
3. GOVT 322 (*Prerequisite: GOVT 132 or GOVT 133)*
4. ECON 385
5. CULT 320 (*Prerequisite: GLOA 101, cannot be a freshmen)*
6. EVPP 337
7. GLOA 400

OTHER COURSES (RECOMMENDED)

- GLOA 450: Special Topics
  - Can count toward various concentrations
- GLOA 495: Global Experiential Learning
  - Internship, 3-9 credit hours
  - Up to 3 credits can count toward concentration

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Sample First Semester Schedule
Transfer Students
15-16 Credit Hours

1. GLOA 101/ SOCI 120
Is GLOA 101 Full? Try SOCI 120. It's the same

2. Foreign Language
☐AP/IB/CLEP_____ ☐Waiver _____ ☐Transfer_____

3. ENGH 302: Advanced Composition
- **Must have completed literature course and 45 credits completed**

4. Pre-requisite Courses?
- **GOVT 322: requires the completion of GOVT 132 or 133**
- **CONF 340: DOES NOT require CONF 101 as a pre-requisite**

5. Mason Core?
- Do you have Mason Core requirements you did not transfer?

Possible courses for next semester:

- GLOA 101
- Any **Mason core** or **CHSS** requirement you did not receive or will receive transfer credit for (except for GLOA 400)
- Language credit if still need to complete
- Other GLOA core courses

If you are unsure if you'll receive transfer credit make sure you check the Mason transfer credit matrix first before registering or speak with your advisor.

* It is recommended that students do not wait to take core courses for their last semester, especially if that is a summer term.

Important Dates – Spring 2023 full semester

Dates listed on this page are for full semester courses only. For graduation deadlines, please go to http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/graduation/timelines/

First Day of Spring Classes: Payment Due Date	Mon. Jan. 23
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Jan. 23
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Mon. Jan 30
Last Day to Drop with 100% Refund	Mon. Feb 6
Last Day to Drop (Last Day for 50% Refund)	Mon. Feb 13
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period 100% Tuition Liability	Tue. Feb 14 - Mon. Feb 27
Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via Patriot Web	Mon. Feb 20 - Fri. Mar 24
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only **(100% tuition liability)**	Tue. Feb 28 - Mon. Apr 3
Incomplete Work from Fall 2020 Due to Instructor	Fri. Mar 31
Incomplete Grade Changes from Fall 2020 Due to Registrar	Fri. Apr 7
Last Day of Class	Sat. May 6
Reading Day(s): Reading days provide students with additional study time for final examinations. Faculty may schedule optional study sessions, but regular classes or exams may not be held.	Mon. May 8 - Tue. May 9
Examination Period	Wed. May 10 - Wed. May 17
University Commencement	Thu. May 18
Degree Conferral Date	Fri. May 19

This calendar and future calendars can be found at registrar.gmu.edu