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Global Affairs, MA Accelerated Master's Degree

Academically strong Mason undergraduates with a commitment to graduate studies, professional studies, or research can apply for an accelerated master's program and earn a bachelor's and a master's in as little as five years.

The accelerated pathway offers many benefits:

- Waiver of graduate application fee
- Reduced tuition for up to 18 graduate credits
- Opportunity to study in small, seminar format with graduate students and faculty
- Focused and guided learning, dedicated mentoring

Upon program approval and earning 75 credits, students will be able to register for graduate courses. Complete both degrees in as few as 138 credits and pay undergraduate prices for up to 18 credits of graduate coursework.

Accelerate your Education!

Earn your bachelor's and master's degrees in a reduced amount of time at a reduced cost.

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Why this Degree?

The Master of Arts in Global Affairs offers a rigorous curriculum of 30 multidisciplinary credits that prepare graduates for careers in governance, development, security, and global justice. Students complete a core curriculum that focuses on the complex processes of globalization and select an area for further specialization, depending upon the student's individual interests and professional goals.

Application Requirements

Mason undergraduate students from any major who have completed 60 credits toward the bachelor's degree are invited to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in or have completed a foreign language course 202 or higher with a minimum grade of C- prior to graduation (or other evidence of competency in foreign language)

Applicants must submit:

- Unofficial transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's qualifications for graduate study
- Resume
- Goal statement that explains the applicant's interest in the program and how the applicant will connect graduate work with career aspirations
- Writing sample: a 5-7 page paper or excerpt from an upper-level course

For more information on the application,
<https://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-acel-gloa/application>.

Before Applying

Prior to submitting your application, schedule an advising appointment with your undergraduate advisor and the Global Affairs Bachelor's/Accelerated Masters (BAM) Coordinator. Contact globalma@gmu.edu for more information.

Program Requirements

Students who have been accepted into the accelerated master's program must:

- Take 3-12 graduate credits while still an undergraduate. Credits will be applied to both degrees (bachelor's and master's).
- Earn a minimum grade of B in each course and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Begin their master's program the semester immediately following conferral of the undergraduate degree.

Visit **to.gmu.edu/BAM** for complete details on the application process.



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