

# Your Guide to Global Affairs

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## 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 six required core courses (18 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>

### *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>

### *Foreign Language Requirement*

The Global Affairs major requires a total of 18 foreign language credits. If you are taking courses at Mason numbered 110-202, you need intermediate proficiency (202) plus 6 more credits. If you are transferring language courses numbered 101-202, you need intermediate proficiency (202) plus 6 credits. The additional 6 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-testing>

## 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
  2. Select Student Services
  3. Select Student Records
  4. Select Degree Evaluation Menu
  5. Select Degree Works
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## 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](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/>
- Evaluation of Transfer Credit:  
<http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/TransferCreditEvaluation.asp>

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>

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