

In addition to the program requirements and the [Mason Core](#) requirements, students pursuing a BA degree must complete the coursework below. Except where expressly prohibited, a course used to fulfill this college-level requirement may also be used simultaneously to satisfy other requirements such as [Mason Core](#) requirements, other college-level requirements, or requirements for the major. In some cases, the requirements listed below may be superseded by requirements of the degree program and the [Mason Core](#).

Philosophy or Religious Studies

Select 3 credits from the following:

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[PHIL](#)¹

[RELI](#)

¹ [PHIL 323](#) Classical Western Political Theory and [PHIL 324](#) Modern Western Political Theory may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Choose one approved [Mason Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) course in addition to the [Mason Core](#)-required course for a total of 6 credits. The two courses used to fulfill the combined college-level and university requirements must be from different disciplines.

This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in [ANTH](#), [CRIM](#), [ECON](#), [GOVT](#), [HIST](#)¹, [LING](#), [PSYC](#), or [SOC](#)I, and the following [GG](#)S courses:

Select any course from the disciplines above or select from the following GGS courses:

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[GG](#)S 101 Major World Regions ([Mason Core](#)).

[GG](#)S 103 Human Geography ([Mason Core](#)).

[GG](#)S 110 Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies

[GG](#)S 301 Political Geography

[GG](#)S 303 Geography of Resource Conservation ([Mason Core](#)).

[GG](#)S 304 Population Geography ([Mason Core](#)).

GGS 305	Economic Geography
GGS 306	Urban Geography
GGS 315	Geography of the United States
GGS 316	Geography of Latin America
GGS 320	Geography of Europe
GGS 325	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGS 330	Geography of the Soviet Succession States
GGS 357	Urban Planning
GGS 380	Geography of Virginia

Total Credits

3

¹ [HIST 100](#) History of Western Civilization ([Mason Core](#)) and [HIST 125](#) Introduction to World History ([Mason Core](#)) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

Natural Science

Choose one credit in addition to the [Mason Core: Natural Science](#) requirement for a total of 8 **credits¹**. ~~credits.~~ This combined college-level and university requirement must be fulfilled by completing two of any approved [Mason Core: Natural Science](#) courses that include a laboratory experience^{2 ±}.

Select an additional Mason Core Natural Science course

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¹ For Geography, BA majors, this extra credit is not required.

² **[BIOL 124 Human Anatomy and Physiology](#) and [BIOL 125 Human Anatomy and Physiology](#) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.**

Foreign Language

Intermediate-level proficiency in one foreign language is **required**. ~~required¹~~. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing a course in **a [foreign language numbered 202 \(or higher level courses taught in the language\)](#) ~~202,~~ [209](#), or [achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test.](#) ~~210 (or higher-level courses taught in the language).~~ **A three course sequence in American Sign Language ([EDSE 115 American Sign Language \(ASL\) I](#), [EDSE 116 American](#)****

Sign Language (ASL) II, and [EDSE 219 American Sign Language \(ASL\) III](#) will also meet the foreign language requirement. Students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement. Additional information on waivers can be found at the [Office of Academic and Student Affairs](#).

~~± Students may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement if they are already proficient in a second language or if they have received a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test. Additional information on waivers can be found via the college's [Office of Academic and Student Affairs](#).~~

~~Select a foreign language course numbered 202, 209, 210, or higher if a waiver isn't applicable 0-3~~

Non-Western Culture

Choose one approved Non-Western Culture Requirement¹ course in addition to the course used to fulfill the [Mason Core: Global Understanding](#) requirement. A course used to fulfill the [Mason Core: Global Understanding](#) requirement may not be simultaneously used to satisfy this college-level requirement. However, a course used to fulfill this requirement may be used simultaneously to fulfill any *other* requirements ([Mason Core](#) requirements, college-level requirements, or requirements for the major).

Select 3 credits from approved Non-Western Culture courses if a waiver isn't applicable: 0-3

ANTH 114	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 300	Civilizations	3
ANTH 302	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 307	Ancient Mesoamerica (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 308	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 309	Peoples and Cultures of India (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 313	Myth, Magic, and Mind (Mason Core)	3
ANTH 314	Zombies	3
ANTH 330	Peoples and Cultures of Selected Regions: Non-Western	3

ANTH 332	Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization (Mason Core).	3
ANTH 381	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH 396	Issues in Anthropology: Social Sciences (Mason Core).	3
ARAB 360	Topics in Arabic Cultural Production	3
ARAB 420	Survey of Arabic Literature	3
ARAB 440	Topics in Arabic Religious Thought and Texts (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 203	Survey of Asian Art (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 204	Survey of Latin American Art (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 206	Survey of African Art (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 318	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
ARTH 319	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 320	Art of the Islamic World (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 382	Arts of India (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 383	Arts of Southeast Asia (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 384	Arts of China (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 385	Arts of Japan (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 386	The Silk Road (Mason Core).	3
ARTH 482	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	3
CHIN 318	Introduction to Classical Chinese (Mason Core).	3
CHIN 320	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
CHIN 325	Major Chinese Writers (Mason Core).	3

<u>CHIN 470</u>	Special Topics in Chinese Studies	3
<u>DANC 118</u>	World Dance (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ECON 361</u>	Economic Development of Latin America (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ECON 362</u>	African Economic Development (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>FREN 451</u>	Topics in Sub-Saharan Francophone Literature and Culture	3
<u>FREN 454</u>	Topics in Caribbean Francophone Literature and Culture	3
<u>GGS 101</u>	Major World Regions (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>GGS 316</u>	Geography of Latin America	3
<u>GGS 325</u>	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3
<u>GGS 330</u>	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3
<u>GGS 399</u>	Select Topics in GGS	3
<u>GOVT 328</u>	Global Political Theory	3
<u>GOVT 332</u>	Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	3
<u>GOVT 333</u>	Government and Politics of Asia	3
<u>GOVT 338</u>	Government and Politics of Russia	3
<u>GOVT 340</u>	Central Asian Politics	3
<u>GOVT 341</u>	Chinese Foreign Policy	3
<u>GOVT 345</u>	Islam and Politics	3
<u>GOVT 433</u>	Political Economy of East Asia	3
<u>HIST 251</u>	Survey of East Asian History (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>HIST 252</u>	Survey of East Asian History (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3

<u>HIST 261</u>	Survey of African History (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 262</u>	Survey of African History (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 271</u>	Survey of Latin American History (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 272</u>	Survey of Latin American History (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 281</u>	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 282</u>	Survey of Middle Eastern Civilization (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 326</u>	Stalinism	3
<u>HIST 327</u>	The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II	3
<u>HIST 328</u>	Rise of Russia (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 329</u>	Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 353</u>	History of Traditional China	3
<u>HIST 354</u>	Modern China (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 356</u>	Modern Japan (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 357</u>	Postwar Japan (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 358</u>	Post-1949 China (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 360</u>	History of South Africa (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 364</u>	Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 365</u>	Conquest and Colonization in Latin America (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3
<u>HIST 366</u>	Comparative Slavery	3
<u>HIST 367</u>	History, Fiction, and Film in Latin America	3
<u>HIST 387</u>	Topics in Global History (<u>Mason Core</u>).	3-6

HIST 426	The Russian Revolution	3
HIST 460	Modern Iran (Mason Core).	3
HIST 461	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
HIST 462	Women in Islamic Society (Mason Core).	3
HIST 465	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
JAPA 310	Japanese Culture in a Global World (Mason Core).	3
JAPA 340	Topics in Japanese Literature (Mason Core).	3
KORE 320	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core).	3
RELI 211	Religions of the West (Mason Core).	3
RELI 212	Religions of Asia (Mason Core).	3
RELI 240	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
RELI 272	Islam	3
RELI 313	Hinduism (Mason Core).	3
RELI 314	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
RELI 315	Buddhism (Mason Core).	3
RELI 317	Daoism	3
RELI 337	Mysticism: East and West	3
RELI 365	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
RELI 374	Islamic Thought (Mason Core).	3
RELI 375	Qur'an and Hadith	3

RELI 379	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
RELI 387	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
RELI 490	Comparative Study of Religions (Mason Core).	3
RUSS 353	Russian Civilization (Mason Core).	3
RUSS 354	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (Mason Core).	3

¹ Students who can document attendance at a native school in a non-western country for at least four years may request a waiver from this requirement through the [CHSS Undergraduate Academic Affairs Office](#).