

**Example Four-Year Degree Plan  
BA in Geography, 2026-2027 Catalog  
George Mason University**

| Fall, Year 1  | Credits   |
|---|-----------|
| GGS 101 or 102 (Mason Core/Major requirement)                                     | 3         |
| Global Contexts or Natural Science Non-Lab (Mason Core, opposite of above choice) | 3         |
| ENGH 101 (Mason Core)   | 3         |
| HIST 125 (Mason Core)   | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)   | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>15</b> |

| Spring, Year 1                                   | Credits      |
|--|--------------|
| GGS 103 (Mason Core/Major requirement)           | 3            |
| Foreign Lang 110 or equivalent (COS requirement) | 6            |
| Quantitative Reasoning (Mason Core)              | 3-4          |
| COMM 101 (Mason Core)                            | 3            |
|  |              |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>15-16</b> |

| Fall, Year 2                                     | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS 121 (Mason Core/Major requirement)           | 4         |
| Foreign Lang 201 or equivalent (COS requirement) | 3         |
| Literature (Mason Core)                          | 3         |
| Arts (Mason Core)                                | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                      | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>16</b> |

| Spring, Year 2                                   | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS 110 (Major requirement)                      | 3         |
| Concentration or Minor (Major requirement)       | 3         |
| Foreign Lang 202 or equivalent (COS requirement) | 3         |
| IT and Computing (Mason Core)                    | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                      | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>15</b> |

| Fall, Year 3                               | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS 310 (Major requirement)                | 3         |
| GGS 311 (Major requirement)                | 3         |
| Concentration or Minor (Major requirement) | 3         |
| ENGH 302 (Mason Core)                      | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>15</b> |

| Spring, Year 3                                   | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS 300 (Major requirement)                      | 3         |
| GGS Systematic (Major requirement)               | 3         |
| Concentration or Minor (Major requirement)       | 3         |
| Arts/Lit/Glob Cont./Soc Behav. (COS requirement) | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                      | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>15</b> |

| Fall, Year 4                                     | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS Regional (Major requirement)                 | 3         |
| GGS Upper-Level Elective (Major requirement)     | 3         |
| Concentration or Minor (Major requirement)       | 3         |
| Arts/Lit/Glob Cont./Soc Behav. (COS requirement) | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                      | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>15</b> |

| Spring, Year 4                               | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| GGS 415 (Mason Core/Major requirement)       | 3         |
| GGS 485 (Mason Core/Major requirement)       | 3         |
| GGS Upper-Level Elective (Major requirement) | 3         |
| Concentration or Minor (Major requirement)   | 3         |
| Elective (General elective)                  | 3         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>15</b> |

This document is an *example* of a degree pathway for Geography students. For most of the courses listed above, you can take them in alternative orders and semesters. Geography students are strongly encouraged to work closely with an advisor to work through their own unique degree plan. Students should keep the following in mind:

- Satisfactory grades are required to receive credit for a course
- Choose Mason Core and Foundation courses from the list of approved courses
- Students must have a minimum of 45 credits at the 300/400 (upper) level
- Students should meet with their Academic Advisor at least once a semester to plan their semester schedule
- Get involved with student organizations: GGS has a student-run Geography Club
- Look into research opportunities
- Plan to complete an internship

Academic advising in the Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science at GMU is an integral part of the educational process. Our advisors are dedicated to creating an atmosphere in which students can discover their potential, set and reach individual goals, explore and plan appropriate academic study, and prepare for success after graduation.

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