

Program Change Request

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Jointly Owned

Justification

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5. SC Associate Dean
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Context: The College of Science's BA requirements have been in place since the split of the College of Arts and Sciences some time ago. We are proposing to streamline these requirements for our BA students.

Specifically: The PHIL/RELI requirement has generally resulted in many students grabbing one of the courses that simultaneously count towards their Mason Core literature requirement (thus negating the impact of the additional requirement). Given this overlap, we are proposing to remove this requirement in its entirety.

The SBS and Non-Western Culture requirements ascribe to a particular definition of breadth that is not necessary the best for all COS BA students. By broadening this requirement to be 2 of several elements within the Mason Core, we aspire to provide students the flexibility to grow in ways they find most useful.

Summary: Restructuring these requirements will maintain the emphasis for the BA on intellectual breadth and provide additional flexibility in the way they meet these educational outcomes.

Curriculum Office/Registrar/IDD Unit Admission Requirements:

Program-Specific

Policies:

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 In some cases, the requirements listed below may be superseded by requirements of the degree program and the [Mason Core](#).

Foundational Breadth

Choose two courses from approved [Mason Core: Arts](#), [Mason Core: Literature](#), [Mason Core: Global Understanding](#), and [Mason Core: Philosophy or Religious Studies](#) Social and Behavioral Sciences Choose one approved [Mason Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) courses -course in addition to those required by 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 **each** be from different **Mason Core categories. disciplines. Additionally, they must be from different disciplines than the courses used to fulfill the University Mason Core requirements.**

~~1 HIST 100%7C and HIST 125%7C Code Title may not be used to fulfill this requirement.~~

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

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GGS-101	Major World Regions (Mason Core)
GGS-103	Human Geography (Mason Core)
GGS-110	Introduction to Geoinformation Technologies
GGS-301	Political Geography (Mason Core)
GGS-303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)
GGS-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

0

~~1 PHIL 323%7C and PHIL 324%7C may not be used to fulfill this requirement.~~

Select 3 credits from the following:

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PHIL 1

RELI

~~This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST 1, LING, PSYC, or SOCI, and the following GGS courses:~~**Natural Science**

Choose one credit in addition to the [Mason Core: Natural Science](#) requirement for a total of 8 credits¹. 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 experience².

Select an additional Mason Core Natural Science course

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¹For 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. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing a course in a [foreign language numbered 202](#) (or higher level courses taught in the language) or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test. 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](#).

~~Non-Western Culture Choose one approved Non-Western Culture Requirement 1 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:~~

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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

<u>ARTH 318</u>	Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt	3
<u>ARTH 319</u>	Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 320</u>	Art of the Islamic World (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 382</u>	Arts of India (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 383</u>	Arts of Southeast Asia (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 384</u>	Arts of China (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 385</u>	Arts of Japan (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 386</u>	The Silk Road (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>ARTH 482</u>	RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art	3
<u>CHIN 318</u>	Introduction to Classical Chinese (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>CHIN 320</u>	Contemporary Chinese Film	3
<u>CHIN 325</u>	Major Chinese Writers (<u>Mason Core</u>)	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>GGG 101</u>	Major World Regions (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>GGG 316</u>	Geography of Latin America	3
<u>GGG 317</u>	Geography of China (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>GGG 325</u>	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East	3
<u>GGG 330</u>	Geography of the Soviet Succession States	3
<u>GGG 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
<u>HIST 426</u>	The Russian Revolution	3
<u>HIST 460</u>	Modern Iran (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>HIST 461</u>	Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
<u>HIST 462</u>	Women in Islamic Society (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>HIST 465</u>	The Middle East in the 20th Century	3
<u>JAPA 310</u>	Japanese Culture in a Global World (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>JAPA 340</u>	Topics in Japanese Literature (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>KORE 320</u>	Korean Popular Culture in a Global World	3
<u>MUSI 103</u>	Musics of the World (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 211</u>	Religions of the West (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 212</u>	Religions of Asia (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 240</u>	Death and the Afterlife in World Religions	3
<u>RELI 272</u>	Islam	3
<u>RELI 313</u>	Hinduism (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 314</u>	Chinese Philosophies and Religious Traditions	3
<u>RELI 315</u>	Buddhism (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 317</u>	Daoism	3
<u>RELI 337</u>	Mysticism: East and West	3
<u>RELI 365</u>	Muhammad: Life and Legacy	3
<u>RELI 374</u>	Islamic Thought (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RELI 375</u>	Qur'an and Hadith	3
<u>RELI 379</u>	Islamic Law, Society, and Ethics	3
<u>RELI 387</u>	Islam, Democracy, and Human Rights	3
<u>RELI 490</u>	Comparative Study of Religions (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RUSS 353</u>	Russian Civilization (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3
<u>RUSS 354</u>	Contemporary Post-Soviet Life (<u>Mason Core</u>)	3

~~1Students 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.~~

Degree Requirements:

Plan of Study:

Honors
Information:

Accelerated
Description/Dual
Degree
Description:

INTO-Mason
Requirements:

College
Requirements &
Policies:

Department /
Academic Unit
Requirements &
Policies:

Program Outcomes

Courses offered via
Indicate whether

What is the
primary delivery
format for the
program?

Additional SCHEV & SACSCC

Are you changing the total number
of credits required for this
program?

Are you changing the delivery format in any way (e.g adding an online option)?

Are you adding/removing a licensure option which was approved by SCHEV?

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program?

Green Leaf
Sustainability-focused academic programs require
Relationship to

Does this program cover material which crosses
Impacted
Additional
Attachments
CURRICULUM
Executive Summary

Reviewer
Comments

Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz) (09/08/21 12:54 pm): Rollback: For post-conversation updates

Additional
Comments

Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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