

# Pathways for Global Patriots

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## WELCOME!

These tips from your Global Affairs advisors are intended to:

- Provide you with a guide for each year in the program
- Assist you in mapping your own academic progress

As always, feel free to contact us with questions! Email [gloa@gmu.edu](mailto:gloa@gmu.edu) or call 703-993-9185.

## FRESHMEN

- Ensure your transcript reflects credit you may have received from AP/IB tests. If it does not, contact Admissions.
- Begin working towards the [foreign language requirement](#).
- Like the [Global Affairs Facebook](#) page to stay informed with current events, internships, and course opportunities.
- Become familiar with running your [degree evaluation](#) in Patriot Web.
- Bookmark the university [catalog](#).

## SOPHOMORES

- Consider declaring a minor or a second concentration to enhance your academic experience.
- Explore the university's [accelerated master's](#) opportunities.
- Become familiar with our college's [Undergraduate Academic Affairs](#) website.

## JUNIORS

- Visit the [Center for Global Education](#) to learn about study abroad opportunities. These programs work best to fulfill language and concentration requirements. Your major advisor can help incorporate a study abroad experience into your program of study.
- If you're interested in honors-level research in global affairs, consider applying to the [global affairs honors program](#). Minimum qualifications include at least 75 credits by the end of the spring semester and a 3.50 GPA (overall *and* in the major) at the time of application.
- Consider applying for a [research assistantship](#) for the spring semester! Global Affairs majors with a minimum 60 credits (at least 15 from Mason) and a 3.25 GPA are encouraged to apply. RAs work on research projects with Global Affairs faculty for 100 hours during the spring semester. Applications are solicited in the fall semester, via an announcement on the global affairs listserv and website.
- Start exploring graduate programs and attend all campus [career fairs](#).

## SENIORS

- The Global Affairs Program strongly encourages students to pursue an internship. Academic credit is available by taking the formal internship course [GLOA 495](#).
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- The semester *prior* to graduation, [run your degree evaluation](#) in Patriot Web to make certain the necessary academic requirements are within one semester of completion.
- The semester *of* graduation register your intent to graduate (usually in the first one or two months of the semester) in Patriot Web. Before submitting your intent, ensure your concentration and any minors have been declared.

## SENIORS, continued

- If you are finishing courses in the summer, you may still participate in the May ceremonies, but you must apply for August graduation. For additional graduation information, please visit the [Registrar's](#) website.
- Attend all campus [career fairs](#).

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Contact the [Office of Admissions](#) for credits that have not been accepted or are missing from your transcript and/or transfer evaluation.
- Additional resources concerning transfer credits include:
  - [Transfer Credit Search Engine](#) - review previously evaluated transfer courses
  - [Reevaluation of Transfer Credit Appeal Form](#) - if your degree evaluation lists a course without a number (ex, SOCI 3--), it has not been immediately recognized as having an equivalent at Mason. To appeal, students must present this form and any supporting document to the appropriate department.
- Grade point averages (GPAs) do not transfer with credits.
- Of the 120 credits required to graduate, at least 45 credits must come from 300 and/or 400 level courses. These courses are called upper-level courses. Many courses transferred into Mason are lower-level, so transfer students must pay particular attention to this requirement. There is a section of the degree evaluation that shows the number of credits you have towards the requirement.
- Please contact the [Academic Advising & Transfer Center](#) for additional transfer questions and support.



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