Graduate Bridge Program

Designed for students with select three-year international degrees

How the program works

Similar to "Top-Up" programs, INTO Mason's Graduate Bridge Program provides a supplemental year of advanced graduate preparation for students with select international bachelor's degrees equivalent to three years or 90 credits.

This two-semester Pathway includes:

- Graduate coursework required for the specific degree programs

- General education classes

- Graduate transition preparation

- English writing development

Fast Facts

Number of Graduate Pathways: 27

Number of credits toward degree: 6*

Length of Program: 2 semesters

Start date: Fall 2014

Spring intake: Yes (Depending on the graduate Pathway)

On-campus Fall 2014 housing available: Yes

If you have any questions, please contact INTO Mason at **intoadmissions@gmu.edu**

Admission Requirements

Academic
- **Minimum 2.75 GPA equivalent**

Language
- **TOEFL iBT 85 (17 in reading and writing)**

- **IELTS 6.5 (6.0 in reading and writing)**

- **PTE Academic 58+**

- **Completion of INTO Mason's Academic English Level 6**

Earn credits toward a master's degree

Beginning in the first semester, students take classes toward their master's degree while completing general education requirements needed for graduate school at Mason.

Students in the Graduate Bridge Program receive customized academic advising to assist them in choosing the best classes that will complement their studies.

*Students can earn up to 6 credits in their degree program for most INTO Mason Pathway programs.

What's different about the Graduate Bridge Program?

This program offers holders of select three-year degrees the opportunity to enroll in a modified Standard Pathway for participating graduate programs. See Sample Study Plan below for details, and note the following:

- <u>First semester</u>: EAP 503 or EAP 505 is replaced by an advanced undergraduate class

- <u>Second semester</u>: One graduate class (e.g., CS Elective) is replaced by an advanced undergraduate class

Specific course modifications will vary depending on the student's background and interests. Students select the appropriate advanced undergraduate classes with advisor.

Sample Study Plan

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

DEGREE PROGRAM COMPONENTS
- 30 credit hour program
- 9 credit hours apply from Pathway
- 21 credit hours remaining toward degree

SEMESTER 1	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PROV 501	Introduction to Graduate Study I	2
EAP 503[3] OR EAP 505[3]	Interpersonal Communication for International Students: Practicum and Theory OR Advanced English for Academic Purposes	2
EAP 506	Graduate Communication in Disciplines I	4
CS 583	Analysis of Algorithms	3
EAP 097	GRE Preparation	0
	TOTAL	11

SEMESTER 2	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PROV 502	Introduction to Graduate Study II	2
EAP 507	Graduate Communication in Disciplines II	4
CS 571	Operating Systems	3
CS 500-level Elective[3]	Class choice depends on approval from disciplinary advisor	3
EAP 097	GRE Preparation	0
EAP 510	Linguistics Capstone	0
	TOTAL	12

Progression Requirements

The requirements for completing the Graduate Bridge Program are the same as the requirements for the participating Graduate Pathways. See 2014-2015 INTO Mason brochure pages 32-54 for more details.

How to Apply

Be sure to do the following on the 14-15 application:

SECTION 3 (continued)

Academic Programs

INTO Mason Graduate Pathway Programs

[ ] 1-Semester Accelerated   [X] 2-Semester Standard

SECTION 4

Student Education History

B. Colleges and Universities

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Most recent postsecondary school attended:

College/University name

Dates attended from ___ ___/___ ___/___ ___ ___ ___ mm/dd/yyyy

to ___ ___/___ ___/___ ___ ___ ___ mm/dd/yyyy

Participating Graduate Programs

College of Education and Human Development
- MEd in Curriculum and Instruction
- MEd in Special Education
- MS in Educational Psychology
- MS in Sport and Recreation Studies

College of Visual and Performing Arts
- MA in Graphic Design

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- MA in Global Affairs
- MA in Psychology

School of Business
- MBA
- MS in Accounting
- MS in Management
- MS in Real Estate Development

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- MS in Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Volgenau School of Engineering
- MS in Applied Information Technology
- MS in Biostatistics
- MS in Civil and Infrastructure Engineering
- MS in Computer Engineering
- MS in Computer Forensics
- MS in Computer Science
- MS in Data Analytics Engineering
- MS in Electrical Engineering
- MEng in Geotechnical, Construction, and Structural Engineering
- MS in Information Security and Assurance
- MS in Information Systems
- MS in Statistical Science
- MS in Systems Engineering
- MS in Telecommunications