

2021-2022 ORIENTATION GUIDE



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1950s

1957

George Mason starts its journey as a two-year branch campus of the University of Virginia.



1960s

1964

George Mason College gets a permanent home in Fairfax.

1965

First Mason Day

1966

Mason adopts green and gold as the official school colors.

George Mason College becomes a four-year college, though still a part of the University of Virginia.

1968

Mason's first graduating class, which consists of 52 graduates, receives degrees.

1969

The Patriot is adopted as the official mascot.



1970s

1972

George Mason College separates from UVA and becomes George Mason University.

1977

Mason changes from a commuter school to a residential university.

1979

Arlington Campus opens.



1980s

1981

First International Week

1985

The Patriot Center opens.

Mason's Women's Soccer team wins the National Championship.







1990s

1990

Center for the Arts opens.

1996

Mason Track and Field wins Division Championship.

The George Mason statue is unveiled.

1997

Prince William Campus opens.



2000s

2004

Mason releases the "Mason Star" athletics logo.

2006

Mason's Men's Basketball team goes to the Final Four.



2010s

2013

Mason joins the Atlantic-10 Conference.

Men's Soccer, Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Mason Baseball all win A-10 Conference Titles.

2015

The Patriot Center becomes EagleBank Arena.

Prince William Campus becomes the Science and Technology Campus.

2016

Mason attains R1 High Research Activity status.



The Fight Song—Onward to Victory

The George Mason University Fight Song has been around for more than 25 years, but it has largely been an instrumental tune. In 2009, the Green Machine bandleader Michael "Doc Nix" Nickens writes the new fight song, "Onward to Victory."

HAIL TO GEORGE MASON!
DON YOUR GREEN AND GOLD!
WE'RE GOING TO SING FOR
GEORGE MASON,

BRAVE AND BOLD!

WE'RE GOING TO CHEER FOR GEORGE MASON, PROUD FOR THE WORLD TO SEE! WE'LL PROVE OUR HONOR AND MIGHT.

AND WELL

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AS WE MARCH ONWARD TO VICTORY!

G! M! U! GMU! WHAAAT GO GREEN! GO GOLD! FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!





Fraternity and Sorority
Recruitment and Intake
Get Connected Fair
IVth Night
Transfer Nation



Student Government Elections Kings Dominion Haunt Trip



Family Weekend HIV/AIDS Awareness Fashion Show Hunger and Homelessness Action Week



Black and African Heritage Month Winter Welcome2Mason



Geek Week Kings Dominion Trip Greek Week Women's History Month



International Week Student Government Elections Spring Family Fling Asian American Heritage Month



- 1. Find the class sign that matches the year you started at Mason and add your name.
- 2. Rub the toe of the George statue for good luck.
- 3. Participate in Green and Gold Fridays.

- 4. Take photos at the George statue.
- 5. Paint the Mason cubes.
- 6. Avoid stepping on the plaque.
- 7. Paint a student organization bench.
- 8. Explore the old campus tunnels.
- 9. Decorate the George statue.
- 10. Run through the fountains after graduation.



- 1. Track and Field M W
- 2. Baseball/Softball M | W
- 3. Tennis M W
- 4. Basketball M W
- 5. Lacrosse W
- 6. Golf M

- 7. Swimming and Diving M | W
- 8. Soccer M | W
- 9. Rowing W
- 10. Volleyball M W
- 11. Wrestling M
- 12. Cross Country M | W





Shop and Eat

Old Town Fairfax is filled with great restaurants, cafés, and stores! With options like Thai, Japanese, Mediterranean, and more, you will be able to find a place to eat that will leave everyone full and satisfied!

Historic Fairfax

The City of Fairfax has a rich history. There are perfectly preserved historic buildings (including the site of the first fatality of the Civil War and a Civil War home featuring soldier graffiti) that many visitors find intriguing. The Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center is another fan favorite that everyone should check out!

BUCKET LIST

Ш	Indulge at the Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival in February.
	Study with a friend and have coffee at De Clieu.
	Experience the Community Farmer's Market.
	Go hiking with some friends at Great Falls.
	Have a picnic at Burke Lake.
	Go ice skating at the Fairfax Ice Arena.
	Attend the City of Fairfax Fall Festival in October.
	Go shopping at Fair Oaks Mall.
	Have lunch in Old Town Fairfax.
	Sign up for an Outdoor Adventures trip.



Shop and Eat

The nation's capital is filled with history, monumental buildings, and striking landmarks, but it is also home to some of the greatest shops and restaurants around.

From Indian, Creole, Mongolian, and Chinese, to traditional American cuisine, it can all be found in the District. DuPont Circle, Union Station, U Street, and Chinatown are some fan favorite locations where you can experience delicious food and unique shops. Lastly, don't forget about the many tasty dessert locations that D.C. has to offer.

The District

The Smithsonian museums are free and open to the public every day of the year except Christmas Day. With 19 museums and galleries, you will be able to find something to keep you entertained, occupied, and educated. With our campus so close to D.C., you won't want to miss the opportunity to absorb the rich history and culture provided by the Smithsonian exhibits!

BUCKET **LIST**

□ Ride the Metro into the city.
 □ Watch the Washington Football Team at FedExField.
 □ Visit the national monuments.
 □ Find the hidden George Mason statue.
 □ Go to a Nationals game.
 □ See the Smithsonian's ZooLights from November to January.
 □ Watch a free concert at the Yards Park.
 □ Celebrate the Cherry Blossom Festival in the spring.
 □ Enjoy a free performance at the Kennedy Center.
 □ Find a favorite food truck.
 □ Go for a run on the National Mall.
 □ Take a free tour of the White House or U.S. Capitol.

Do a cupcake crawl in Georgetown.





Preamble

August 18-21, 2021

Kick off your college experience at Mason with the newest group of Patriots! There are a number of activities to help support your transition and first weekend on campus, such as the Opening Convocation in EagleBank Arena, social and academic programming, and the fall kick-off event. Visit welcome2mason.gmu.edu/thepreamble for more information.

Welcome2Mason

August 22-September 26, 2021

Join the rest of the Mason community as we welcome new students to a new year. Welcome2Mason events span the first few weeks of the fall semester and provide countless opportunities for students to get involved, meet new people, and learn more about our beautiful campus. For a complete list of scheduled events, visit welcome2mason.gmu. edu. Signature events include Step Expo, Mason Transfer Nation, academic department receptions, Involvement Fair and on-campus job fairs, "Ask Me" tents across campus, and other welcome activities.

Quill Camp

Quill Camp is an extended orientation experience for incoming students that brings together new and current students to help jump-start the college experience in a fun summertime setting designed to support students in the transition to their new home by developing a diverse social network and strengthening their ties to the Mason Nation. Each program offers its own unique flavor and focus, ranging from outdoor adventure to government and politics. All programs utilize experienced student leaders to serve as mentors to new Patriots. For the duration of the program, new students along with other incoming students and student leaders learn more about Mason, our traditions, and your new Patriot family.

At Quill Camp, you will

- Discover lifelong friends, connections, and mentors
- Learn about yourself and how you can make the most of your time at Mason
- Connect with faculty, staff, and community members who will help you make your goals a reality
- Receive an immersive introduction to the variety of experiences that the Fairfax and greater Washington, D.C., area have to offer
- Get acquainted with campus life and the Mason community before classes to ensure a successful year

To learn more about the programs being offered this summer, including dates and registration information, visit **orientation.gmu.edu/quill-camp**.

Mason Reads

Each incoming freshman class participates in a common reading experience as a new member of the Mason community. The selected text is integrated into freshman courses, residence hall programming, and other cocurricular programs for new students. New freshmen will receive the text during Orientation and are asked to complete the reading before the Preamble program on August 18. Visit masonreads.gmu.edu for more information.

Student Success Coaching

Calling all freshmen! Help make your transition to Mason a seamless process by meeting with your success coach in the Mason Care Network. This is a free service that Mason offers to all incoming students. Our coaches have personally experienced the challenges many new students face, and they work closely with you to help you adjust to life at Mason. Success coaches help you explore your strengths and interests, connect with resources on campus, create

and implement action plans to achieve your goals, and integrate your learning. We recommend that you meet with your coach at least once a semester to assist with your success. To learn more, visit mcn.gmu.edu.

Patriot Experience

Looking for a way to get connected to the Mason community, while building skills to become one of Mason's career-ready graduates? Join the Patriot Experience! The Patriot Experience is a program that allows Mason students to become involved on campus; network with faculty, staff, and their peers; increase leadership and critical thinking skills; and experience educational opportunities outside the classroom. As a Patriot Experience participant, you will explore the three categories of the program: Live Your Best Life, Design Your Dream Career, and Change the World. To sign up for the program or learn more information, visit patriotexperience.gmu.edu.



BUCKET LIST

	Learn the fight song.
	Join or create an organization or club on campus.
	Play on an intramural team.
	Take an exercise class at the RAC or AFC.
	Try every dining hall on campus at least once.
	Go to a neighborhood block party put on by Housing
	and Residence Life.
	Take a class in a subject you know nothing about.
	Attend Mason Madness.
	Go see a performance in the Center for the Arts.
	Visit the Presidents Park Greenhouse.
	Take the CliftonStrengths Assessment.
	Travel to a new country with the Global Education Office.
П	Attend International Week events.

STAY CONNECTED AS A MASON FAMILY

New Student and Family Programs (NSFP) recognizes the important role families play in their student's development and success at Mason. NSFP serves as a liaison between the university and families and provides an outlet for families to become active members of the Mason community through programming and outreach.

Take advantage of the following resources and stay connected to Mason throughout the year!

Get Involved

PARENT AND FAMILY COUNCIL

The Parent and Family Council provides an opportunity for parents and families to meet with university leadership, volunteer at events, and become actively engaged and informed members of the Mason community.

PARENTS FUND

The Parents Fund offers parents and families the opportunity to play a role in building and shaping an exemplary educational experience for Mason students. You can be part of every student's success by giving a gift of any size at any point throughout your student's time at Mason.

SUMMER SEND-OFFS

New Mason students and their families are invited to attend a Summer Send-Off to get to know other new students and families and alumni prior to the start of the fall semester.

Come Back to Visit

FAMILY WEEKEND

October 15-17, 2021

We encourage all families to join us for our annual universitywide celebration that takes place each fall. Events are designed to allow families to meet one another, become familiar with university resources, spend time with their student, and learn more about life as a Mason Patriot!

SPRING FAMILY FLING

March 25-27, 2022

Experience the beauty of springtime in Northern Virginia at our Spring Family Fling—a spring version of our fall Family Weekend. We invite you to bring your whole family to reconnect with your student the Mason way.





Stay Informed

WEBSITE

If you have a question about Mason and aren't sure where to start, visit masonfamily.gmu.edu and take advantage of the multitude of resources available for our Mason families.

MASON FAMILY CONNECTION

Everything you need to make the most of your Mason Family experience is located within the Mason Family Connection. This platform provides a space for you to find your community within our larger family community, allows you to customize the content and frequency you receive updates, and much more.

Connect with Us!

- ☐ families@gmu.edu
- 703-993-2475
- masonfamily.gmu.edu
- stagmu.campusesp.com
- @@masonnsfp
- ff/masonnsfp





UNIVERSITY LIFE

Contemporary Student Services

With the changing student population, Contemporary Student Services advocates for and serves the needs of modern college students, including adult learners, transfer students, students who are parenting, off-campus students, veterans, foster care alumni, and more. Contemporary Student Services offers resources, peer support, and social opportunities to specifically meet the needs of contemporary college students and those transitioning to off-campus living.

★ contemporary.gmu.edu

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

- UNIV 100 sections specifically for off-campus students geared at connecting freshmen with one another to assist with their transition to Mason
- Campus and community resources for parenting, pregnant, online, and transfer students
- Meetings with peer transitional off-campus advisors (OCAS) and professional staff to help with any questions about Mason and life on and off campus
- Social opportunities geared toward specific student population identity groups hosted by our office and in partnership with student groups and other University Life offices

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you are interested in moving off campus, we want to help! Our housing services include

- An off-campus housing locator, which can be found through our website, contemporary.gmu.edu
- Off-Campus Housing Fairs throughout the year
- Lease and landlord relationship education
- Good neighbor education and programming
- Roommate matching services available only to the Mason community
- The Hub, Room 1014
- ★ contemporary.gmu.edu

 ② ② ② @masonoffcampus
- facebook.com/masonoffcampus

Housing and Residence Life

Welcome, Patriots! This is an exciting time in your journey, and we are thrilled to be a part of it! Housing and Residence Life is home to more than 6,200 students. With so many students calling Mason home, you'll have abundant opportunities to connect with your peers and our diverse university community.

Students who live on campus have convenient access to more than 36 dining options, Fenwick Library, multiple recreation facilities, a wealth of study spaces, and so much more! Our Housing and Residence Life staff are committed to ensuring you have a successful transition to Mason. From community events to one-on-one conversations, we are here

to provide support and activities along the way. With opportunities and resources like these, we are confident Mason will feel like home in no time.

The freshman room selection process will begin in mid-July. Room selection is an online process similar to choosing your seat in a movie theater. Students who complete a housing application and pay the housing deposit as required will be assigned a room selection date and time frame. During the assigned selection time frame, the student will go online and choose their living space for the upcoming year. We invite you to visit housing amu.edu for more details.

Our residence halls open on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, for all incoming freshmen. All students will be assigned a specific move-in time. Move-in details will be posted on the Housing and Residence Life website by July 1. In addition to the housing website, be sure to check your Mason email and the Housing Portal throughout the summer for further instructions.

To help prepare you for the year ahead, be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar!

- Fall Move-In Day: August 18, 2021
- Thanksgiving Break: November 24–28, 2021 (all residence halls remain open)
- Winter Break Closing: December 16, 2021, at noon (most freshman buildings close for Winter Break)
- Spring 2022 Student Return to Campus: January 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.
- Spring Break 2022: March 7–13, 2022 (all residence halls remain open)
- Spring 2022 Move Out: May 12, 2022, at noon

We hope you are as excited to be at Mason as we are to have you join our community! Be a part of the conversation on our social media channels or visit our website for more information.

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Learning Communities (LC)

Learning Communities give students the opportunity to live with a cohort of like-minded peers in a supportive environment focused around a particular area of interest. Students living in our LCs will have opportunities to engage with academic faculty and staff outside of the classroom in a variety of activities. Our LCs are varied, with some being academic major-focused and others centering around different topics students want to further develop themselves in. These communities provide additional support, with direct connections to a faculty coordinator who holistically engages

in development as students navigate their college experience. Students who participate in an LC will also enroll in a course specific to their LC that connects their classroom and living experiences.

Each Learning Community has different events, intentionally tailored to their topic of interest, which vary from speakers in the residence halls, trips off campus, and hands-on activities. Some past experiences have included trips into Washington, D.C.; backstage tours of local theater productions; camping on Assateague Island, Virginia; and hikes in local parks. These events help students connect what they are learning in their classes to the community around them while also building strong relationships. Students have the opportunity to participate in an LC at any point in their time at Mason, with some LCs being freshmen only, some tailored to an upper-level experience, and others combining both populations. Build lifelong connections, enhance your student experience, and find your home with one of our Learning Communities!

For a detailed description of each of the different LCs and the application process, visit llc.gmu.edu or email LLC@gmu.edu.

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Student Involvement

We help students Get Connected to the Mason Nation through campuswide events, student organizations, trainings, student advocacy, and personal interactions to bring ideas to fruition, create a sense of belonging, and prepare students for success in their future.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Joining one of our more than 350 RSOs can be a great way to start building your experience at Mason. There are plenty of groups to choose from, and if you don't see an organization that interests you, there is always the opportunity to start your own. Check out GetConnected.gmu.edu for a complete list.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government offers Mason students the opportunity to represent and advocate for the interests of their peers and aims to use the feedback of their constituents to improve campus life. All students are welcome to attend a Student Senate or committee meeting to have their voice heard.

TEDx**GEORGEMASONU**

As a local self-organized division of TED, TEDxGeorgeMasonU presents innovative ideas about how to better our world through "Ideas Worth Spreading." Join the TED movement by becoming part of the planning team, volunteering at events, or becoming a speaker for an upcoming event.



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

A dynamic community with more than 1,800 students in more than 40 national and international Greek-letter organizations, fraternity and sorority members pride themselves on the pillars of leadership, service, friendship, and scholarship. They contribute to campus life and surrounding communities by sponsoring education, service, and social activities.

PATRIOT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

This student-run programming board offers events to the campus community that are entertaining, interactive, and educational. PAC ignites school spirit by hosting activities, concerts, carnivals, and off-campus excursions.

MASON SPIRIT SQUAD

The Mason Spirit Squad is an energetic group of students dedicated to promoting all Student Involvement initiatives in creative and fun ways! Check out their Instagram or Twitter to get involved at @SpiritSquadGMU.

WELL-BEING TEAM

The Well-Being Team is committed to helping students learn how to thrive. They are dedicated to a well-being culture through programming and peer-led workshops. Participate or join the team and help spread well-being to the student body.

♀ The Hub, Suite 2300 **■** 703-993-2909 **★** si.gmu.edu

Mason Recreation

Mason Recreation inspires an inclusive atmosphere that fosters lifelong well-being for the university's diverse students and community through active experiences, education, and engagement.

We offer three state-of-the-art recreation facilities for the university and surrounding community: the Aquatic and Fitness Center, the Recreation and Athletic Complex, and Skyline Fitness Center. Membership is free for all full-time students. Part-time students may activate their membership at any of our three facilities for a small fee.

AQUATICS

If you enjoy the water, the Aquatic and Fitness Center is the place for you. Relax in our recreation pool, or swim a few laps in our Olympic-size competition pool. Fun activities to watch for are Key Log Rolling, Flow Motion FITT, battleship, and Splash Night, held at the start of every semester! Those looking for instructional/certification courses will find lifeguard certification, swim lessons, and CPR/AED/First Aid offerings.

FITNESS

Each of our facilities is fully equipped to support all of your fitness needs, including cardio equipment, free weights, squat racks, benches, and much more! Are group workouts more your style? We have more than 30 group fitness classes each week, including Zumba, yoga, Pilates, cycling, capoeira, tai chi, boot camp, HIIT, and more. All classes are perfect for people of all fitness levels. Do you have fitness goals? Let our certified personal trainers help you get to where you want to be. Remember, our friendly staff is always here to guide you on your fitness journey!

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural Sports offers students the opportunity to compete in recreational and competitive sports leagues and special events on campus. We have the usual favorites like flag football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer, but don't forget about table tennis, e-sports, cricket, and kickball!

CLUB SPORTS

Club Sports offers students looking for something more competitive a chance to compete and represent Mason on a local, regional, and national level. With 30+ clubs, there is something for everyone. Club teams are student-led organizations and provide a great opportunity for individuals who are looking for leadership and development opportunities. If we do not offer the club you are looking for, simply contact the Club Sports office to begin the application process and start your own.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Enjoy the great outdoors by participating in trips conducted most weekends throughout the fall and spring semesters. Outdoor Adventures also offers a variety of equipment to rent if you wish to embark on your own trip. The Outdoor Adventures office is located in the Skyline Fitness Center, adjacent to the Southside dining hall.

THE EDGE

The EDGE provides hands-on experiential learning programs that offer cutting-edge team development activities and workshops. This program features a challenge course, Alpine climbing tower, and a mobile program. If your club, class, or group is looking to develop and grow as leaders, book a program with the EDGE today!

▼ 703-993-5323 recreation.gmu.edu

Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Office

The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Office works collaboratively with students, faculty, and staff to provide leadership education, training, and development for students at all levels of leadership development. We believe that every student has the potential to be a leader, and we help students develop as effective, ethical leaders through a series of workshops, conferences, classes, speakers, dialogues, and retreats. Our programs provide opportunities to develop a strong sense of self, augment critical thinking and interpersonal skills, develop global and cultural competencies, and cultivate organizational skills for transition into the professional world.

We offer a variety of programs, opportunities for student engagement, academic courses, and comprehensive initiatives focused around leadership.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

ENGAGE

- Active Leaders Cohort
- Alumni Leadership Speaker Series
- Brown Bag Leadership Lunch Series
- Chapter Next Program
- Emerging Leaders Cohort
- Ethics and Leadership Course (INTS 404)
- Freedom and Learning Forum
- Hampton Middle School Leadership Partnership
- Leadership Mason Conference
- Leadership Study Abroad (e.g., Spain: Leadership Across Difference; Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic: Holocaust Program)
- Leadership Summit
- Right, Wrong, or Different? Global Ethics Discussions

INSPIRE

- Graduate Assistantship
- Hampton Middle School Partnership
- Leadership Advocates
- Leadership Consultants (LCs)
- Leadership Workshops: We can come to you!
- Mason LIFE Partnership
- Student Office Assistants

SERVE

- Family Weekend Day of Service
- Mason Gives Back
- Mason Nation 9/11 Day of Service
- Partnership with ACTS Food Pantry
- Spring Family Fling Day of Service

The LEAD Office at George Mason University

Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS)

Our mission is to educate, celebrate, and serve. We connect members of the Mason community to foster friendships, celebrate each other's cultures, explore global issues and themes, and further learning outside the classroom. In addition, we provide immigration advising, endorse immigration documents, and recommend and approve immigration benefits for international students, faculty, and exchange visitors. For immigration questions and concerns, you can meet with OIPS advisors during walk-in hours, or you can schedule an appointment.

OIPS-sponsored events and programs are largely by students for students and are a great opportunity to better your understanding of the world through personal interaction. Signature events and programs include

- Cultural Conversation Series: an opportunity for domestic and international students to engage in dialogue around various topics
- International Buddy Program: aims to build crosscultural relationships between Mason's international and domestic students, who enjoy a variety of campus events and activities together
- International Café: an opportunity offered once a semester for students to showcase different countries and cultures
- International Education Week (November): a weeklong, multicultural exchange with specific educational objectives
- International Week (April): a weeklong celebration of Mason's diverse and international cultures
- Volunteer for International Programs: volunteer to grow a global mindset and connect with students from all over the world. Most events and programs are planned and conducted by student volunteers. Interest and curiosity are the only requirements.

Diversity at Mason

The following units of University Life offer education, training, programs, and services relating to the intersections of race, culture, gender, sexuality, and other social identities. We each offer community resource spaces for supporting students of marginalized identities, and programming with a social justice focus.

CENTER FOR CULTURE, EQUITY, AND EMPOWERMENT

The Center for Culture, Equity, and Empowerment (CCEE) leverages programs and services focused on advocacy and direct student support to strengthen equity and inclusion at George Mason University. Our advising fosters opportunities for identity development, cross-cultural engagement, and inclusive learning communities—affirming the indivisible aspects of all our identities.

Our three areas, Student Access and Equity (SAE), Student Engagement for Racial Justice (SERJ), and LGBTQ+ Resources, serve as resources to those in the Mason community who seek to meaningfully engage and interact with people with different identities and intersections to co-create an equitable campus environment.

SUB I, Suite 2400

¶ ⊚ № @masonccee

SUB I, Room 2200 (LGBTQ)

Mason LGBTQ Resources

☑ @lgbtqmason @ @gmu.lgbtq

COALITION BUILDING AND DIVERSITY EDUCATION

Through collective and collaborative work with campus and community partners, the Office for Coalition Building and Diversity Education (CBDE) supports, builds, and enhances the understanding of interpersonal identities to respond to systemic inequities through engagement, advocacy, and education.

CBDE sustains an inclusive and equitable campus community by providing students, faculty, and staff with educational trainings. The three training tracks currently offered are

- Beyond Diversity
- Creating Community
- The Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI)
- 希 cbde.gmu.edu 🗖 cbde@gmu.edu

WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES

The Women and Gender Studies Center raises awareness of issues related to women, gender, race, and sexuality, and fosters an intersectional approach to the student experience at Mason. The center is a cocurricular program providing learning opportunities through programming, events, activism, and courses through a feminist lens.

The center is located in Room 240K of the Johnson Center and is open to all students to come study, rest, hang out, have lunch, or just to nap for a few minutes between classes.

Women and Gender Studies maintains a dual program of academics and University Life through signature events such as Take Back the Night, Sojourner Truth Lecture, and Women's History Month in collaboration with various campus departments.

♥ Johnson Center, Room 240K ★ wmst.gmu.edu

■ MasonWGST ② @MasonWGST ③ @mason_wgst

Student Media

Student Media is the voice of the student body at Mason, publishing exclusive content in print, online, and over the airwaves. Home to 12 student-run media groups that include Mason's official newspaper (Fourth Estate), radio station (WGMU Radio), and television network (Mason Cable Network), Student Media provides the Mason Nation with original news and entertainment that can't be found anywhere else. In addition to daily content in print and online, Student Media publishes special-issue magazines and five literary journals that showcase creativity and scholarship from across the curriculum. Join the staff or submit your original works for publication. We are always looking for talented students to join our dynamic team! Reporter, designer, DJ, photographer, and news anchor are just a few of the roles you can explore by joining Student

Media in one of our paid, work-study, volunteer, freelance, or for-credit positions.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Visit our office in the lower level of The Hub, Room 1201, or fill out an application online at c2ms.info/osmapply.

WHY STUDENT MEDIA?

- Build your resume and get published.
- Gain practical hands-on experience.
- Work in a professional and fun environment.
- Be creative.

1-CREDIT COCURRICULAR COURSES

COMM 145/345 Newspaper Workshop I and II COMM 148/348 Radio Workshop I and II COMM 347 Cable TV Programming and Marketing

Student Media

▼ 703-993-9745 stumedia@gmu.edu

studentmedia.gmu.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services

George Mason University's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides free and confidential services to Mason students and the broader Mason community. The range of services offered includes

- Individual and group counseling
- Psychiatric services

- Daily workshops
- Referral services
- Consultation with faculty, staff, parents, and friends

All students enrolled in classes at Mason are eligible for an initial consultation with our office. During the consultation, we will discuss your concerns and review options for support. Students are referred to services based on their concerns to help promote psychological health and academic success.

Students may use CAPS services to address a variety of concerns, including managing anxiety, depression, grief, and/or anger; personal, family, and relationship concerns; traumatic experiences; difficulty with alcohol, other substances, or food; sexual identity; race/ethnicity, culture, and diversity; and attaining educational and academic goals.

CAPS services are provided by a staff of professional clinical psychologists, counselors, and psychiatric providers. For students who need more intensive services, we offer referrals to community-based providers and facilitate successful connections with these resources.

In addition to working directly with students, CAPS provides consultation to faculty, staff, parents, and friends who may be concerned about another student. By speaking with an on-call clinician, individuals can gain information and support about how they might approach and address issues with the student of concern.

♀ SUB I, Suite 3129 **■** 703-993-2380

★ caps.gmu.edu



Learning Services

Learning Services assists Mason students in achieving their academic goals. Many students find that learning and studying at Mason is different than what they were accustomed to in high school or in community college. The staff provides a variety of free services to empower students to help them study effectively, manage assignments, and prepare for tests.

ACADEMIC COACHING

Peer Academic Coaches are available to meet with students to discuss their academic goals, develop study plans, and learn new study strategies. Coaches are trained and supervised by a Learning Specialist. Make an appointment online at tinyurl.com/masonlearning.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS WORKSHOPS

Workshops on a wide variety of academic strategies are offered each week throughout the academic year. Space is limited, so students are encouraged to register in advance. Topics include time management, procrastination, reading strategies, exam strategies, and improving concentration, to name a few.

ONLINE MEDIA LIBRARY

Videos on adjusting to college, motivation, goal setting, and critical thinking are available online.

TUTORING RESOURCES

A list of campus-based tutoring resources is available at learningservices.gmu.edu/tutoring-resources.

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★ learningservices.gmu.edu

Student Health Services

Student Health Services is staffed by dedicated doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses who provide easily accessible and affordable health care to all enrolled students in a caring and confidential environment. We offer a wide variety of services to keep our Mason community healthy.

SERVICES

- Treatment of illness and injury
- Health and wellness counseling
- Immunizations and flu shots
- Laboratory tests
- Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment
- Help quitting smoking or tobacco
- Travel clinic
- Allergy clinic
- Screening for mental health concerns
- Nutrition counseling

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

All newly admitted students and re-admitted students must complete the Mason Immunization Record Form and submit the form to the Immunization Office before the deadline.

Immunization Record Deadlines

Deadlines vary for the fall and spring semesters. Check the website for dates.

Students must complete pages 1 and 2 and a health care provider must complete the remaining sections of the Immunization Record Form. Residential students must complete page 6. Transcription service is available for a fee at Student Health. If a student is not able to provide appropriate documentation, immunizations and/or titers are also available for a fee.

A late fee will be charged and a hold will be placed on the student's Patriot Web account if immunization records or documentation are incomplete. This may delay future class registration.

shs.gmu.edu/immunizations

- Physical health exams
- Basic women's gynecological care, pap tests
- Pregnancy testing and counseling
- Contraceptive education and prescriptions, emergency contraception

There is no charge to be seen by one of our health care providers. There are fees for lab tests, medications, immunizations, supplies, and some procedures.

Students do not need health insurance to be seen at Student Health Services.

Call to schedule an appointment. There are often same-day appointments available for students with acute care needs.

- Fairfax: SUB I, Room 2300 703-993-2831
- Arlington: Van Metre Hall, Room B102* 703-993-4863*
- Science and Technology: Colgan Hall, Room 229*
- **3** 703-993-8374*
- After Hours Nurse Advice Line: 703-993-2831
- ★ shs.gmu.edu
- * Please note: As of spring 2021, the Arlington and Science and Technology Campus locations are temporarily closed.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

George Mason University offers a student health insurance plan and a dental plan, which are available to eligible undergraduate and graduate students who would like to purchase health insurance. Students with a plan can purchase coverage for eligible dependents.

★ shs.gmu.edu/insurance

TIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

- Turn in your immunization records early to ensure you have met the requirements.
- If you have health insurance, check with your insurance provider about coverage in the Northern Virginia area. Keep your insurance card or a copy with you.
- Do you have a chronic medical condition? Talk with your doctor about how to care for yourself at Mason. Consider scheduling a new patient appointment with Student Health.
- Know your personal and family medical history and if you have any allergies. These are common questions if you seek health care.
- Bring your medications and prescriptions with you. Have a plan for any refills and understand what your medication is for.
- Pack a first-aid kit. A few items can ensure you are prepared for basic self-care.
- Under 18? Have your parent/guardian sign the minor consent on the Immunization Record Form.

Disability Services

Disability Services ensures equal access to George Mason University's programs and services for qualified students with disabilities. As defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a person has a disability if he or she

- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual;
- has a record of such an impairment; or
- is regarded as having such an impairment.

Disability Services provides academic, testing, housing, and meal plan accommodations for Mason students. To register with Disability Services, students must complete the following steps:

- Complete and submit the intake form.
- Submit documentation of disability from the appropriate health care provider.
- Participate in an interactive initial intake to discuss accommodations.

Contact Disability Services directly with questions or concerns.

SUB I, Suite 2500

▼ 703-993-2474 ods@gmu.edu ds.gmu.edu





Mason's Regional Locations

ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Mason's Arlington Campus, in the Virginia Square neighborhood of Arlington County near Washington, D.C., focuses on graduate and professional programs. It offers graduate degrees in law, conflict resolution, policy, business, arts management, executive and professional education, and more. The Arlington Campus is also home to the Institute for Digital InnovAtion. (For more information, visit idia.gmu.edu.) Available campus resources include a writing center, library, and a full range of University Life services. Open study lounges and a computer lab are available for student use. The campus is within walking distance of the Virginia Square Metro station on the Orange Line.

arlington.gmu.edu

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS

Mason's Science and Technology Campus in Manassas is in Innovation Park, the largest research business park in Northern Virginia, home to technology companies and government agencies conducting cutting-edge research. It offers select courses in applied information technology, advanced biomedical science, criminology, education, kinesiology, mechanical engineering, and more. The campus is home to the 300-seat Verizon Auditorium, the Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center, the Mason Center for Team and Organizational Learning (The EDGE), the Hylton Performing Arts Center, the Institute for Biohealth Innovation, the Biomedical Research Laboratory, and Beacon Hall (graduate student housing).

scitechcampus.amu.edu

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY KOREA

Located 25 miles from Seoul in Sondgo, South Korea, George Mason University Korea currently offers undergraduate programs in business, computational and data sciences, computer game design, conflict analysis and resolution, economics, and global affairs, and supports all Mason Core requirements. The campus includes state-of-the art teaching facilities, performing arts centers, and student housing. To learn more about how you can study abroad at Mason Korea, visit the website.

masonkorea.gmu.edu/us



MASON IN LOUDOUN

Co-located with Northern Virginia Community College, Mason in Loudoun offers course work in nursing, health science, education, information technology, and management, along with undergraduate general education courses.

★ loudoun.gmu.edu

SMITHSONIAN-MASON SCHOOL OF CONSERVATION

Offering residential, hands-on, interdisciplinary programs in conservation biology for undergraduate and graduate students on the grounds of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia, learn how you can spend a semester at the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation by visiting the website.

★ smconservation.gmu.edu

Code of Student Conduct

What is the Code of Student Conduct?

Do you know what is expected of a George Mason University Patriot? With independence comes responsibility.

The Office of Student Conduct hosts the Code of Student Conduct that outlines behavioral expectations for all students. Description of policies include

- Alcohol violations
- Drug policy violations
- Sexual misconduct and sexual harassment
- Interpersonal violence
- Possible sanctions and outcomes for violations

This is your chance to get involved! Read about the Community Adjudication Board as an opportunity to get involved with helping and educating fellow George Mason students by resolving student conduct cases.

▼ 703-993-6209 ★ studentconduct.gmu.edu

Honor Code

What is the Mason Honor Code?

To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community, and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.

Honoring this pledge means placing value on the degree you receive when you graduate from the university.

How does Mason define cheating, plagiarism, stealing, and lying?

- Cheating includes, but is not limited to, using or possessing any unauthorized material or assistance in any academic work.
- Plagiarism is defined as using another individual's ideas or words without attribution or credit. It also includes using prior work that has been submitted for credit or published in another venue as a new submission without citation. Using the ideas of others without proper attribution or citation is unethical and a violation of the Honor Code.
- Stealing, from an academic perspective, means obtaining and/or providing unauthorized access to educational materials. These materials might be tests or quizzes from faculty members, or they may be the work product of another student.
- Lying in an academic context refers to providing information known to be false as a way to bypass classroom expectations or gain an unfair advantage in completing academic work.

How can you, as a Mason student, maintain academic integrity?

- Read the course syllabus.
- Ask your professor questions.
- Double-check and protect your work.
- Plan your time well.
- When in doubt, cite your source using the appropriate style guide for your course/discipline.
- Don't use online homework study sites to complete work.

Help maintain the value of the Mason degree!

♠ oai.gmu.edu

Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex under any education program or activity receiving federal financial aid. Sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual exploitation are forms of sex discrimination.

George Mason University is committed to providing a learning, living, and working environment free from discrimination. Any gender-based discrimination, including sexual misconduct, which includes but is not limited to sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship violence, and sexual exploitation committed by George Mason students, staff, or faculty will not be tolerated. This applies to academic, educational, athletic, residential, and all other university operated and affiliated programs. George Mason encourages individuals who believe they have been sexually harassed,

assaulted, or subjected to sexual misconduct by a Mason student or employee to seek assistance.

When Should I Contact the Title IX Coordinator?

Any student, faculty member, staff member, or applicant who has concerns about sex/gender discrimination or sexual misconduct is encouraged to seek the assistance of the Title IX Coordinator.

Contact the Title IX Coordinator if you

- Seek resources or need help on how to handle a situation
- Wish to understand your options if you think you may have encountered sex/gender discrimination or sexual misconduct (sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, sexual exploitation, and relationship violence)
- Observe or learn of a situation that you feel may warrant a formal university investigation
- Seek guidance on possible informal remedies or administrative measures to de-escalate or alleviate a difficult situation
- Have questions about Mason's policies and procedures
- Wish to inquire about interim remedies as they relate to your academics, your job, your living arrangements, or your travel to school
- Want to learn about No Contact Orders

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

(not required to notify Title IX Office) Student Support and Advocacy Center Student Health Services Counseling and Psychological Services

NONCONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVATE RESOURCES

University Police and Public Safety
Office of Student Conduct
Office of Housing and Residence Life
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning
Resource Office
Online Intake Form: diversity.gmu.edu/intake-form

MASON'S TITLE IX COORDINATOR

University Title IX Coordinator Office of Compliance, Diversity, and Ethics

Aquia Building, Suite 373

□ 703-993-8730 **□** titleix@gmu.edu

Diversity.gmu.edu

Student Support and Advocacy Center

The Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) is committed to providing an empowering environment for all Mason students to seek support services and to explore healthy life choices. We offer educational programming, one-on-one consultations, and resources in the areas of sexual and interpersonal violence, financial well-being, substance use, and collegiate recovery. We assist students encountering barriers to personal success.

SSAC provides the following services:

- Intervention with students encountering personal challenges that prevent them from achieving their academic and personal goals;
- Confidential support for students who have been affected by sexual and interpersonal violence (sexual assault, domestic or partner violence, sexual harassment, stalking, etc.);
- Education and assessment for students addressing their use of alcohol and other drugs;
- Campuswide training and education on bystander engagement, healthy relationships, financial well-being, and substance use;
- Operation of the Patriot Pantry and emergency meal vouchers supporting students who face food insecurity; and
- 24-Hour Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Crisis Line (703-380-1434) for students in crisis seeking support related to sexual and interpersonal violence.

Students seeking to connect with a center staff member, and individuals referring students about whom they are concerned, should do so via SSAC's website at ssac.gmu.edu by clicking the "Request Support and Make Referrals" tab.

SUB I, Suite 3200 ■ 703-993-3686 🏔 ssac.gmu.edu



Network

SUCCESS COACHING

Success Coaches will help you explore your strengths and interests, integrate learning (including experiential opportunities and internships), connect with people and resources, and create and implement action plans to achieve your personal, academic, and professional/career goals.

MASON CARE NETWORK

CONNECT WITH US:





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Students who have a Personal Success Coach are more likely to...

- Graduate
- Establish and take action towards achieving goals
- · Become more self-reliant
- · Gain more college and life satisfaction
- Take greater responsibility and accountability for actions and commitments
- · Communicate more effectively
- Learn critical problem-solving skills

Your Success Coach will work with you on topics such as...

- · Navigating university life at Mason
- Transitioning to college
- Learning about Mason resources
- · Academic major fit
- Career exploration
- · Balancing school, work, and life commitments
- · Managing physical and emotional health, and more



- Filter by nearly 100 options, including price, distance, public transportation accessibility, and move-in date.
- Create and view roommate profiles.
- Post and search for sublets, roommates, furniture, and more.
- Accessible to Mason students, staff, and faculty members

Need help? Contact Contemporary Student Services at offcamp1@gmu.edu.





UNIV 100 is a small discussion-based, 1-credit transition course designed specifically for first-year students and is generally taken in the fall semester.

You will learn how to take advantage of George Mason's resources, develop academic skills, and discover ways to get involved on campus. A faculty member and an upper-class peer advisor teach the class and are dedicated to helping first-year students succeed.

The discussion-based classes are small, consisting of 20 to 25 students, encouraging students to connect with one another. This course is open to all first-year students. Register on Patriot Web at Orientation!

More than 60 sections of UNIV 100 are offered in the fall, including

College-Specific
First Generation
Global Gateway (UNIV 108)
Introduction to Mason
Learning Communities (UNIV 150s)
Off-Campus and Out-of-State
Special Populations
STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering,
and Mathematics

Time and Money Management

Curriculum Topics

Academic Success
Adjusting to College
Alcohol and Drug Education
Introduction of Campus Resources
Major and Career Exploration
Stress Management and Wellness
Study Skills and Notetaking

For more information about UNIV courses and programs, visit our website **transitions.gmu.edu** or email us at **univcp@gmu.edu**. For a complete list of UNIV courses, please refer to our ad in the back of this book or the *University Catalog* (catalog.gmu.edu).

UNIV 100 Peer Advisor: Make an Impact at Mason and Co-teach UNIV 100

Are you interested in being a leader at Mason and helping new students transition to college life? Want to help new students and get paid to have fun while gaining valuable skills? Consider becoming a UNIV 100 peer advisor!

UNIV Peer Advisors

- Paid student leadership position
- Co-teach UNIV 100 with a faculty member
- Gain valuable work and leadership skills and experience
- Serve as a role model or mentor
- Plan programs for first-year students

For more information about the position and the application process, please visit **transitions.gmu.edu/apply-to-be-an-spa-or-ppc-new**.





Maggie Anderson she/her Fairfax, Virginia Psychology



Betzy Balladeres she/her Bristow, Virginia *Social Work*



Emma Brace she/her Fredericksburg, Virginia Pre-Nursing



Samerawit Dereje she/her Alexandria, Virginia *Pre-Nursing*



India Franks she/her Stafford, Virginia Foreign Language (Chinese)



Nandini Gaggenapalli she/her Fairfax, Virginia Business Management



Katherin Gomez she/her Lovettsville, Virginia Criminology, Law and Society



Schuyler Hagen she/her Culpeper, Virginia Theater (Performance)



Yumna Iqbal she/her Reston, Virginia *Marketing*



Sara Kakar she/her Ashburn, Virginia *Marketing*



Livy Kaktaite she/her Sveksna, Lithuania *Global Affairs*



Dhaksha Kannan she/her Ashburn, Virginia *Computer Science*



Kayla Kirchner they/she Richmond, Virginia *Communication*



Grace Leitner she/her Round Hill, Virginia Integrative Studies (Liberal Arts for the Teaching Professions)



Juniper Mortimer they/them Belton, Texas Government and International Politics



Sophia Nguyen she/her Chesapeake, Virginia Government and International Politics



Innocence Page she/her Glen Allen, Virginia Psychology



Mary Parker she/her Annandale, Virginia Psychology



Pipa Pipa she/they Tampa, Florida *Criminology, Law and Society*



MacKenzie Rankin she/her Orange, Virginia *Biology*



Ayl Ray she/her Orlando, Florida Business Management



Stephanie Rivas she/her Williamsburg, Virginia Exploratory/Undecided



Lilly Rountree she/her Ashburn, Virginia Special Education



Rita Saidi she/her Beirut, Lebanon *Global Affairs*



Donovan Scott he/him Woodbridge, Virginia *Criminology, Law and Society*



Galilea Sejas she/her Annandale, Virginia *Criminology, Law and Society*



Jade St. Amand she/her Woodbridge, Virginia Management



Gerald Valladares he/him Alexandria, Virginia *Government and International*



Janae Wideman she/her Mount Laurel, New Jersey Global Affairs

STUDENT COORDINATORS



Alec Anderson he/him Williamsburg, Virginia *Psychology*



Darren Badley he/him Richmond, Virginia *Theater (Performance)*



Nate Haile he/him Alexandria, Virginia Computer Science



Jaxon Upchurch they/them Nashville, Tennessee Global Affairs

Patriot Leader applications open in the fall! Visit greenpolo.gmu.edu for more information!



PLANNING A VISIT TO MASON?

Mason families can receive discounted hotel rates by staying at one of our partner properties with Marriott. Hotel discounts are available for families during signature university events such as Orientation, Family Weekend, Move-In Day, and Commencement.

Visit **masonfamily.gmu.edu/where-to-stay** to view discounted rates and make your reservations for upcoming events. For individual reservations outside of these special events, please visit Marriott.com and enter corporate code "G57."









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University Career Services is nationally recognized for its industry-focused model and customized approach to connecting your career goals to an actionable plan.

Each year, more than 600 employers attend on-campus career events to recruit Mason students. Positioned in the Washington, D.C., area, we help you make the most of internships and research opportunities.

Using our unique Career Readiness Equation as a guide, we help you earn your degree, gain relevant work experience, and learn to market yourself for success.



CAREER COUNSELING
VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS
RESUME WRITING
ON-CAMPUS JOBS
8 CAREER FAIRS ANNUALLY
CLEARANCE PREP
PRACTICE INTERVIEWING

EXTENSIVE ALUMNI NETWORK

JOB & INTERNSHIP DATABASE

150+ NETWORKING EVENTS

INDUSTRY ADVISING

FEDERAL WORK STUDY

EMPLOYER SITE VISITS

CAREER COURSES



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MISSION

THE PATRIOT EXPERIENCE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A FRAMEWORK TO PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER MASON BY DEVELOPING LIFE SKILLS THROUGH SELF-DIRECTED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING.

VISION

THE PATRIOT EXPERIENCE ADDS INTENTIONALITY TO THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

CORE PATRIOT EXPERIENCE TRACKS:



DESIGN YOUR DREAM CAREER

- CAREER READINESS
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CHANGE THE WORLD

- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- LEADERSHIP



LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

- WELL-BEING
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

REASONS TO GET INVOLVED:



CONNECT WITH CAMPUS RESOURCES



LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



GET INVOLVED WITH CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



TRACK STUDENT INVOLVEAENT

CONNECT WITH US:



@PATRIOTEXPERIENCE



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Welcome to the Mason Nation!

At Mason, we believe that we thrive together, as shared success is one of our core values. Our goal is to become a model well-being university where students, faculty, and staff build lives of **vitality**, **purpose**, **resilience**, **and engagement**.

We enhance our well-being through making connections within the Mason community. We prioritize practices that help us to take care of ourselves. We support the well-being of others by sharing the strategies that work for us and by offering our help and support. We share the practices we use to take care of ourselves and others.

We teach well-being practices through an academic minor in well-being, workshops, our *Thriving Together* well-being weekly newsletter, the CliftonStrengths talent assessment, the Resilience Badge Program, and our Well-being Learning Community.

To learn more about your campus well-being initiatives, visit

- The Center for the Advancement of Well-Being: wellbeing.gmu.edu
- University Life: ulife.gmu.edu
- Mason Recreation: recreation.gmu.edu



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As part of Mason's strategic goal to become a model Well-Being University, more than 27,000 students, faculty, and staff have taken the 20-minute, CliftonStrengths talent assessment. Your results will help you identify, understand, magnify, and develop your skills and talents based on a simple equation:

Talent + Investment = Strength

For more information, or if you need accommodations to take the assessment, visit **strengths.gmu.edu.**



CliftonStrengths*

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

At George Mason University we include and embrace a multitude of people and ideas in everything we do and protect the freedom of all members of our community to seek truth and express their views. Freedom of expression in an intellectually and culturally diverse environment provides all members of our community the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to our shared mission to create a more just, free, and prosperous world. George Mason University is committed to protecting free speech and free expression on its campus and in its education programs.

Being exposed to competing perspectives is essential for questioning our assumptions, testing our beliefs, and refining our knowledge. Our goal as a community must be to create an environment where we can engage in difficult and challenging conversations with civility and mutual respect, where confronting opposing ideas and perspectives becomes an opportunity to learn from and with each other.

Our commitment to freedom of expression is not incompatible with our commitment to diversity and to nurturing a positive and collaborative environment where everyone can thrive. On the contrary, it is by achieving the latter that freedom of expression becomes a powerful tool for personal learning and growth. But our efforts to build a civil and respectful environment cannot be used as reasons to limit the rights of others to express views that we may consider misguided or even offensive. As articulated by a 2014 report from the University of Chicago, we must hold a fundamental commitment to "the principle that debate or deliberation may not be suppressed because the ideas put forth are thought by some or even by most members of the university community to be offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrongheaded."

Mason facilities are intended primarily for the use of its students, faculty, and employees in their efforts to advance the educational mission of the university. No use shall be permitted that is unlawful, threatens the safety of the Mason community, or is inconsistent with the mission of the university. In maintaining a safe campus, in which its

students, faculty, and employees can advance the educational mission of Mason without disruption, the university may establish constitutionally permissible time, place, and manner restrictions on the use of its facilities and property (e.g., registration requirements, times when use is permitted, limitations on amplified sound). These can be found in University Policies 1103, 1109, 1140, and other applicable policies and procedures. These policies and procedures ensure that Mason can focus on its educational mission, provide a safe environment for learning, and preserve the aesthetics of its campus.

The campus community is encouraged to participate in all university-sponsored programs and activities. Members of the Mason community maintain the right to criticize and contest speech they disagree with, whether by members of the Mason community or outside speakers who are invited to the campus. But freedom of expression does not permit disrupting or preventing another person's ability to speak or hindering the ability of others to see or hear that speech. The First Amendment protects the right to peacefully protest, demonstrate, and speak in opposition to others' speech, as long as it does not impede the constitutionally protected speech of others.

All members of the George Mason University community enjoy the right to freedom of speech and expression. Individuals are encouraged to speak, write, listen, challenge, and demonstrate as a natural platform for intellectual engagement. This is the true spirit of freedom and learning.

If you would like additional information about Mason policies related to speech and expression, you can visit www2.gmu. edu/1stAmendment. If you believe your freedom of speech or expression has been disrupted, you may report an incident of disruption of constitutionally protected speech by selecting the "Submit a Report" button on the left side of that web page. You can also visit campusclimate.gmu.edu for more information about speech, expression, and other campus climate topics at Mason.







STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The mission of the Office of Student Financial Aid is to help make it financially possible for all admitted applicants to attend George Mason University. The office provides financial aid services to assist prospective and current students and their families. During the 2021–22 academic year, students will receive more than \$300 million in some form of financial assistance (grants, scholarships, work-study, and loans). An array of federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs helped students at all economic levels pay for their college education.

Types of Financial Aid

FEDERAL GRANTS (Do not need to be repaid.)

Federal Pell Grant: These need-based grants for low-income undergraduate students provide access to postsecondary education. Grant amounts are dependent on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results, cost of attendance, and enrollment status.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG): This grant is for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. Pell Grant recipients with a zero expected family contribution (EFC) will be given priority consideration for FSEOG funds.



STATE GRANTS (Do not need to be repaid.)

Mason Out-of-State Grant: The purpose of the grant is to provide assistance to financially needy undergraduate out-of-state residents.

Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (VGAP): The purpose of the grant is to provide financially needy students who graduated from a Virginia high school with an incentive to attend college.

Virginia Commonwealth Award: This grant provides assistance to financially needy undergraduate Virginia residents.

SCHOLARSHIPS (Do not need to be repaid.)

There are many different resources for students to use when searching for scholarship opportunities. Mason's Office of Student Financial Aid posts a list of scholarships offered to students by George Mason University (referred to as "internal" scholarships) and a list of outside or external scholarships offered by a variety of external sources (agencies, companies, private donors, etc.) for undergraduate and graduate students as the scholarships become available.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY (FWS)

George Mason University offers Federal Work-Study for eligible students to help pay for college expenses. This program allows students to work in a variety of part-time positions while building their resumes, time management skills, and job abilities.

LOANS

Various types of loans are available to assist in financing a student's education. After a student completes and submits a FAFSA, based on the student's eligibility, the Office of Student Financial Aid can offer Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loans.

Finances Should *Not* Be a Barrier to Investing in Your Future.



FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)

DEPENDENT STUDENTS				
YEAR	SUBSIDIZED	ADD'L UNSUBSIDIZED	TOTAL	
Freshman	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,500	
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$6,500	
Junior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500	
Senior	\$5,500	\$2,000	\$7,500	

INDEPENDENT STUDENTS			
YEAR	SUBSIDIZED	ADD'L UNSUBSIDIZED	TOTAL
Freshman	\$3,500	\$6,000	\$9,500
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$10,500
Junior	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$12,500
Senior	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$12,500

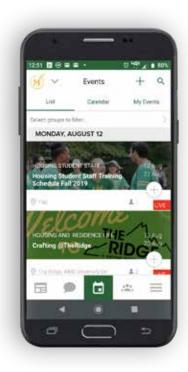
FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS (GRADUATE STUDENTS)

YEAR	ADD'L UNSUBSIDIZED	TOTAL
Graduate	\$20,500	\$20,500

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **October 1** FAFSA application becomes available online at FAFSA.gov
- **January 15** FAFSA Filing Priority Deadline (to be considered for state grant eligibility)
- March 1 Deadline for submission of requested verification documents (to be considered for state grant eligibility)
- Student Union Building I
- ₹ 703-993-2000, 703-993-2350 (fax)
- ☐ finaid@gmu.edu
- ★ financialaid.gmu.edu

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STUDENT ACCOUNTS



Communication Policy

The Student Accounts Office communicates with students via their Mason email address. Students are responsible for reading the content of university communication sent via email and are required to activate their Mason email account and check it regularly.

Electronic Billing

We bill tuition and fees electronically through the Bill and Payment System. Paper invoices are not mailed. Semester ebills are sent electronically to students and authorized users. The ebill is a snapshot of the account at the time of invoicing; real-time account charges and balances may be viewed at any time via the My Account tab in the Bill and Payment System.

Authorized Users

For ease in submitting payments and staying up to date on financial information, students should set up their parents as authorized users in the Bill and Payment System. Authorized users will receive ebill notices and be able to access student accounts but are not able to view academic information.

Semester Payment Plans

Payment plans are available online through the Bill and Payment System for students who need to budget their accounts. Please note there is no convenience fee for electronic check payments. All payment plans require a \$25 contract fee, which is nonrefundable.

Please visit our website at **studentaccounts.gmu.edu** for more information and payment plan set-up guides.

Late Payment Fee

Failure to receive a reminder ebill confirming your charges does not waive the requirement for on-time payment.

Check the Bill and Payment System for updated balances.

Registrations prior to the start of the semester must be paid no later than the first day of the semester to avoid a 10 percent late payment fee of up to \$125. Payment for registrations on the first day of the semester or later is due five business days after registration. Payments will be accepted up to 10:30 p.m. through the Bill and Payment System. Late payment fees will not be removed from accounts.

Registration Policies and Class Drop Deadlines

Classes will not be canceled for nonpayment or nonattendance. Students are responsible for confirming their withdrawal from any classes by the published deadlines. Approved late schedule adjustments after the deadline to add classes will incur additional fees of up to \$125. Please visit studentaccounts.gmu.edu for penalty deadlines.

Financial Good Standing

Financial good standing and a university record clear of holds are required for students to receive services. Services, including, but not limited to, transcript issuance, diploma release, class registration (add, drop, withdrawal, and so forth), and/or housing and meal plans will not be provided to students with a financial balance due or a hold of any kind on their record.

Third-Party Billing

Third-party billing requirements and procedures are available at studentaccounts.gmu.edu/third-party-billing-office.

- □ saccount@gmu.edu
- studentaccounts.gmu.edu

MASON STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

The Mason Student Services Center is the first stop and the central resource for students seeking information and solutions related to registration, enrollment, financial aid, billing, academic records, and other student support services. The center assists new and continuing students at all points in their academic career, in one convenient location, thus eliminating the need to visit multiple offices on campus.

LOCATION

The Mason Student Services Center is located on the lower level of SUB I on the Fairfax Campus. Upon arrival, students should proceed to an available kiosk station and check in online. After checking in, students will be greeted by a center representative who can answer both general and complex questions, provide assistance with navigating university resources, and provide referrals to specialists when necessary.

Walk-in services are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prefer to email your questions? Send inquiries to mssc@gmu.edu.

Find us online at mssc.gmu.edu.





PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mason offers an array of parking, transit, and transportation choices to students, faculty, and staff. We encourage you to have more than one way to get to campusand to reduce the number of times you drive alone.

Below is a brief overview of your options. For a detailed overview, visit our Transportation Guide at **bit.ly/Mason-transportation**. Additional information is available on our website at **transportation.gmu.edu**.

We are happy to assist you with any questions. Contact us at **transpo@gmu.edu**, by phone at 703-993-2710, or on Twitter @MasonParking.

Parking

Please note: Available parking and transportation choices are subject to change based upon COVID-19 restrictions.

- On the Fairfax Campus, we offer a host of daily, weekly, monthly, and semester parking options, from the West Campus and Field House lots (lowest cost) to general permits (mid-range cost) and reserved deck parking (highest cost).
- For parking options, pricing, and permit purchase, including those at the Arlington and Science and Technology Campuses, please visit parking.gmu.edu to get started.
- Free Parking Available: There is a no-cost parking option that utilizes Mason Shuttles. You can park for free at the Manassas Mall and take the Fairfax/SciTech shuttle route to either campus. For all shuttle schedules, visit shuttle.gmu.edu.
- Parking Services Building (next to Shenandoah Parking Deck)
- ▼ 703-993-2710 transpo@gmu.edu
- A parking.gmu.edu @MasonParking

Transportation

BIKING OPTIONS

- Mason has more than 1,300 bike parking spots on campus and is a silver-rated Bicycle-Friendly University in Fairfax and bronze-rated in Arlington. Register your bicycle at bike.gmu.edu and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, bike light, and safety information.
- To find out more about bicycling at Mason and to see a map of facilities, visit bike.gmu.edu.

CARPOOL

CARPOOL ZONES: FLEXIBLE AND EASY

- Premium Carpool Program: Save some money!
- Application required

More information on the premium student carpool option is available at transportation.gmu.edu/carpoolvanpool/student/formal.

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- Rent a car just when you need it, by the hour or the day
- Multiple cars available on the Fairfax Campus
- Sign up at zipcar.com/zipgmu
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Transit

CUE BUS

Mason students, faculty, and staff have free access to the Fairfax City CUE Bus by showing their valid Mason ID. The CUE Bus has routes in Fairfax City, all of which end at the Vienna Metro Station. For details and the schedule, visit **cuebus.org**. The CUE Bus stops on campus at Rappahannock River Lane (next to Merten Hall) and uses the Next Bus System to track bus arrival times.

METRO

The closest Metro stop in Fairfax is the Vienna Metro Station on the Orange Line. From there, you can travel to various locations in Washington, D.C., and to Mason's Arlington Campus (Virginia Square-GMU Metro Station). For a Metro rail map, visit wmata.com/schedules/maps. Please note: Metro schedules and service levels are subject to change as a result of COVID-19. To stay up-to-date, sign up for Metro Alerts at wmata.com/rider-quide/subscribe.

MASON SHUTTLES

Mason Shuttles offer multiple routes to transport the Mason community to a variety of destinations.

- For times and stops, please visit **shuttle.gmu.edu**. Please note: COVID-19 changes may still be in effect for fall 2021. These include reduced shuttle capacities, required face coverings (unless there is an authorized exception), and seating from the back. Please see the shuttle video for an overview of the changes (youtu.be/e-BCOp2_w1Q). Additionally, schedules and routes available may continue to be impacted by COVID-19. Schedules can also be impacted by traffic volume, accidents, and road conditions. Don't cut it too close. Schedule yourself to arrive early, just in case.
- Shuttle schedules are also subject to change during emergencies, extreme weather conditions, holidays, and student breaks. Be sure to check shuttle.gmu.edu for the latest scheduling information.



MASON CARD OFFICE

The Mason Card Office issues Mason IDs, administers meal plans, and coordinates the Mason Money program.

Mason ID

The Mason ID is an integral part of campus life and enables you to access the following:

Meal PlansPrinting

■ Residence Halls ■ Mason Money

Mason Athletics EventsExams

University LibrariesLab/Room Access

■ CUE Bus/Mason Shuttles

Students should submit a picture for the Mason ID online. It must be taken against a white background from the shoulders up. For additional requirements and to submit a picture, download the Mason Money app or visit masonmoneyonline.gmu.edu.

The Mason ID is issued at Orientation or can be collected afterward at the Mason Card Office in SUB I. Students *must* be registered for classes and show a valid government-issued photo ID such as a passport, driver's license, or military ID.

Lost Mason IDs

There is a \$20 fee for lost, stolen, or damaged Mason IDs. The Office of Housing and Residence Life offers temporary cards for residence hall access for 48 hours. Students can still access their meal plans in the dining halls by using the Iris Enrollment Program.

Meal Plans

George Mason University's dining program promotes community dining and healthy choices around the clock. Choose from three dining halls and 32 venues across three campuses. Plans are billed to the student account, which allows for tax-exempt dining. Visit **mealplans.gmu.edu** for more information.

Meal plan usage and changes can be viewed on the Mason Money app or online at **masonmoneyonline.gmu.edu**.

Students Living on Campus

Students choose their freshman meal plan during housing selection. There are three Independence plan options that provide unlimited access into the dining halls, three guest swipes, and bonus funds.

Bonus funds are accepted in all dining venues and are available in \$100 increments up to \$500. Unused balances roll over from fall to spring semesters.

Students Living Off Campus

Students living off campus are welcome to take advantage of cost-saving meal plans. The meal plan website has all the details.



Mason Money

Mason Money is a debit card program. Funds can

be loaded onto the Mason ID to make purchases both on and off campus. For deposits and a complete list of retailers visit **masonmoneyonline.qmu.edu**.

Bonus Funds vs. Mason Money

Bonus Funds	Mason Money
Part of the meal plan accessed with the Mason ID	A declining account attached to Mason ID
Tax-exempt purchases in select dining locations	Taxable on all purchases
Remaining balance rolls from fall to spring	Balance stays throughout matriculation
Accepted by Starship (robot delivery) and Grubhub	Accepted by Starship (robot delivery) and Grubhub
Only accepted at dining venues on campus	Accepted at all on- and off- campus dining venues, the bookstore, for printing, etc.

♀ SUB I, Room 1203

▼ 703-993-1004 mealplans.gmu.edu

★ Masonid.gmu.edu



MASON DINING

Meal plans are available for on- and off-campus students, enabling you to save money while dining on campus. Current meal plan options can be viewed online at **mealplans.gmu.edu**.

Access your meal plan with your Mason ID. In resident dining halls, meal plan holders can also gain access without their Mason ID by registering for the Iris identity verification system at the Mason Card Office.

Mason Dining caters to customers with food allergies and other special dietary needs. The Simple Servings program at both Southside and Ike's dining halls provides prepared and customizable hot entrees, as well as daily soup and side vegetable options, all free of soy, milk, wheat, fish, shellfish, eggs, tree nuts, and peanuts.

Mason's registered dietitian offers complimentary meetings with students to discuss food allergies, special dietary needs, and general healthy eating tips. To contact the dietitian or schedule your appointment today, call 703-933-2870.

Sick meals are available for campus residents who become ill. They can be picked up at resident dining halls by the sick student, a friend, or an RA. The Sick Meal Request Form can be completed at **masondining.com** or by reaching a dining manager at 703-993-5052.

Mason Dining supports sustainability efforts. In partnership with the Office of Sustainability, the Presidents Park Greenhouse grows lettuce and herbs for Ike's dining hall and is open for tours and volunteer hours. Mason Dining serves locally sourced foods.

View the menus for Southside, Ike's, and the Globe by downloading the Bite by Sodexo App and entering access code u8sn3. Within the app, menu items will display allergens and nutritional content and allow you to give feedback about your dining experience.

Busy studying? Don't give up your table in the library—order delivery via Mason Dining's Starship Robot Delivery Fleet!
Download the Starship Deliveries app from the app store to start placing orders today.

Mason Dining hires students. Work on campus and enjoy flexible schedules, competitive pay, and a free meal after six hours worked. Find open positions at indeed.com by searching for "Sodexo" in Fairfax, Virginia.

Text your feedback to Mason Dining at 82257; use keyword "TellMasonDining" before your message.

- ☐ dining@gmu.edu
- MasonDining
- Masondining.com



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- ★ its.gmu.edu 703-993-8870
- ☐ support@gmu.edu

Check out our "Getting Started for Students" guide at its.gmu. edu/get-started.

Don't forget to download the Mobile Mason app for Apple and Android devices.

Help and Support Resources

ITS SUPPORT CENTER

The Information Technology Services (ITS) Support Center, located in Innovation Hall, Room 226, serves as the central point of contact for requesting IT support and information.

RESIDENT TECHNICIANS (RESTECHS)

ResTechs provide technical support to the residence halls to help students connect to Mason's networks and to diagnose and troubleshoot computer problems.

TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Mason uses Duo Security to deliver Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) when students access certain websites and applications (e.g., Patriot Web). This second layer of protection makes personal information less vulnerable.

★ 2fa.gmu.edu

Network and Telecommunications

STUDENT EMAIL

MasonLive is the official email for students. Directions for logging in for the first time are available at its.gmu.edu/masonlive-1st-login.

masonlive.gmu.edu

WI-FI NETWORK

Wi-Fi network access is provided in all academic, administrative, residential, recreational, and dining spaces across the university. For the best Wi-Fi experience, connect to the MASON-SECURE network.

WIRED NETWORK

Wired network access is provided in classrooms, student residences, and public spaces.

GUEST NETWORK

Guests of students may self-register for internet access over Mason's Wi-Fi networks.

Learning and Technology Resources

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Mason has partnered with LinkedIn Learning to provide free, unlimited online training. The online subscription library offers students 24/7 access to thousands of videos on a broad range of subjects.

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MYMASON PORTAL

myMason provides access to Blackboard and puts instructional technology resources in one convenient location.

- mymason.gmu.edu
- Blackboard App, a web-based learning management system, delivers online or web-enhanced courses.
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- Kaltura My Media allows faculty and students to create, host, and share video and audio inside the Blackboard App.
- SafeAssign is a plagiarism prevention service available to students through Blackboard.

ONEDRIVE FOR BUSINESS

OneDrive uses Office 365 to store files in the cloud, and students receive 1TB of cloud-based storage at no cost.

SKYPE FOR BUSINESS

Skype for Business is a communications service that connects people anytime from virtually anywhere and is provided to students at no cost.

CITRIX VIRTUAL LAB

The Citrix Virtual Lab provides remote access to academic software to support online course work.

Technology Spaces

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING HUB (CLUB)

The walk-in lab features PC and Mac workstations, a walk-up help bar, sound space, 3D printers, and collaborative spaces that include digital imaging, video-editing software, web development, and other software.

COMPUTER LABS

- **♀ Arlington**: Van Metre Hall, Room 211
- ♥ Fairfax: Innovation Hall, Room 301, and the Johnson Center, Room 342
- **Science and Technology**: Katherine G. Johnson Hall, Room 250

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCE (STAR) LAB

The state-of-the-art multimedia computer and equipment checkout facility provides students the space and resources to complete creative projects. Audio-editing software and video production equipment are available.

♀ Fairfax: Johnson Center, Room 229





PRINT AND MAIL SERVICES

Student Printing

George Mason University has partnered with Canon to provide print services for all students. Mason uses a "Follow Me Print" system in which students can send their print jobs from any computer connected to the university's computer network. This network includes campus-owned devices and personal computers or mobile devices. Students can retrieve their print jobs from any of the almost 300 multifunction devices located across all Mason campuses.

Students are not required to purchase a personal printer, as Canon devices are available in all on-campus housing neighborhoods. Each neighborhood will have at least one device available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Devices are also available in all areas frequented by students.

The Canon devices can also be used for copying and scanning.

Mason Money is used to pay for printing at a cost of \$0.10 for each black-and-white print/copy and \$0.25 for each color print/copy. There is no charge for scanning. Students will not be charged until they release their job(s) at a device.

Canon operates a full-service print shop on campus to fulfill all printing needs. Products include, but are not limited to, posters, banners, flyers, business cards, bound items, and yard signs. More information about the Canon Print Hub can be found at **gmuprinthub.com**.

Mail Procedures

All students living on campus are assigned a mailbox number by mail services free of charge. This number will be each student's unique identifier for sending and receiving paper mail and packages.

Student mailing addresses are written as follows:

First Name Last Name

4450 Rivanna River Way #XXXX (Student's unique mailbox number)

Fairfax, VA 22030

All mail and packages MUST contain the mailbox number.

All student mail is stored at The Hub on the lower level in the Mail Services area.

Paper mail (letters, magazines, etc.) is stored in file folders behind the Mail Services counter. Students will walk up to the counter and request their paper mail from a Mail Services representative.

Packages are stored in computerized smart lockers. Students will receive an email/text message alerting them to the presence of a package. This message will contain the locker number and four-digit code to retrieve the package. If the item is oversized, oddly sized, or perishable, the message will instruct them to pick up the package at the counter.

There is no notification for paper mail.

Mail Services offers outbound parcel service through the U.S. Postal Service and UPS. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or Mason Money.

For more information, please visit **printandmail.gmu.edu**.



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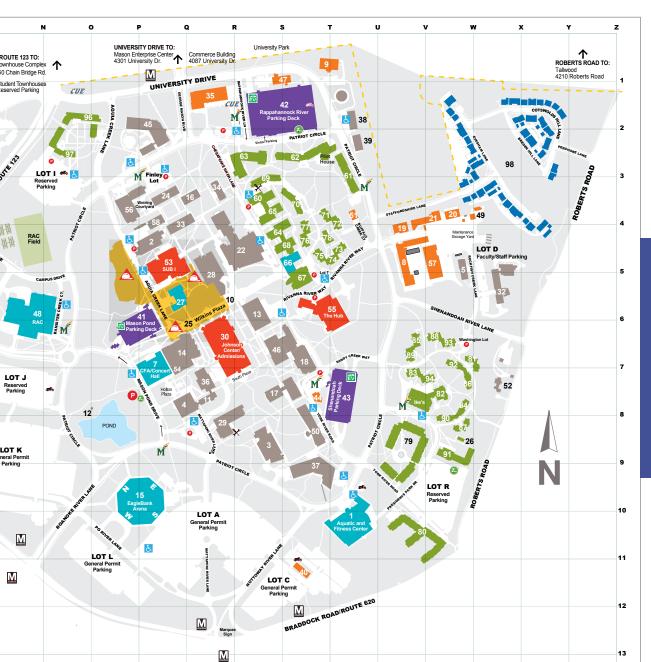




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- 8 V-5 Central Heating and Cooling Plant 9 T-1 Child Development Center 10 R-6 Clock 11 Q-8 College Hall 12 0-8 Cross Cottage 13 R-6 David King Hall
- 14 Q-7 de Laski Performing Arts Building 15 P-10 EagleBank Arena
- 16 Q-3 **East Building** 17 S-8 **Enterprise Hall**
- 18 Exploratory Hall U-4 Facilities Administration 19
- 20 V-4 Facilities Management, Archives

- 21 V-4 Facilities Management, Operations
- 22 R-4 Fenwick Library 23 K-3 Field House and Module
- 24 Q-3 Finley Building
- 25 Q-6 George Mason Statue
- 26 W-9 Greenhouse
- 27 Q-6 Harris Theatre
- 28 Q-5 Horizon Hall 29 R-8 Innovation Hall
- 30 R-6 Johnson Center/Admissions
- 31 I-5 Kelley II - 10716 Kelley Drive 32 W-5 Krasnow Institute
- 33 Q-4 Krug Hall
- 34 R-3 Lecture Hall 35 Q-1 Merten Hall
- 36 Q-7 Music/Theater Building
- 37 T-9 Nguyen Engineering Building
- 38 T-2 Northeast Module 39 T-2 Northeast Module II
- 40 S-11 Nottoway Annex

- 41 P-6 Parking Deck, Mason Pond
- 42 S-1 Parking Deck, Rappahannock River
- 43 T-8 Parking Deck, Shenandoah
- 44 S-7 Parking Services
- 45 P-2 Peterson Hall
- 46 S-7 Planetary Hall
- 47 S-1 Police and Safety Headquarters
- N-6 Recreation and Athletic 48 Complex (RAC)
- W-4 Recycling Center 49
- 50 T-8 Research Hall
- 51 U-4 Rivanna Module
- 52 X-7 Roberts House
- 53 Q-5 Student Union Building I
- 54 Q-7 TheaterSpace/Black Box
- 55 T-6 The Hub 🚻
- 56 P-4 Thompson Hall
- 57 V-5 Warehouse, Customer Service Center
- 58 P-4 West Building
- 59 L-5 West PE Module



STUDENT HOUSING

Rappahannock Neighborhood

- 60 R-3 Blue Ridge
- 61 T-3 Eastern Shore
- 62 S-3 Hampton Roads and Pilot House
- 63 R-3 Northern Neck
- 64 S-4 Piedmont*/Housing Office
- 65 S-4 Sandbridge
- 66 S-5 Skyline Fitness Center
- Southside Dining 67 S-5
- 68 S-4 Tidewater
- 69 S-3 Commonwealth
- Dominion 70 S-3

The Commons

- 71 T-4 Amherst
- Brunswick 72 T-4

Essex

- 73 T-5 Carroll
- 74 T-5 Dickenson

75 T-5

- 78 T-4 Hanover
- 76 S-4 Franklin 77 S-4 Grayson

Shenandoah Neighborhood

- 79 V-9 Liberty Square
- 80 V-10 Potomac Heights

Presidents Park

- 81 W-7 Adams
- Eisenhower* and Ike's Diner 82 V-7
- 83 V-7 Harrison
- 84 W-8 Jackson
- 85 V-6 Jefferson
- 86 W-7 Kennedy
- 87 W-8 Lincoln
- 88 V-6 Madison
- 89 V-7 Monroe
- 90 V-8 Roosevelt
- 91 V-9 Taylor 92 W-7 Truman

- 93 W-6 Washington
- 94 V-7 Wilson

Aquia Neighborhood

- 95 L-7 Ángel Cabrera Global Center
- 96 O-2 Rogers
- 97 O-2 Whitetop

FACULTY/STAFF HOUSING

98 X-3 Masonvale

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Guardians

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Send a Tip

Send an anonymous tip to the Mason Police. This feature supports 2-way communication and photo attachments.



Call University Police

If you are in danger or are witness to an active emergency, tap this button to call the Mason Police department.



Safety Timer

Set a safety timer to allow your Guardians to monitor your status and location while the timer counts down.



Call 9-1-1

Tap this button to call 9-1-1. Your call will be routed to the nearest dispatch center, not to the Mason Police.

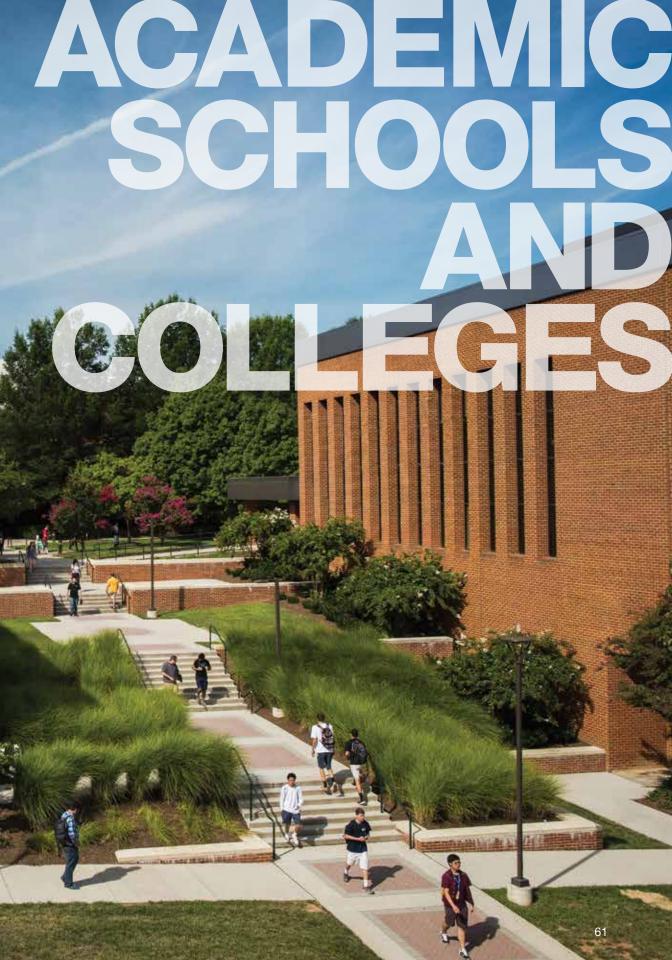




- **1. Scan** the QR code, or search for Rave Guardian in the App Store or Google Play store.
- 2. Download the app and register using your Mason email address.
- **3. Complete** a short safety profile, and check your email to verify your account.







NOTES			

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Home to more than 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) offers eight comprehensive undergraduate programs, and each provides at least two fieldwork experiences. Explore cehd.gmu.edu for a more comprehensive overview of academic programs, services, and resources offered through the college.

CEHD Student Success Center

Your home for student communications and support, including

- General CEHD information
- Student involvement
- Academic success assistance
- Scholarships
- Appeals and exceptions to policy
- Student concerns and grievances

Email **CEHDSAA@gmu.edu** to learn more about any of these services.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Find your advisor at **cehd.gmu.edu/current-students/ advising**.

TEACHER track@Mason

- Teacher preparation pathway advising for current and prospective students
- Licensure information
- Endorsements review

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Undergraduate Academic Majors

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) is home to the Departments of Global and Community Health, Health Administration and Policy, Nutrition, Rehabilitation Science, and Social Work, and the School of Nursing. We are located in Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall, which includes a community clinic, state-of-the-art nursing simulation and health informatics labs, and a high-tech nutrition kitchen where students can practice the skills they are learning within the classroom.

Our students prepare to be leaders in health care, public health, and social services, making them ready to solve the challenges of a rapidly changing health care environment. We have more than 1,900 undergraduate students enrolled in our five bachelor's degree programs and more than 1,100 graduate students enrolled in more than 20 graduate degree programs and certificates.

The college emphasizes the importance of experiential learning so that students' education occurs both within and beyond the walls of the college. Student opportunities include collaborative research projects with faculty, professional development, networking with alumni, community service activities, health-related study-abroad courses, and the chance to gain leadership experience through student organizations and honor societies. For example, our Mason and Partners Clinics give our students valuable health care experience in an innovative multidisciplinary environment. At the same time, they provide more than \$90,000 a month in free health care to the most vulnerable members of our community.

CHHS values diversity in its student body and faculty and provides an interdisciplinary education that enables students to develop analytical and creative thinking skills and to make well-founded ethical decisions. A team of professional and faculty advisors support and guide CHHS students as they work toward their educational and professional goals.

CHHS has strong relationships with many health care and human service agencies in the area. Students in CHHS have the opportunity to complete a practicum course, and we have more than 200 active practicum sites for them to work with and gain hands-on experience that can lead to a job after graduation.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Community Health, BS

Concentrations: Standard Program, Global Health,

Clinical Science, Nutrition Health Administration, BS

Concentrations: Health Systems Management, Health

Informatics, Assisted Living/Senior Housing Administration

Nursing, BSN

Pathways: Traditional, Accelerated Second Degree,

RN to BSN, Co-Enrollment (Veteran and Non-Veteran),

Veteran LPN

Rehabilitation Science, BS

Social Work, BSW

BACHELOR'S/ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREES

Bachelor's degree (any)/Public Health, MPH Health Administration, BS/Health Informatics, MS

ACADEMIC MINORS

Aging Studies

Food Systems

Global Health

Health and Social Policy

Health Information Technology

Nutrition

Public Health

Rehabilitation Science

Senior Housing Administration

Social Work

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COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Offering more than 20 academic programs and numerous opportunities to blend the intellectual with the practical, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) prepares students to meet the needs of today's society and the demands of the future.

As a student in CHSS, you will develop career-relevant skills sought by employers, challenge yourself through academic pursuits and individual research projects, and take advantage of experiential learning opportunities.

Here are a few ways you can...

CONNECT TO THE COLLEGE

- Take on a leadership role as a CHSS Ambassador
- Join or start a club in your major
- Attend a lunch with the dean

LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE

- Conduct individual research projects or fieldwork
- Complete honors in the major course work
- Share your research with the Mason community at our annual CHSS Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Study abroad to learn a new language, pursue an international internship, or fulfill degree requirements

DISCOVER CAREER GOALS

- Meet with our Career Services-CHSS liaison
- Enroll in one of our College-to-Career courses
- Pursue an internship in your field

For more information about our academic majors, concentrations, and more than 60 minors, please visit our website.

BACHELOR'S/ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS

Many of our majors have an associated accelerated master's pathway. If you would like to learn more about these pathways, please visit chss.gmu.edu/programs/accelerated.

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ACADEMIC MAJORS

Anthropology, BA

Art History, BA

Communication, BA

Creative Writing, BFA

Criminology, Law and Society, BA or BS

Economics, BA or BS

English, BA

Environmental and Sustainability Studies, BA*

Foreign Languages, BA

Concentrations: Arabic, Chinese, French, Korean

and Spanish

Global Affairs, BA

History, BA

Human Development and Family Science, BA**

Individualized Study, BIS*

Integrative Studies, BA or BS*

Latin American Studies, BA

Philosophy, BA

Psychology, BA or BS

Religious Studies, BA

Russian and Eurasian Studies, BA

Sociology, BA

- * Offered by the School of Integrative Studies within CHSS
- ** Co-offered by the College of Education and Human Development



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

The College of Science (COS) plays the central role in undergraduate and graduate education and research in science and math at George Mason University. The college serves the local community and the nation by providing world-class leadership in a wide variety of areas important to modern society. All students within the college are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many research opportunities available to them.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Astronomy, BS*

Atmospheric Science, BS*

Biology, BA or BS*

Concentrations: Biology Education, Biopsychology, Biotechnology and Molecular Biology, Environmental and Conservation Biology, Microbiology

Chemistry, BA or BS*

Concentrations: Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Chemistry Education

Computational and Data Sciences, BS*

Earth Science, BS*

Concentrations: Earth Science Education, Earth Surface Processes, Environmental Geoscience, Geology, Oceanography and Estuarine Science, Paleontology

Environmental Science, BS*

Concentrations: Conservation; Ecological Science; Environmental Health; Human and Ecosystem Response to Climate Change; Marine, Estuarine, and Freshwater

Ecology; Wildlife

Environmental and Sustainability Studies, BA**

Forensic Science, BS* Geography, BA or BS*

Concentrations (BA only): Environmental Geography,

Geoanthropology, Health Geography

Geology, BA*

Mathematical Science, BA or BS*

Concentrations (BS only): Actuarial Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematics Education

Medical Laboratory Sciences, BS

Neuroscience, BS*

Physics, BS*

Concentrations: Applied and Engineering Physics, Astrophysics, Computational Physics

Undeclared COS

*Also available as a minor

**Joint program with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences

ACADEMIC MINORS

Bioinformatics

Conservation Biology

Conservation Studies

Environmental Policy

Geographic Information Science

Government Analytics

Ocean and Estuarine Science

Paleontology

Renewable Energy

Scientific Leadership and Practice

Sustainability Studies

Sustainable Enterprise

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COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Our College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) students regularly perform, create, exhibit, and develop unique and inspired art—in whatever form that takes. Each program features a wide range of discipline-based technique courses and academic preparation in the history and theory of the art form. Many classes within CVPA are also open to nonmajors, and numerous courses fulfill Mason Core requirements.

An audition, portfolio, or writing sample review is required for acceptance into all CVPA majors.

A Community of Artists

CVPA students have many ways to express their creativity:

- The Arts Learning Community—available at both freshman and upperclassman levels
- Visual Voices—a professional artist lecture series
- Navigation Press—artists work directly with students
- Mason Players and theatrical productions are open to all Mason students for both technical positions and casting
- Music lessons and many ensembles, including the Green Machine, are also open to all Mason students
- Free student tickets to performances at the Center for the Arts (cfa.gmu.edu/students)
- Fall Film Showcase and Spring Mason Film Festival
- Game Analysis and Design Interest Group
- Senior Game Expo
- Mason Dance Company performances throughout the year, highlighted by the Spring Dance Gala

Schools/Departments Offering Majors, Concentrations, and Minors

SCHOOL OF ART (art.gmu.edu)

Faculty and students in the School of Art work together and across disciplines to experiment and challenge conventional thinking in a hands-on adaptive curriculum. We offer numerous concentrations, including photography, graphic design, printmaking, painting, drawing, and sculpture.

COMPUTER GAME DESIGN (game.gmu.edu)

Computer game design students use state-of-the-art technology to create their own games. Because our program leads to a BFA, our approach goes beyond basic coding and programming to incorporate graphic design elements, animation, and game theory. Students work in a team environment but specialize in what speaks to them.

SCHOOL OF DANCE (dance.gmu.edu)

Dance majors train and perform with the rigor of a conservatory. The program also offers courses in a variety of dance styles, plus many world dance experiences for all university students.

FILM AND VIDEO STUDIES (favs.gmu.edu)

The Film and Video Studies Program trains students to take a project from conception through creation, production, and post-production in a variety of film and video styles.

REVA AND SID DEWBERRY FAMILY SCHOOL OF MUSIC (music.gmu.edu)

School of Music students learn from active performers, conductors, and composers who are among the most distinguished experts in their fields. Instruction is rigorous, yet conducted in a nurturing environment.

SCHOOL OF THEATER (theater.gmu.edu)

The School of Theater explores and expresses the human spirit through the study of drama's historical, contemporary, and cultural traditions; training in the craft; and the presentation of plays.

ARTS MANAGEMENT (artsmanagement. gmu.edu)

The arts management minor is open to CVPA and art history majors. Arts management offers many career paths that rely on a strong foundation in one or more art forms and requires specific knowledge and skills in administration and management.

Accelerated Master's Programs

Some undergraduate CVPA majors lead into the following master's programs: Arts Management, MA; Art Education, MAT with teacher licensure; Graphic Design, MA; and Music Performance, MM. See cvpa.gmu.edu/academics/accelerated-programs for qualifying majors and details.

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SCHAR SCHOOL OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENT

The fast pace of change in political systems around the world calls for leaders who are ready to tackle problems big and small. At the Schar School of Policy and Government, future leaders learn to take on real-world problems from prominent and dedicated faculty, many of whom are active practitioners in government and politics in Washington, D.C. Whether you take a diplomacy course with a retired ambassador, study money markets and economic policy with a Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist, or study abroad to learn about oil politics in the Middle East with an expert from a nongovernmental organization, you will learn from and study alongside the very best.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD EXPERTISE

In and out of the classroom, you can cultivate your connections and take your academic experience to the next level:

- Internships on Capitol Hill and with law firms, nonprofits, and federal agencies
- Undergraduate Research Assistant Program
- Pre-Law advising
- Global Politics Fellows
- Peace Corps Prep Program
- Accelerated master's option
- Living and Virtual Learning Community
- Short-term international courses

ACADEMIC MAJORS

GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, BA

This degree program is ideal for students who are interested in a career path in political analysis, international relations and security, public service, campaigns, or research. As a student in the program, you will learn to critically examine political issues, prominent actors, and processes in government, foreign policy, and international affairs. As governments and politics around the world respond to the rapid advancement of technology, this degree program equips students to face new challenges boldly and effectively.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BS

Do you dream of a career where you can change the world and advance the public good through work, policy advocacy, or service in federal, state, or local government? The public administration bachelor's degree program reflects a community of talented and professional individuals who are driven to make a difference. Students in the program gain the analytical and decision-making skills to design, manage, and implement policies and programs that address complex challenges facing communities locally and around the world. Majors graduate with a firm understanding of what it means to effectively manage a public or nonprofit organization and with the budgetary, statistical, and information systems skills that are in such high demand in government positions.

AT THE HEART OF U.S. POLICY

The Schar School's prime location offers students unparalleled access to one-of-a-kind professional opportunities with top employers. Graduates are doing consequential work in both the public and private sectors, obtaining positions with the U.S. State Department, CIA, World Food Program USA, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and many others.

Whether you aspire to lead a government or nonprofit organization, develop public policies and programs, create innovative consulting solutions, or provide expert analysis, you will graduate from the Schar School prepared to meet the challenges of a changing world.

- A schar.gmu.edu 703-993-1400
- Research Hall, Room 359





SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The School of Business is ranked in the top 10 percent of the nation's undergraduate business schools and offers a bachelor of science degree in business with innovative concentrations. The School of Business also offers several options for a minor for business and nonbusiness majors, as well as one undergraduate certificate program in accounting. In addition, there is an advanced accelerated accounting program for students in the accounting concentration to complete the required course work for a bachelor's in business and a master's degree in accounting in four years. The School of Business programs are designed to prepare graduates for work in a rapidly changing and competitive marketplace with local, regional, and global companies. With Mason's location in Northern Virginia and proximity to Washington, D.C., combined with the assistance of the School of Business's own Career Services and Student Success and Academic Services staff, students are also afforded exceptional opportunities to gain practical experience and global engagement opportunities to complement their academic course work.

ACADEMIC COACHING AND ADVISING

The School of Business has a dynamic team of professional academic advisors available to help students navigate their undergraduate business degree.

CAREER SERVICES

A wide variety of career services are provided specifically for School of Business students by a dedicated team of professionals here to help students through their career development process. Visit Enterprise Hall, Room 038, call 703-993-2140, or email mycareer@gmu.edu for more information.

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Accounting

Business Analytics

Finance

Financial Planning and Wealth Management

Management

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Operations and Supply Chain Management

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Accounting

ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAM

Accounting, BS and MS

Advanced Accelerated Master's Program in Accounting, BS and MS (four-year program)

ACADEMIC MINORS

Business (for nonbusiness majors only)

Business Analytics

Entrepreneurship

Finance

Government Contracting

International Business

Management Information Systems

Marketing

Operations and Supply Chain Management

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Accounting, MS

Management, MS

Master of Business Administration, MBA

Real Estate Development, MS

Technology Management, MS

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SCHOOL OF INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

Connecting the classroom to the world! School of Integrative Studies students address contemporary social and environmental challenges. Based in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the school offers small, seminar-style classes that emphasize critical and creative thinking, effective communication, and diversity in thought. Students connect academic interests with hands-on learning to prepare for a life and career with meaning and impact. The school prepares graduates to assume leadership roles in the fields of business, law, government, health care, education, and the nonprofit sector, among others.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY, BIS Concentrations

Individualized
Early Childhood Education Studies

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES, BS OR BA Concentrations

Applied Global Conservation, BS Childhood Studies, BA Education Studies, BA

Emphasis Areas

Non-Licensure, Pre-Licensure Individualized Study, BA or BS (consult an advisor) International Studies, BA Leadership and Organizational Development, BA Legal Studies, BA Life Sciences, BS

Emphasis Areas

Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine,
Pre-Occupational Therapy, PrePharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy,
Pre-Physician's Assistant
Natural Science for Education, BS
Social Innovation and Enterprise, BA
Social Justice and Human Rights, BA
Social Science for Education, BA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES. BA

Concentrations

Business and Sustainability Climate Change and Society Conservation and Sustainability Environmental Policy and Economics Equity and Environmental Justice Sustainable Food and Agriculture

ACADEMIC MINORS

Childhood Studies
Conservation Studies
Human Development
and Family Science
Leadership
Multimedia
Nonprofit Studies
Social Justice and Human Rights
Sustainability Studies
Well-Being
Social Innovation

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JIMMY AND ROSALYNN CARTER SCHOOL FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Challenges are everywhere: polarized social and political issues, arguments within families and workplaces, limited resources, and complex issues of violence, inequality, and justice. Internationally recognized in the field of peace and conflict studies, we prepare you to understand and creatively address these real-world problems.

As a bachelor's student, you'll be able to select one of seven multidisciplinary concentrations, selecting courses from across Mason to tailor your degree to match your personal and professional goals. Additionally, our interdisciplinary faculty are committed to moving the educational experience beyond the classroom. Practical experience is important, and we'll prepare you with skills and expertise through service and experiential learning opportunities that will prepare you for a meaningful career. Our alumni are leaders and innovators working in academia, government agencies, international peace-building organizations, and the private sector.

BE PREPARED. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Carter School offers

- One of the top conflict resolution programs in the United States
- The chance to develop in-demand job skills across a wide range of careers
- International learning experiences, with more than 50 percent of students studying abroad
- Small class sizes and student organizations that build community
- An alumni network that includes leaders and innovators in management, education, peace building, development, human resources, nonprofit organizations, and dispute resolution
- Exceptional student support that is consistently recognized for excellence in advising and student services

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science Accelerated Master's

ACADEMIC MINORS

Conflict Analysis and Resolution Organizational Conflict Resolution Sport and Conflict Resolution

CONCENTRATIONS

Building Peace in Divided Societies—Learn how societies with a history of conflict seek to transform relationships, violence, and injustice

Collaborative Leadership—Learn skills for improving the capacity of leaders to work with conflict and manage change

Environmental Conflict and Collaboration—Examine how communities are dealing with environmental issues, and develop skills to promote collaborative solutions

Global Engagement—Study the dynamics and impact of global conflict

Interpersonal Dynamics—Develop knowledge and skills for transforming conflict in relationships, families, and organizations

Justice and Reconciliation—Focus on relationships between human rights, justice, and conflict resolution

Political and Social Action—Examine ways people organize to effect change in their societies

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

The College of Engineering and Computing offers degrees in many of today's most rewarding and challenging fields. Students explore the frontiers of technology, gain valuable work experience, and make professional contacts while earning their degrees. After graduation, alumni have many choices, including pursuing advanced graduate programs, heading straight to work for some of the area's high-tech companies, or starting their own businesses.

ACADEMIC MAJORS

Applied Computer Science 703-993-1530

Concentrations: Bioinformatics, Computer Game Design,

Geography, Software Engineering Bioengineering 703-993-5846

Concentrations: Biomedical Imaging and Devices,

Biomaterials and Nanomedicine, Computational Biomedical

Engineering, Health Informatics, Neurotechnology and

Computational Neuroscience, Pre-Health

Civil and Infrastructure Engineering 703-993-5607

Computer Engineering 703-993-1569

Concentrations: Computer Networks, Embedded Systems, Hardware and System Security, Internet of Things, Robotics

Computer Science 703-993-1530 Cyber Security Engineering 703-993-1502

Electrical Engineering 703-993-1569

Concentrations: Communications and Signal Processing,

Computer Engineering, Control Systems, Electronics

Information Technology 703-993-3565

 $\textbf{Concentrations:} \ \textbf{Cybersecurity, Database Technology and}$

Programming, Health Information Technology, Network and

Telecommunications, Web Development Mechanical Engineering 703-993-5383

Statistics 703-993-3645

Concentrations: Applied Statistics, Mathematical

Statistics, Statistical Analytics

Systems Engineering 703-993-1670

Undeclared VSE 703-993-3088

ACADEMIC MINORS

Aviation Flight Training and Management 703-993-1670

Bioengineering 703-993-5846

Computer Science 703-993-1530

Data Analysis 703-993-3645

Electrical and Computer Engineering 703-993-1569

Environmental Engineering 703-993-1675

Information Technology 703-993-3565

Mechanical Engineering 703-993-5383

Software Engineering 703-993-1530

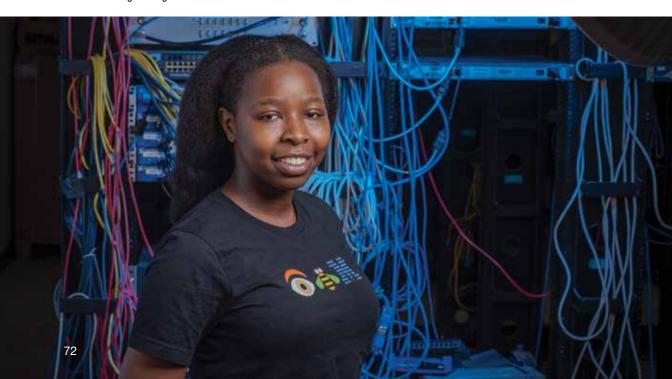
Statistics 703-993-3645

Systems Engineering and Operations Research

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ACADEMIC MINORS

African and African **American Studies Aging Studies** American Government American Sign Language Ancient Mediterranean Art and Archaeology Animation Anthropology **Arabic** Art and Social Change Art History Arts Management Asia-Pacific and Northeast Asia Studies Assistive Technology Astronomy Atmospheric Science **Audio Productions Aviation Flight Training** and Management Bioengineering **Bioinformatics** Biology Brain, Body, and Behavior **Business Business Analytics** Chemistry Childhood Studies Chinese Classical Studies Clinical Psychology Coaching Communication Computational and Data Sciences Computer Game Design Computer Science **Conflict Analysis** and Resolution Conservation Biology Conservation Studies (CHSS) Conservation Studies (COS) Criminology, Law and Society **Dance Appreciation** Data Analysis **Design Thinking** Developmental Psychology Digital Media and Web Design (CHSS)

Digital Media and Web

Digital Media and Web

Design (CVPA)

Design (VSE)

Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners Earth Science **Economics Educational Psychology** English **Entrepreneurship Studies Environmental Engineering Environmental Policy Environmental Science** Ethnomusicology **Event Technical** Production (CEHD) **Event Technical** Production (CVPA) Film and Media Studies Finance Folklore and Mythology Food Systems Forensic Psychology Forensic Science French Geographic Information Systems Geography Geology German Studies **Global Affairs** Global Health **Global Systems** Government Analytics (COS) Government Analytics (Schar) **Government Contracting** Graphic Design Health and Social Policy **Health Communication Health Information** Technology **Health Promotion** Health Psychology History Hospitality Management **Human Development** and Family Science (CEHD) **Human Development and** Family Science (CHSS) Illustration **Immigration Studies** Industrial/Organizational

Psychology

Information Technology

Intelligence Analysis

International Business

International/Comparative **Studies** International Security Islamic Studies Italian Studies Japanese Studies Jazz Studies Journalism **Judaic Studies** Kinesiology Korean Studies Latin Latin American Studies Leadership **LGBTQ Studies** Legal Studies Linguistics Marketing Math for BUS Students Mathematics **Mechanical Engineering** Middle East Studies Mild Disabilities Multimedia Music Music for Well-Being Music Pedagogy Music Technology Native American and Indigenous Studies Neuroscience Nonprofit Studies Nutrition Ocean and Estuarine Science Paleontology Philosophy Philosophy and Law Photography **Physics Political Communication** (CHSS) Political Communication (Schar) Political Philosophy Professional and Technical Writing Professional Experience in Communication Psychology **Public Health** Public Policy and Management **Recreation Management**

Rehabilitation Science

Religious Studies Renewable Energy Interdisciplinary Russian Scientific Leadership and Practice Senior Housing Administration Severe Disabilities Social Innovation Social Justice Social Work Sociology Software Engineering Spanish **Sport Analytics** Sport and American Culture (CEHD) Sport and American Culture (CHSS) Sport and Computer Game Design (CEHD) Sport and Computer Game Design (CVPA) Sport and Conflict Resolution (CEHD) Sport and Conflict Resolution (Carter School) Sport Communication (CEHD) Sport Communication (CHSS) Sport Management **Statistics** Studio Art Sustainable Enterprise Sustainability Studies Systems Engineering Teaching English as a Second Language Theater Theater Performance **Tourism and Events** Management **Urban and Suburban Studies Urban Informatics** Visual Impairment and Blindness Web Design Well-Being Women and Gender Studies World Dance



Bachelor's + Accelerated Master's

5 years = 2 degrees

Are you already thinking about earning a master's degree? Academically strong Mason undergraduates can apply for an accelerated master's program. Students who are accepted start taking graduate courses during their junior year, and up to 12 credits can count toward both your undergraduate and graduate degrees!

Explore the accelerated master's programs in the College of Education and Human Development:

Master of Education

Students in any major can explore the MEd programs that lead to becoming a licensed teacher. Accelerated master's programs can lead to a teaching career in early childhood, elementary, high school and middle school, or foreign language.

Learn more at **go.gmu.edu/teacher**.

Master of Science in Educational Psychology

Study learning, cognition, and motivation, and develop a solid understanding of research, assessment, and evaluation methodologies. In educational psychology, you'll gain a foundation for further graduate studies in the education and human development fields.

Master of Science in Kinesiology

Launch a career in exercise science, sports medicine, biomechanics, exercise physiology, sports performance, or strength and conditioning. By earning an MS, you'll start your career with advanced knowledge in evidence-based practice, opening doors for advancement in a variety of industries.

Master of Science in Sport and Recreation Studies

Choose from concentrations in sport management, recreation management, or sport and leisure studies. Graduates promote excellence in the delivery of recreation and leisure services in a variety of settings.



Visit **cehd.gmu.edu/bam** to learn more.





SPORT MANAGEMENT | RECREATION MANAGEMENT | TOURISM AND EVENTS MANAGEMENT

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS IN SALES, MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND OPERATIONS IN THE SPORT, RECREATION, AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES.

Explore majors, minors, courses, certificates, and graduate programs.

Visit **srtm.gmu.edu** for more information.



ENROLL IN A 1-CREDIT OR MORE FITNESS, SPORT, OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CLASS

Looking for a great workout? A stress reliever? A way to get healthy? An excuse to get outdoors, learn a new sport, or get together with friends?

Choose from more than 40 courses offered by the Physical Activity for Lifetime Wellness Program listed within Recreation (RECR) in Patriot Web. Most courses are geared toward the beginner, meet for half a semester, and offer 1 or 2 academic credits.

Have fun, earn a few credits, and enhance your well-being!

Learn more at srtm.gmu.edu/palw.





Accelerate your education! Earn your bachelor's and master's degree in a reduced amount of time at a reduced cost. Students can earn up to 12 graduate credits as an undergraduate, which is one-third of the requirements for most master's programs. Students pay undergraduate tuition rates for graduate courses while they complete their bachelor's degree.

Available Accelerated Programs

- Anthropology
- Art History
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Foreign Languages
 Concentrations: Spanish or Spanish/Bilingual
 Multicultural Education
- Global Affairs
- History

- Interdisciplinary Studies
 Concentrations: Energy and Sustainability,
 Folklore Studies, Religious Studies, Social
 Entrepreneurship, Social Justice and Human
 Rights, War and the Military in Society, or
 Women and Gender Studies
- Middle East and Islamic Studies
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sociology

To learn more, visit **chss.gmu.edu/programs/ accelerated** and speak with your academic advisor.

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MASON CORE

What is the Mason Core?

George Mason University's Mason Core is designed to complement work in a student's chosen area of study. These classes serve as a means of discovery for students, providing a foundation for learning, connecting to potential new areas of interest, and building tools for success in whatever field a student pursues. Learning outcomes are guided by the qualities all students should develop as they move toward graduating with a Mason degree.

HOW IS THE MASON CORE CONNECTED TO YOUR MAJOR?

The courses taken in the Core will help develop the skills needed to achieve the learning required in all academic majors. Research has shown that most employers, regardless of the field, have high expectations that their college-educated employees will come to the workplace well prepared to write and speak clearly, think critically, and solve problems creatively. If a student has not yet chosen a major, Core courses can help in choosing a major and beginning to develop the skills and habits of thinking that will stay with the student throughout his or her life.

For more information about all Mason Core options, courses, and credits, visit the *University Catalog* at **catalog.gmu.edu** or the Office of the Provost's website at **masoncore.gmu.edu**.

How is the Mason Core completed?

The Mason Core begins in a student's first year at Mason, starting with the Foundation-level courses. Students typically proceed to the Integration-level courses in their junior year. Academic advisors assist students in selecting the Core courses needed, making working with an advisor incredibly significant in creating the best possible Core experience. It is critical that students continue to meet with their academic advisor as they continue toward graduation.

Foundation Courses

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (LOWER) (ENGH 101, 3 CREDITS)

Students develop the ability to use written communication as a means of discovering and expressing ideas and meanings; in short, employing writing as a way of thinking. Students begin this process in the fundamental English 101 (100 for ESL students) and build higher-level skills in English 302. Writing is emphasized in many courses throughout a student's academic career, and at least one course in every student's major is designated as "writing intensive."

ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 CREDITS)

Students learn to demonstrate understanding of and proficiency in constructing and delivering multiple message types; understand and practice effective elements of ethical verbal and nonverbal communication; develop analytical skills and critical listening skills; and understand the influence of culture in communication and know how to cope with cultural differences when presenting information to an audience. Students develop the ability to use oral communication as a way of thinking and learning, as well as sharing ideas. Required: One approved course; students are expected to continue developing oral communication skills in additional core courses as appropriate.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3 CREDITS)

Students interpret quantitative information (i.e., formulas, graphs, tables, models, and schematics) and draw inferences from them. Given a quantitative problem, students formulate the problem quantitatively and use appropriate arithmetical, algebraic, and/or statistical methods to solve the problem; evaluate logical arguments using quantitative reasoning; and communicate and present quantitative results effectively. Required: One approved course.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTING (3 CREDITS)

The purpose of the information technology requirement is to ensure that students achieve an essential understanding of information technology infrastructure encompassing systems and devices, learn to make the most of the web and other network resources, protect their digital data and devices, take advantage of the latest technologies, and become more sophisticated technology users and consumers.

Exploration Courses

ARTS (3 CREDITS)

Students develop an understanding of the relationship between artistic process and a work's underlying concept, and where appropriate, contexts associated with the work; identify and analyze the formal elements of a particular art form using appropriate vocabulary and critique appropriate to that form; analyze cultural productions using the standards appropriate to the form as well as the works' cultural significance and context; analyze and interpret the content of the material or performance through its social, historical, and personal contexts; and engage in generative artistic processes, including conception, creation, and ongoing critical analysis.



GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING (3 CREDITS)

The goal of the global understanding category is to help students see the world from multiple perspectives, reflect upon their positions in a global society, and be prepared for future engagement as global citizens. While it may include a historical perspective, global understanding courses focus primarily on a contemporary understanding of one's place in a global society. A full-semester study-abroad experience can be used to fulfill this requirement.

LITERATURE (3 CREDITS)

Courses in the literature category focus on enabling students to read for comprehension, detail, and nuance; identify specific literary qualities of language as employed in texts they read; analyze the ways specific literary devices contribute to the meaning of a text; identify and evaluate the contribution of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which a literary text is produced; and evaluate a critical argument in others' and one's own context.

NATURAL SCIENCE (7 CREDITS)

Natural science courses engage students in scientific exploration, foster their curiosity, enhance their enthusiasm for science, and enable them to apply scientific knowledge and reasoning to personal, professional, and public decision-making. Required: Two approved science courses; at least one course will include a laboratory experience.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 CREDITS)

Students develop the ability to explain how individuals, groups, or institutions are influenced by contextual factors; demonstrate awareness of changes in social and cultural constructs; and use appropriate methods and resources to apply social and behavioral science concepts, terminology, principles, and theories in analysis of significant human issues, past or present.

WESTERN CIVILIZATION/WORLD HISTORY (3 CREDITS)

Western civilization/world history course work provides students with an understanding of the major chronology of Western civilization or world history. Students learn how to narrate and explain long-term changes in Western civilization and world history; identify, evaluate, and appropriately cite sources, both online and in print; develop historical literacies through the analysis and use of primary sources; and understand effective communication of patterns, processes, and themes in the history of Western civilization and the world.

Integration Courses

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (UPPER) (ENGH 302, 3 CREDITS)

Students develop the ability to use written communication as a means of discovering and expressing ideas and meanings; in short, employing writing as a way of thinking. Students begin this process in the fundamental English 101 (100 for ESL students) and build higher-level skills in English 302. Writing is emphasized in many courses throughout a student's academic career, and at least one course in every student's major is designated as "writing intensive."

WRITING-INTENSIVE COURSE REQUIREMENT (3 CREDITS)

As part of the university's commitment to student writers in all undergraduate programs, at least one upper-division course in each major has been designated as fulfilling the writing intensive (WI) requirement. While other courses in the major may require written projects, teachers of the designated WI courses will devote class time to instruction on how to complete assignments successfully, assign and grade a minimum of 3,500 words, provide constructive feedback on drafts, and allow revision of at least one graded assignment. See the description of each major for the specific course or courses that fulfill the WI requirement.

SYNTHESIS OR CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (3 CREDITS)

Students meet the final Mason Core requirement by completing either a disciplinary Capstone Experience or a Mason Core Synthesis course. Students should confer with their advisors to determine whether they will meet this requirement via a capstone experience or a synthesis course. The purpose of the synthesis course is to provide students with the opportunity to synthesize the knowledge, skills, and values gained from the Mason Core curriculum. Such courses strive to expand students' ability to master new content, think critically, and develop lifelong learning skills across the disciplines. Synthesis courses function as a careful alignment of disciplinary goals with a range of general education learning outcomes. The purpose of the Capstone Experience is to consolidate the knowledge and understanding gained in a student's major degree and Mason Core courses.



THE ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

During a student's career at Mason, they may receive letters of invitation to join various academic honor societies. These societies recognize academic excellence and may be affiliated with a specific discipline or overall scholastic achievement. Membership in these societies gives students opportunities for networking, receiving grants, and participating in campus activities and projects. Below is a list of the recognized Mason academic honor societies. If you receive an invitation during your time at Mason, please refer to this list to verify that it is a legitimate organization. An updated version of this list can always be found at **provost.gmu.edu/honor-societies**.

Alpha Lambda Delta: National Freshman Honors Society

Collegiate Leadership and Achievement

Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society: Students with

Disabilities

Golden Key International Honour Society: Academics,

Leadership, and Service

Lambda Sigma Sophomore National Honor Society National Society of Collegiate Scholars: Freshmen and

Sophomores

Phi Beta Delta: The Honor Society for International Scholars

SALUTE: Veterans National Honor Society

Tau Sigma: Transfer Students

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi: Oldest All-Disciplinary

Honor Society

The Phi Beta Kappa Society: Oldest Academic Honor Society

(humanities-based)

DISCIPLINE-BASED

Alpha Epsilon Delta: Premedical Honor Society

Alpha Kappa Delta: International Sociology Honors Society Alpha Phi Sigma: National Criminal Justice Honor Society

Alpha Psi Omega: National Theater Honor Society

Beta Alpha Psi: Professional Academic Organization (Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems

concentrations)

Beta Gamma Sigma: International Honor Society

for Business Programs

Chi Epsilon: Civil Engineering Honor Society

Chi Sigma lota: Counseling **Delta Omega:** Public Health

Eta Sigma Gamma: Health Education Gamma Theta Upsilon: Geography

Kappa Delta Pi: Education

Lambda Pi Eta: National Communication Honor Society

Mu Sigma Rho: Statistics

Omicron Delta Epsilon: International Honor Society

for Economics

Phi Alpha Society: National Honor Society for Social Work

Phi Alpha Theta: National History Honor Society

Phi Delta Phi: Law students

Phi Sigma Pi: National Honor Fraternity

Pi Alpha Alpha: Public Affairs and Administration

Pi Delta Phi: French Honor Society Pi Gamma Mu: Social Sciences Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science Pre-Pharmacy Honor Society

Psi Chi: International Honor Society in Psychology

Rho Phi Lambda: Recreation, Parks, and Leisure National

Honor Fraternity

Sigma Theta Tau: Honor Society for Nursing **Upsilon Phi Delta:** National Honor Society for Health

Administration

Why Join an Academic Honor Society?

All academic honor societies bestow honor, recognition, and lifetime distinction.

Consider these benefits college honor societies offer:

- Having an honor society listed on your resume provides a tangible sign of your academic success.
- Honor societies, especially those serving a single academic discipline, help to keep members current in their fields through publications and by means of local, state, regional, and national meetings.
- Honor societies provide members with more insight into disciplines than can be gained through classroom experience alone.
- Federal Employment—In a letter dated April 13, 1973, the U.S. Civil Service Commission stated, "Membership in a national honor society meets one of the requirements for entrance at the GS-7 level in numerous professional and technical occupations in the Federal service. However, applicants must meet all of the requirements as described in the particular Federal Job Announcement covering the positions for which they apply."

Adapted from the Association of College Honor Societies website



PATRIOT SUCCESS

Whether you are a freshman or a senior, keeping track of how you are doing in your college career is important. Taking this survey helps you identify programs and opportunities that interest you, and lets the Patriot Success team know if you need some additional support.

For more information, visit PatriotSuccess.gmu.edu.

ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS

What do you expect from your first year at George Mason University?

Improve the Mason experience
by participating in the
Beginning College Survey
of Student Engagement (BCSSE)

Check your email for the BCSSE invitation

Use the BCSSE link provided in the email

Tell us what being a Mason Patriot means to you

Questions?

Contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning at oiep@gmu.edu or 703-993-8834



ACADEMIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

Name:	G-number:
	rising experience during Orientation, please take the time to review the Mason advising information ine. Additionally, please complete this planning form to facilitate the exchange of information with
STEP 1: Please tell us what m	ajor you are enrolled in or, if undecided, what major(s) you may be thinking about.

STEP 2: Review your academic transcript and let us know if there is any missing course work (last semester classes, AP/IB, or other exams or courses):

TYPE OF CREDIT	AP/IB/CLEP Or Course	SCORE/GRADE	SCHOOL NAME	MASON Equivalent
AP/IB/CLEP/Transfer				

MASON CORE is the university's general education requirement. It is equivalent to roughly one-third of your credits and is distributed among fundamental courses in writing, math, communication, and information technology, as well as those in the humanities, physical and biological sciences, social sciences, the arts, and more. The topic areas remain constant across majors, but students have the flexibility to select courses of interest from an approved list to complete each requirement. Additionally, these requirements may be met via transfer, AP, or IB credits. Many majors will have lower-level requirements specific to the degree that may also meet a Mason Core area requirement. For more specific information about Mason Core, please search "Mason Core" and/or review the Mason Core pages in your Orientation handbook.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All majors have a set of required courses that are specific to that program. These courses range from lower-level courses appropriate for freshmen and sophomores to upper-level courses that are geared toward juniors and seniors. Some courses have prerequisites, which are a specific course or courses that must be taken first.

Additionally, some major requirements may also meet a Mason Core requirement.

college or school requirement: Certain colleges have a set of requirements that are unique to their majors. For instance, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences requires all their students completing a bachelor of arts degree to meet intermediate proficiency in a foreign language. These students are also asked to complete an additional social science course beyond the one needed to fulfill the Mason Core, a philosophy or religious studies course, and a non-Western culture course. Please check with your advisor to make sure that you meet the requirements specific to your college.

ELECTIVES: These are credits that don't meet a specific requirement, such as a Mason Core, major, or college requirement. They are credits that go toward those necessary to complete the minimum number of credits needed to graduate, typically 120, and may be lower- or upper-level credits. This could be individual courses or those courses going toward a minor. It is all dependent upon your degree. Check with your advisor.

MASON CORE	SATISFIED	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
Written Communication			
Oral Communication			
Quantitative Reasoning			
Information Technology			
Arts			
Global Understanding			
Literature			
Natural Science Lab			
Natural Science (lab or not)			
Social and Behavioral Science			
Western Civilization			

STEP 3: Review your academic transcript and place an "X" in the satisfied column for any requirement(s) that you have met via AP, IB, or transfer credit. Once those requirements have been identified, review and select courses for your remaining Mason Core. Please identify more than one course for each area in the event you need an option beyond your first choice.

STEP 4: Review course descriptions and identify preferred courses in the spaces below. For minimum full-time status (12 credits) you will need approximately four classes. Your schedule should be a mix of Mason Core, major requirements and/or college requirement, and exploration courses or electives.





Mason Impacts Students.



Students Impact the World.

Mason Impact prepares students to tackle significant global questions and challenges by investigating meaningful questions, engaging multiple perspectives, and creating new knowledge within the context of Undergraduate Research, Civic Engagement, Entrepreneurship, and Global Activities.



>>masonimpact.gmu.edu<<

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

Detailed information regarding the steps to registration and waitlisting can be found at **registrar.gmu.edu**. Before registering via Patriot Web (patriotweb.gmu.edu), you will need to have accessed your Patriot Pass account and obtained a Mason username and secure password. If you have not yet done so, visit **password.gmu.edu**.

What Can You Do Online?

The Office of the University Registrar website contains useful tools to assist you through the course registration process.

- View the Academic Calendar for specific registration activities and dates including the last day to add and drop a course at registrar.gmu.edu/calendars.
- View the University Catalog for specific university information on academic policies, tuition and fees, course offerings, and admissions and graduation requirements at catalog.gmu.edu.
- View your time ticket for registration on Patriot Web. Select "Student Services," "Registration," "Registration and Planning," select a term, and then scroll down to view your time ticket.
- Order an official transcript at registrar.gmu.edu/ students/transcripts.
- Order an Enrollment Verification on Patriot Web. Select "Student Services," Student Records," "Order Enrollment Verification," and then "Submit Enrollment Verification Request." You will be directed to the National Student Clearinghouse website. Choose "Current Enrollment, "All Enrollment," or "Advanced Registration." Select "Obtain an Enrollment Verification."
- View your holds on Patriot Web. Click "Student Services," "Student Records," and then "View Holds."
- View common registration error messages at registrar. gmu.edu/topics/common-registration-error-messages.
- Learn about in-state tuition eligibility and request a tuition reclassification at registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile.
- Submit the Veterans Registration Reporting Form (VRRF) each semester to have classes certified for veteran education benefits.
- The Office of the University Registrar has many forms online. Visit registrar.gmu.edu/forms for a full list of all available forms.
- View Patriot Web tutorials to learn how to navigate Patriot Web and register for classes.

Student Classification

Full-time undergraduate students are classified as those students enrolled in 12 or more credits per semester. Completed hours are defined as a combination of all credits earned at the university plus credits transferred from other institutions or obtained by testing. Please note that different criteria for full-time status may apply for tuition, verification, and financial aid purposes.

CLASS CODE	COMPLETED CREDIT HOURS
Freshman	0-29
Sophomore	30-59
Junior	60-89
Senior	90 or more

Graduation Information

DEGREE EVALUATION

Degree Works is the degree evaluation system used by students to track their progress toward degree completion. Detailed information regarding the steps to access and understand your degree evaluation can be found at registrar. gmu.edu/students/degree-evaluation/degree-works. After logging into Degree Works, you must select "Process New" to view your most up-to-date information. Students

should contact their academic advisor if they have a question

about how courses are applying in the degree evaluation.

Graduation is not an automatic process. Run your Degree Evaluation on Patriot Web. Be sure that all of your degree requirements will be met by the conferral date. Speak with your advisor regarding any questions. Apply to graduate on Patriot Web by the application deadline, which can be found at registrar.gmu.edu/students/graduation/timelines. Check your Masonlive account for an email from the Office of Institutional Assessment to complete the Student Exit Survey. The final graduation review is conducted by the Registrar's Office. Transcripts showing conferred degrees will be available after the conferral date as degrees are evaluated

and posted. Diplomas will be mailed six to eight weeks after

each conferral date.

registrar.gmu.edu

GRADUATION



ACADEMIC ADVISING AT MASON

Vision

Academic advising at George Mason University is an integral part of the educational process that enhances student learning and development by supporting, teaching, and connecting students to curricular and cocurricular experiences relevant to becoming an exemplary Mason graduate: an engaged, reflective citizen and well-rounded scholar who is prepared to act.

Mission

The academic advising community at George Mason University commits to creating ongoing, personal, and purposeful educational partnerships with students and colleagues. Advisors contribute to student success by providing resources and by teaching students to develop the skills required to become lifelong learners capable of effective self-advocacy.

Advisor Responsibilities

- Support students in setting and reaching educational goals.
- Teach students to engage in a process of selfreflection and self-discovery, guiding them to find degree pathways that match their interests, skills, and abilities.

 Connect students to campus resources and cocurricular opportunities to integrate learning and experience.

Advisee Responsibilities

- Be responsible for understanding and reviewing academic and degree policies, regulations, and procedures.
- Use Degree Works to track your degree progress (patriotweb.gmu.edu).
- Meet with an academic advisor each semester to discuss academic, educational, and career goals.
- Be responsible for knowing how to find important institutional and college policies.

Contact your academic advisor if you need additional assistance.

Advising at Mason is unique to each department. Students should contact their department to identify how advising is handled for their major. You may search for more information regarding advising or even locate your advisor by searching "advisor locator" on **gmu.edu**.

MASON ONLINE

Did you know that any Mason student can take an online course? It's true! If you're currently a George Mason University student, then you can take online courses. There is no separate application process. Registration and financial aid work in the exact same way for your online and face-to-face courses. The instructors who teach online are the same instructors who teach face-to-face.

Whether you work, intern, commute, or live on campus, online courses offer an active and collaborative learning environment while allowing for greater flexibility in your academic schedule. For a full list of available online courses, visit masononline.qmu.edu/courses.

To find out what technologies you will need and how to get started with online courses, visit masononline.gmu.edu/what-technologies-do-i-need.

Online Learning Terminology

DELIVERY MODE

What percentage of the course is delivered online?

Hybrid online: 51 to 99 percent of scheduled class time is online. The remaining class time is face-to-face.

Fully online: 100 percent of scheduled class time is online. Orientations, tests, exams, or labs may be face-to-face.

INTERACTION MODE

When do the instructor and students interact?

Synchronous: Same time, different locations. All students join the instructor for scheduled online class meetings using teleconferencing tools like Blackboard Collaborate.

Asynchronous: Different times, different locations. All class instruction is available online with no set class meetings. Students still follow an established schedule of due dates.

Earn a Degree Online

George Mason currently offers more than 60 fully online and hybrid undergraduate and graduate programs! Online degree options include (but are not limited to)

UNDERGRADUATE

Applied Science, Cybersecurity Concentration, BAS
Applied Science, Health, Wellness, and Social Services
Concentration, BAS

Applied Science, Technology and Innovation Concentration, BAS

Computer Game Design, BFA Health Administration, BS Information Technology, BS Management, BS Nursing, RN to BSN Psychology, BS

GRADUATE

Accounting, MS

Applied Industrial and Organizational Psychology, MPS

Applied Information Technology, MS

Biodefense, MS

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, MS

Business Administration, MBA Conflict Analysis and Resolution, MS Curriculum and Instruction, MEd Data Analytics Engineering, MS

Economics, MA

Education Leadership, MEd

Family Nurse Practitioner Program, MSN

Health Informatics, MS

Health Systems Management, MHA Learning Design and Technology, MS

Social Work, MSW Special Education, MEd

Systems Engineering, MS

Teaching English as a Second Language (Curriculum and Instruction, MEd)

For a full list of online programs, visit **masononline.gmu. edu/programs**.

CONTACT US

3 703-993-8978



MASON ADVISING TIMELINE

Before Classes Begin

- ☐ Familiarize yourself with the academic deadlines and calendar.
- □ Confirm payment of your Mason account or establish a payment plan if necessary (A deadline exists and missing it could lead to the prevention/delay of future registration and late fees).
- □ Review degree and major requirements.
- Identify advisor contact information and reach out to address any questions.
- ☐ Identify your financial aid counselor, if applicable.
- Schedule math and foreign language placement testing if required.
- Submit final transcripts, vaccination records, and any other remaining documents.

First Month

- Meet with an advisor if you have questions or are experiencing any challenges.
- Attend Welcome Week events (connect with your major and students with similar interests).
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with academic policies (i.e., selective withdrawal, dropping courses, etc.).

- Familiarize yourself with academic support resources and opportunities (learning services, writing center, math tutoring).
- ☐ Identify your advisor and their contact information.
- Review all course syllabi for detailed and specific information. Also, identify instructors' contact hours.
 Notify them of any conflict with your schedule so that, if necessary, alternate arrangements can be made.
- □ Review your academic transcript for any previous course work. If not posted by the end of the first month, please contact an advisor, complete the Transfer Credit Inquiry Form and submit to Mason Student Services Center. (*All previous course work must be posted within one year of enrollment.)
- $\hfill\Box$ Get involved and connected on campus.

Second Month

See your advisor to discuss the current semester and begin planning for the next. Some advisors require appointments, others have walk-in advising, and some have a mix of both. Please know what your advisor or department requires so you can plan accordingly.

$\hfill\Box$ Identify the selective withdrawal deadline.	After Finals/Semester
$\hfill\Box$ Review midterm grades (mid to end of month).	 Review all your grades and contact/email instructors immediately with any questions or concerns.
☐ Attend the Mason Career Fair.	☐ Review next semester's registration and verify eligibility
☐ Take math or language placement tests if required, but not completed.	for courses based on any prerequisites that may not have been met.
Third Month	 Review your academic standing and contact your advisor with any questions.
☐ Follow up with your advisor to clarify requirements, registration questions, or academic difficulty.	□ Review next semester's academic calendar.
☐ Create an academic plan that outlines all your required	Search the following terms on gmu.edu for more information:
classes until you graduate. If you need help, search Mason	Academic Advising
4-Year Graduation Plans. Review it with your advisor.	■ Majors @ Mason
□ Review your next semester registration time ticket.	University Catalog
□ Talk with your advisor about courses elsewhere if thinking	■ Mason Core
about studying at another institution during the summer/ winter. This action requires advance approval with specific	■ Mason Career Center
deadlines.	■ GetConnected
□ Address any holds on your account that may prevent registration.	■ Mason Four-Year Graduation Plans
	■ Learning Services

Fourth Month

 $\hfill\Box$ Review the final exam schedule and discuss any conflicts with your instructor immediately.

 $\hfill\square$ Register for classes as soon as your time ticket allows.

- $\hfill\Box$ Discuss any academic concerns with your advisor and make sure you are registered for next semester.
- $\hfill\Box$ Prepare for and take your finals.

- Math tutoring
- Writing Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Services
- Patriot Web
- Math placement test
- Foreign language placement test





Start Your Conservation Career Now!

The Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation (SMSC) offers three compelling interdisciplinary conservation-based semester programs at the 3,200-acre Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia. SMSC students receive instruction from world-class Smithsonian researchers and Mason faculty, and gain incomparable hands-on conservation experience extending beyond classroom walls.

Benefits to Mason students include

- the ability to apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs;
- the opportunity to learn from conservation experts and interact with peers from diverse backgrounds;
- participation in an independent, one-on-one practicum and/or intensive research experience with Smithsonian scientists, researchers, animal keepers, or administrators, either on or off site:
- gaining valuable real-life job skills using cutting-edge technology to perform exciting hands-on fieldwork; and
- earning Mason credits that seamlessly fit within many academic majors, and satisfy requirements for the Conservation Studies minor.



LIBRARIES

George Mason University Libraries provide resources and services at four locations and online to help you with all your research needs. Fenwick Library houses most of Mason Libraries' research collections, services, and programs in new dynamic spaces. Gateway Library in the Johnson Center provides a supportive environment for undergraduate learning and research. Arlington Campus Library supports the Schar School of Policy and Government, the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, and other graduate and professional programs. Mercer Library supports the undergraduate, graduate, and special programs offered on the Science and Technology Campus in Manassas.

Ace Your Research Project in Three Easy Steps

STEP ONE: GET HELP

- ☐ Ask a Librarian (library.gmu.edu/ask)
 - IM, email, or schedule a visit with a subject librarian for one-on-one research help.
- ☐ Tutorials (library.gmu.edu/tutorials)

Quick and easy tutorials on everything to get you research-ready, from "How to Read a Call Number" to "Anatomy of a Research Paper."

- □ Workshops (library.gmu.edu/workshops)
 - Free hands-on workshops on current research resources, strategies, and specialized software.
- □ Subject Guides (infoquides.gmu.edu)

Subject- and discipline-specific resources curated by experts are at your fingertips!

STEP TWO: FIND YOUR SOURCES (AND SAVE MONEY!)

□ Books, Journals, and News

Ditch your *Wall Street Journal* subscription! Use your Mason username and password to log in, locate, and use more than 800 research databases filled with journal articles, images, data, media, and more.

□ Textbooks and Course Reserves

Check out required textbooks for required courses and save money!

□ Skill Development

Unlimited 24/7 access to Rosetta Stone language software and LinkedIn Learning online training. Learn business skills, photography, web design and development, animation, and 30 different languages for free!

InterLibrary Loan (library.gmu.edu/use/ill)
 Can't find what you need at Mason? You can request books, media, and articles from other libraries around the world.

STEP THREE: REFINE AND PUBLISH

 Scholarly Productions @ the Research Commons (library.gmu.edu/sparc)

Get help producing your research projects! SP@RC offers help on document design, poster design, citation software, presentations, and author rights.

☐ Fenwick Presentation Practice Rooms

Book a room to rehearse and refine your class presentations or other oral presentations.

★ library.gmu.edu





OFFICE OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND RESEARCH (OSCAR)

Do you want to assist a professor with his or her research while getting paid or earning credit?

Do you have a particular topic you would like to investigate?

Do you have an idea for a musical composition, dance production, theater performance piece, or any other creative work that you would like to create?

Do you want to travel to conferences to present your project?

The Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research can help you do all of that!

We support undergraduates of all majors in the scholarly and creative endeavors through our work-study research assistantships, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, and Undergraduate Student Travel Fund. Student scholarship is an integral part of your undergraduate experience and can open the door to many opportunities down the road, so take advantage of this valuable resource.

OSCAR is part of the Mason Impact initiative.

☐ oscar@gmu.edu
☐ oscar.gmu.edu

♀ Johnson Center, Room 228 **■** 703-993-3794



GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE

The Global Education Office (GEO) facilitates international learning opportunities for Mason faculty and students through a diverse array of study-abroad programs that are accessible and engage students in meaningful and life-changing experiences.

Benefits of Studying Abroad

Study abroad is a great resume builder. It sets you apart from the regular crowd of job seekers who have not gained an international perspective. You can enhance your Mason experience and benefit from studying abroad in various ways:

- Gain proficiency in a foreign language.
- Adapt to new situations and apply them to "old" habits.
- Develop an understanding for different cultures.
- Learn how to manage ambiguity.
- Grow personally, professionally, and academically.

Mason-Led Programs

Experience the Mason classroom abroad through a wide range of programs led by Mason faculty. Programs are offered during winter break, the summer term, and the spring and fall semesters, and are open to all.

Semester and Summer School Abroad

Mason works with dozens of partner schools worldwide to provide quality study-abroad experiences at prestigious host institutions around the globe during the semester, academic year, calendar year, and summer.

Global Internships

Students gain experience and earn academic credit while interning at an international company or organization. Virtual and travel internships are available year-round, including part-time and full-time options for all majors and most career fields. First-year students are eligible to participate in their first spring or summer terms.

Freshman Global Gateway

A select group of students can participate in Mason's freshman study-abroad program. Gateway destinations are situated in exciting international cities. Students spend their fall semester at Mason and spring semester on site, pursuing course work in their major and the Mason Core. Interested students must join before the fall semester.



Freshman STEM Academy

The STEM Academy in Madrid, Spain, is designed for prospective science and engineering majors to satisfy Mason Core requirements toward their degree completion. Students gain valuable international experience and complete up to 6 credits ahead of their first semester.

Featured Scholarships

Diversifying Study Abroad Scholarship

 Up to \$1,800 based on location to assist with travel-related expenses

Global Internship and Experiential Scholarship

\$250 to \$1,500 per award for students participating in a GEO internship or experiential program

Global Perspectives Scholarship

\$750 per award for a GEO winter or summer break experience

International Horizons Honors Scholarship

\$2,000 for an Honors College student to participate in a semester or year-long experience

Jacquemin Family Foundation Education Abroad Scholarship

\$1,000 per award for study-abroad applicants with financial need (preference for first-time study abroad)

How to Apply

Visit **studyabroad.gmu.edu** for comprehensive listings and applications. Log in with your Mason NetID, create a personal profile, and apply.

- **♀** Johnson Center, Room 235 **►** 703-993-2154
- goabroad@gmu.edu studyabroad.gmu.edu



University Studies (UNIV) Courses and Programs

UNIV courses and programs provide practical tools for students on how to adjust to and excel as a member of the George Mason University community and beyond. Through academic and cocurricular experiences, our program connects students to campus resources, academic and career success tools, as well as personal development and well-being opportunities. We serve all undergraduate students as they transition into college, determine their major and solidify their career path, become strong scholars and student leaders, and prepare for life after college.

UNIV 100: INTRODUCTION TO MASON

Assists first-year students with their transition from high school to college life at Mason and helps students to be successful through academic skill-building, educational planning, and career preparation. Each section shares a core curriculum and certain sections focus on a particular theme, student population, or course of study.

UNIV 101: MAKING YOUR IMPACT

Serves second-semester freshmen and extends the transition support provided by UNIV 100. Provides students the opportunity to explore experiential learning opportunities and create an action plan for their college career.

UNIV 108: MASON TRANSITION

These specialized courses for transitioning to Mason are for identified student populations, including Global Gateway, STEM Bootcamp, and Mason Ambassadors.

UNIV 110: ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Provides resources and techniques to assist students with improving their academic performance. Students work closely with the instructor to track their academic progress over the course of the semester.

UNIV 220: DECIDE AND CONFIRM A MAJOR Helps students clarify or choose a major or career. Students explore and assess their interests, values, and skills, as well as research majors and careers for the decision-making process.

COURSES FOR TRANSFER AND UPPER-LEVEL STUDENTS

UNIV 300, 302, 305: TRANSFER TRANSITIONS Assists new transfer students with their successful transition to Mason. Courses address academic success, course planning, degree requirements, and university policies and procedures.

UNIV 310: ACADEMIC SUCCESS Provides resources and techniques to assist students with improving their academic performance.

UNIV 320: INTERNSHIP AND CAREER READINESS

Prepares students to actively pursue internships, research assistantships, and other career-related experiences.

UNIV 420: COLLEGE TO CAREER

Supports students with transitioning into the professional workplace. Students refine their interviewing skills and hone their job-hunting strategies.

UNIV 421: COLLEGE TO GRADUATE SCHOOL Emphasizes transition readiness for graduate or professional school. Topics include application and testing strategies, interviewing skills, and career development.

UNIV 422: PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Simulates a professional work environment and provides an opportunity to demonstrate desired workplace competencies.

For more information, refer to the *University Catalog* at **catalog.gmu.edu**.



SPECIAL TOPICS

UNIV 170/370: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST-AID Provides students with basic skills to help someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Students learn risk factors and warning signs, as well as strategies for assistance until professional help is secured.

UNIV 170/370: FINANCIAL LITERACY Provides a practical approach to financial issues that college students are likely to encounter at Mason, up to and including graduation.

PLACEMENT TESTING

Foreign Language

If you are pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences or the College of Science, you must prove intermediate proficiency in a foreign language. Some programs within the College of Visual and Performing Arts also have a language requirement. This requirement may be fulfilled by

- completing an intermediate 202 language course at Mason or the equivalent at another college or university,
- earning a qualifying score on one of the tests listed at admissions.gmu.edu/exams, or
- taking the foreign language placement test offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

For more information on testing, visit **mcl.gmu.edu/ placement-testing** or call 703-993-1220.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages offers language placement tests in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Korean, Latin, Russian, and Spanish during Orientation.

Students interested in Italian and Japanese testing need to contact the MCL Department directly to make testing reservations. It is recommended that students with two or more years of experience with a foreign language take the corresponding placement test. Students with less than two years or no experience do not need to take the placement test and should instead enroll in a 110 or 115 language course. Students should take less than one hour to complete testing. All students should arrive with their photo identification and Mason G number.

English

The English 101 Exam is a three-hour optional skills assessment essay exam. Any admitted student who has not transferred equivalent credit from another university or has not taken ENGH 101 is eligible to take the exam. If you receive a pass, you will not be awarded credits but you will meet your ENGH 101 requirement. If you receive a no-pass, you will not be able to retake the exam and will be required to complete the course. Summer exam (given between May 1 and August 22) results will not be available until the Friday before the start of the fall semester. There is no cost to take the exam and registration is required. Contact Stacey Remick-Simkins (sremicks@gmu.edu or 703-993-1162) for more information, or visit composition.gmu.edu/waivers/engh-101 for the schedule.

English 302 Exemption Portfolio and Exam Option

The English 302 exemption involves a two-part process. Students must schedule a meeting with Jessica Matthews (jmatthe2@gmu.edu) before submitting a portfolio. If your portfolio receives a pass, you are required to complete the exam. You must pass the exam to meet the ENGH 302 requirement. You will not be awarded credits, but you will meet the ENGH 302 requirement for graduation. Prerequisites for submitting a portfolio include a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA and completion of at least 30 credits (transferred or completed). Additionally, you must have your ENGH 100-level and literature requirements completed or transferred in at the time of submission. There is no cost. Contact Stacey Remick-Simkins (sremicks@gmu.edu or 703-993-1162) for more information. For portfolio requirements and information on the process, please visit composition.gmu.edu/waivers/ waiver-of-english-302.

Math

Most Mason students, regardless of major, will need to take at least one math course to graduate; however, the math course required varies from major to major. Each initial math course has a prerequisite and requires a particular score on the math placement test to enroll. Therefore, most students need to take the math placement test. If you are not taking a math course in the fall semester, you do not need to take the placement test during Orientation. The test is offered during Orientation as a courtesy, but it is given throughout the academic year, as well as during the summer. Math placement test scores are valid for one year and must be attained before registering for the desired math course. We encourage you to talk to your advisor about whether you need to take the math placement test, as well as when it would be best for you to take it.

For more information, please visit **math.gmu.edu**.

Reva and Sid Dewberry Family School of Music

The Reva and Sid Dewberry Family School of Music offers placement tests in theory, sight singing, ear training, and keyboard skills. These tests are optional for incoming freshman music majors but are required for incoming transfer students who plan to major in music. Prior notice to the School of Music is not necessary; you may simply show up and take the exams. These exams are only available the semester you enter Mason and cannot be scheduled for a later time. Exams are typically offered in August on the last Saturday prior to the start of fall classes. For full information on placement test scheduling, please visit the School of Music website, select "Degree Programs," and then select "Advising."



STUDENT INFORMATION PRIVACY (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and limits school officials from discussing or disclosing information contained in the student's educational record with someone other than the student or another school official without the student's consent. For additional information about FERPA, including the Annual Notification of Rights under FERPA, please visit ferpa.gmu.edu.

What Families Need to Know

The best way for families to stay involved and informed about their student's progress is to keep open lines of communication with their student. When a student attends a postsecondary institution such as Mason, educational records belong to the student and not the parent or family member. This means Mason students control access to all of their educational records and must give consent if parts of an educational record are to be disclosed to a third party, including parents or family members.

GRADES

Mason does not mail grades to students or to families. Grades are available for students to view online through Patriot Web. Students can request an official transcript be sent to an address of their choice for a fee. Students may order their official transcript or print unofficial transcripts via Patriot Web.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

In accordance with the FERPA law, school officials can speak only to a student regarding their record. An exception can be made in the instance of a student who wants to release portions of their educational record to a third party and has submitted a Consent to Release Student Information (FERPA Form). Academic advisors have copies of this form; it also is available from the Office of the University Registrar's website, **registrar.gmu.edu**. A new signed release is needed for each academic advising appointment.

FINANCIAL AID AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The Offices of Student Accounts and Financial Aid will speak to students at any time regarding their account; however, if the student would like either office to speak to a parent or family member, the student is required to submit a Consent to Release Student Information (FERPA Form), located on the Office of the University Registrar's website, **registrar.gmu.edu**. The signed form will remain in effect until the student submits a signed and dated statement that authorizes a change or revokes prior authorizations.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Educational records affiliated with the Office of Student Conduct are covered by FERPA and require a separate Privacy Waiver to authorize the discussion of a particular case or situation to someone other than the student, such as a family member.

A Privacy Waiver can be filed only by a student once a conduct situation arises; waivers cannot be submitted preemptively. The Privacy Waiver expires at the end of the particular case or situation for which it was signed, or a date of the student's choosing. The waiver can be found at **studentconduct.gmu.edu** under the "Contact Us" tab.

The Office of the University Registrar can assist with FERPA-related questions. Contact ferpa@gmu.edu with questions or concerns.

TRANSFER FAQ

My transfer credits are not posted. What do I need to do?

The Office of Admissions posts transfer work taken at the point students confirm their intent to enroll at Mason. Once you have signed up for Orientation, you should be able to view your Transfer Credit Evaluation under Student Records on Patriot Web. If credits are missing from your record, please first make sure you have submitted your final transcript. If yes, please submit a Transfer Credit Inquiry Form to the Office of Admissions: www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy.

How can I change my name in university records?

To change your name, you must bring the following information, along with photo identification, to the Office of the University Registrar: original court document or notarized copy recording the marriage or name change, or a government document showing the name the student wishes to use. Name changes may also be made via mail if the student sends a notarized copy of the required documentation to the Office of the University Registrar.

Can I get permission to take classes at another institution? What do I do after I have taken the class?

Students should speak to their academic advisors for guidance before making a request for permission to enroll in a course at another institution. Students will need to appeal to the academic dean's office of the course in which they wish to enroll in elsewhere. The Request for Permission to Study Elsewhere form can be found at **registrar.gmu.edu/forms**. If the request is approved, the Office of the University Registrar must receive the form before the course begins. On course completion, a sealed transcript must be sent to the Office of the University Registrar.

How do I order a copy of my transcript?

Please visit **registrar.gmu.edu/records/transcripts** for steps on ordering your official transcript.

How can I change my address in university records?

Students may use Patriot Web to make any changes to their address. Address change requests, which must include the student's name, Mason G number, phone number, new address, and signature, may also be faxed to the Office of the University Registrar at 703-993-4668.

Why has my change of grade not been processed?

The Office of the University Registrar typically processes grade changes within one to two business days of receiving the Grade Change form from the instructor, department, or dean. Please contact the course instructor if the grade change is not found on your transcript within a week of receiving notification that the form has been submitted.

How can I get a copy of a class syllabus?

To obtain course syllabi, the student will need to contact the academic department.

How can I get a copy of class descriptions from the previous year?

For recent academic years, this information can be found at **catalog.gmu.edu**. Students may also request this information from the Office of the University Registrar, as well as use the University Libraries.

How do I receive credit for AP, IB, CLEP, or high school dual enrollment course work?

If you are eligible for AP, CLEP, IB, or high school dual enrollment transfer credit, official transcripts must be provided to the Office of Admissions during the application process. A complete list of transfer credit by exam is located at admissions.gmu.edu/exams. It is highly recommended that all transfer credit be finalized within the first academic year of enrollment at Mason.

TRANSFER CREDIT INFORMATION

Transfer Credit Evaluations are available on Patriot Web after admission decision notification has been sent. Students will receive an email with instructions on how to access their evaluation.

All transfer students are responsible for providing a complete and final transcript from each previous institution to the Office of Admissions. A FINAL transcript is defined as the transcript that includes ALL course work, ALL grades, and ALL degrees awarded from your previous institution. Re-admitted students will receive a new transfer credit evaluation based upon current transfer credit policy. A previous transfer credit evaluation will not be applicable to the new catalog year. The university reserves the right to revise a transfer credit evaluation.

Things to Remember About Your Transfer Credit

- Transfer credit is granted only from regionally accredited colleges or universities for courses with an earned grade of "C" or better.
- Developmental course work, including college algebra, does not transfer.
- Credits from institutions that operate on a quarter system calendar are transferred by multiplying the quarter hours by two-thirds in order to equal semester credits.

- Not all transfer credits will apply toward every major.
- If you are eligible for AP, CLEP, IB, or high school dual enrollment transfer credit, official transcripts should be provided to the Office of Admissions during the application process. A complete list of transfer credit by exam is located at admissions.gmu.edu/exams.

Important Recommendations

- All new transfer students are responsible for meeting with their academic advisor to ensure that their final transfer credit evaluation is correct and that they understand the way their transfer credit applies toward their degree program. Students should also ensure that they know how to run and read their individual degree evaluation.
- If you are missing credit or have questions about your credit, contact the Office of Admissions using the Transfer Credit Inquiry Form: www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/ how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy.
- Please send transfer inquiry forms and questions to creditevaluations@amu.edu.

Academic holds will be placed on all new students who have not provided the required final transcript by the end of the add/drop deadline. An academic hold will prevent registration for the following semester.



TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY WORKSHEET

Date: George Mason University

Student:

College: School of Business

Major: Finance

Program: Business Pre-Major

1 VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

VCCS Gen Ed Waiver: YES GAA Admission: YES

Attendance	Period	Attendance Dates	Eval. Date	Transfer Degree Awarded		
1 SP11-SP1	SP11-SP13 AS					
Transfer Courses			Mason Equivalent			
COURSE	TITLE	CR.HRS	GRD	COURSE	TITLE	CR.HRS
ACC 111	Prin. of Algebra I	3.00	Α	ACCT 2	Accounting Elective	3.00
				ACCT 203	Survey of Accounting	3.00
ACC 212	Prin. of Acctg. II	3.00	Α			
MTH 241	Statistics I	3.00	А	OM	OM General Elective	2.00
				OM 210	Statisical Analysis for Mgmt	4.00
MTH 242	Statistics II	3.00	Α			
BIO 141	Human Anat /Physio	4.00	A	BIOL 124	Human Anatomy/Physiology	4.00
BUS 100	Intro to Business	3.00	A	SOM 100	Business in American Society	3.00
CHM 101	General Chemistry I	4.00	Α	CHEM 103	Chem Science in Mod Soc	4.00
CST 110	Intro to Comm.	3.00	А	COMM 100	Public Speaking	3.00
ECO 201	Prin of Macroecon	3.00	Α	ECON 104	Macroeconomics Principles	3.00
ECO 202	Prin of Microecon	3.00	A	ECON 103	Microeconomics Principles	3.00
ECO 210	International Econ	3.00	Α	ECON L385	International Economic Policy	3.00
ENGH 111	College Composition I	3.00	В	ENGH 101	Composition	3.00
ENGH 112	Coll Composition II	3.00	Α	ENGH	English Elective	3.00
HIS 101	Hist of West Civ I	3.00	Α	HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civ	3.00
HUM 260	Survey/20CenturyCul	3.00	Α	HUM	Humanities Elective	3.00
ITE 115	Intro Computer Appl	3.00	Α	IT 103	Intro to Computing	3.00
ITE 140	Spreadsheet Software	3.00	Α	MIS 102	Spreadsheet Apps for Bus	3.00
MTH 271	Applied Calculus I	3.00	Α	MATH 108	Intro Calc: Business Appl	3.00
PED 116	Fitness And Wellness	2.00	Α	PHED	Phys Ed Elective	2.00
PHI 115	Practical Reasoning	3.00	Α	PHIL	Philosophy Elective	3.00
PHI 220	Ethics	3.00	Α	PHIL 151	Introduction to Ethics	3.00
PSY 201	Intro to Psychology I	3.00	Α	PSYC	Psychology Elective	3.00
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1.00	В	UNIV 100	Freshman Transition	1.00
TOTAL TRA	NSFER CREDIT HRS:	68.00		TOTAL MAS	ON CREDIT HOURS:	68.00

NOTE: George Mason University reserves the right to modify a transfer credit evaluation at any time.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

FALL 2021	
First Day of Classes	Monday, August 23
Labor Day (University closed)	Monday, September 6
Last Day to Add (Census)	Monday, August 30
Last Day to Drop	Tuesday, September 14
Fall Break (Classes do not meet)	Monday, October 11
Monday classes meet instead of Tuesday classes (This day only)	Tuesday, October 12
Midterm Evaluation Period for Full Semester 100-200	Monday, September 20 – Friday, October 15
Selective Withdrawal Period – Undergraduate	Tuesday, September 28 – Wednesday October 27
Thanksgiving (Recess Wed – Sun)	Wednesday, November 24 – Sunday, November 28
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Friday, December 3
Last Day of Class	Saturday, December 4
Reading Day(s)	Monday, December 6 – Tuesday, December 7
Examination Period	Wednesday, December 8 – Wednesday, December 15
Winter Graduation	Thursday, December 16
SPRING 2022	
MLK Day (University closed)	Monday, January 17
First Day of Spring Classes	Tuesday, January 18
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tuesday, January 25
Last Day to Drop	Tuesday, February 8
Spring Recess (Classes do not meet)	Monday, March 7– Sunday, March 13
Midterm Evaluation Period for Full Semester 100-200	Monday, February 14 – Friday, March 18
Selective Withdrawal Period – Undergraduate	Tuesday, February 22 – Monday, March 28
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Friday, April 29
Last Day of Class	Monday, May 2
Reading Day(s)	Tuesday, May 3
Examination Period	Wednesday, May 4 – Wednesday, May 11
University Commencement	Friday, May 13

University Services

Admissions

703-993-2400

Career Services 703-993-2370

Compliance, Diversity, and Ethics

703-993-8730

Contemporary Student Services

703-993-6563

Counseling and Psychological Services 703-993-2380 Culture, Equity, and Empowerment 703-993-2700

Disability Services 703-993-2474

Housing and Residence Life 703-993-2720

International Programs and Services 703-993-2970

Language Testing 703-993-1220

Mason Care Network 703-993-2470

Math Placement Testing 703-993-4237

New Student and Family Programs 703-993-2475

Student Accounts 703-993-2484

Student Financial Aid 703-993-2353

Student Health Services 703-993-2831

Student Involvement 703-993-2909

Student Services Center 703-993-6344

Student Support and Advocacy Center 703-993-3686

University Information 703-993-1000

University Life 703-993-8760



FINAL STEPS TO BECOME A MASON PATRIOT

Once you return home from Orientation, be sure to review these items and ensure you have completed all the final steps for success as a Mason Patriot. Welcome to the Mason Nation!

- Set up your Mason email and Patriot Pass if you have not done so already. Visit masonlive.gmu.edu for instructions.
- ☐ Finalize your course schedule using Patriot Scheduler and Patriot Web at patriotweb.gmu.edu.
- Purchase a parking permit at parking.gmu.edu.
 Permits can be purchased after course registration is complete starting in July.
- □ **Plan for Move-In Day.** Find more information at housing. gmu.edu. Find off-campus housing at **och.gmu.edu**.
- □ Reserve copies of your textbooks to rent or own through the campus bookstore at gmu.bncollege.com.
- □ **Submit your Immunization Record Form** to Student Health Services by the required deadline. See page 20 for more information.
- Freshmen, read the Mason Reads book you received at Orientation. This text will be used throughout your first year as your common reading experience.

- □ **Submit your final transcripts and test scores** to the Office of Admissions at **admissions.gmu.edu**.
- Attend The Preamble, August 18–21, 2021. Open to all new students, freshmen, and transfers.
- □ Plan your Welcome2Mason schedule. For a list of events and a calendar, visit welcome2mason.gmu.edu.
- □ **Take the CliftonStrengths Assessment** before classes begin by visiting **strengths.gmu.edu**.

For help in navigating any other steps, feel free to contact New Student and Family Programs at orientu@gmu.edu or 703-993-2475.

