



NEW STUDENT GUIDE



#WELCOME2MASON

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2023	
First Day of Classes	Monday, August 21
Last Day to Add (Census)	Monday, August 28
Labor Day (University closed)	Monday, September 4
Last Day to Drop (100% refund)	Tuesday, September 5
Last Day to Drop (50% refund)	Tuesday, September 12
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period	Wednesday, September 13 – Tuesday, September 26
Midterm Evaluation Period for Full Semester 100-200 Level Classes	Monday, September 18 – Friday, October 13
Selective Withdrawal Period – Undergraduate Only	Wednesday, September 27 – Monday, October 23
Fall Break (Classes do not meet)	Monday, October 9
Monday classes meet instead of Tuesday classes (This day only)	Tuesday, October 10
Thanksgiving Recess	Wednesday, November 22 – Sunday, November 26
Last Day of Class	Saturday, December 2
Reading Day(s)	Monday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 5
Examination Period	Wednesday, December 6 – Wednesday, December 13
University Commencement	Thursday, December 14
SPRING 2024	
MLK Day (University closed)	Monday, January 15
First Day of Spring Classes	Tuesday, January 16
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tuesday, January 23
Last Day to Drop (100% refund)	Tuesday, January 30
Last Day to Drop (50% refund)	Tuesday, February 6
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period	Wednesday, February 7–Tuesday, February 20
Midterm Evaluation Period for Full Semester 100-200 Level Classes	Monday, February 12 – Friday, March 15
Selective Withdrawal Period – Undergraduate Only	Wednesday, February 21–Monday, March 25
Spring Recess (Classes do not meet)	Monday, March 4 – Sunday, March 10
Last Day of Class	Monday, April 29
Reading Day(s)	Tuesday, April 30–Wednesday, May 1
Examination Period	Thursday, May 2–Thursday, May 9
University Commencement	Friday, May 10

University Services

Admissions

703-993-2400

Contemporary Student Services

703-993-6563

Counseling and Psychological Services

703-993-2380

Disability Services

703-993-2474

Housing and Residence Life

703-993-2720

International Programs and Services

703-993-2970

Language Testing

703-993-1220

Math Placement Testing

703-993-4237

New Student and Family Programs

703-993-2475

Student Accounts

703-993-2000

Student Financial Aid

703-993-2000

Student Health Services

703-993-2831

Student Services Center

703-993-2000

Student Success Coaching

703-993-2470

Student Support and Advocacy Center

703-993-3686

University Information

703-993-1000

Visit registrar.gmu.edu/calendars for the most up-to-date academic calendar or scan the QR code:





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 mail.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 the Mason Immunization Record Form** by the required deadline. See page 35 for more information.
- ☐ **Submit your final transcripts and test scores** to the Office of Admissions at ugtrans@gmu.edu.
- ☐ **Attend the Preamble**, August 16–19, 2023. 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.
- ☐ **Register for Mason's Resilience Badge in Blackboard.** wellbeing.gmu.edu/students/student-resilience-badge

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



New Student and
Family Programs

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NEW STUDENTS



HISTORY

MASON'S STORY

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

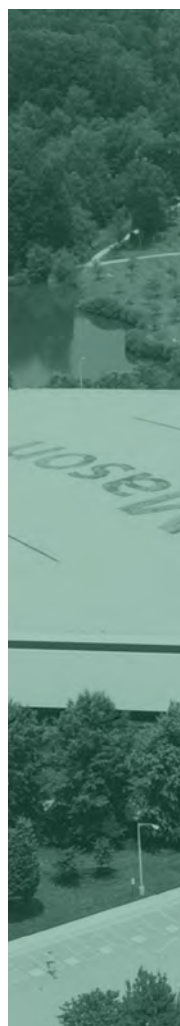
1981

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's track and field team 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 very high research activity status.



2020s

2020

Mason welcomes President Gregory Washington.

Mason shifts to fully virtual operation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021

New academic building Horizon Hall opens for start of spring 2021 classes.

The Enslaved People of George Mason Memorial is installed on Wilkins Plaza.

2022

The Arlington Campus becomes Mason Square.

Mason celebrates 50 years as an independent university.



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 wrote the new fight song, “Onward to Victory.”

**HAIL TO
GEORGE MASON!**

**DON YOUR
GREEN AND GOLD!**

**WE’RE GOING TO SING FOR
GEORGE MASON,
PATRIOTS
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 WE’LL
FIGHT! FIGHT!
FIGHT!**

**AS WE MARCH ONWARD
TO VICTORY!**

**G! M! U! GMU! WHAAT!
GO GREEN! GO GOLD!
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!**



CAMPUS EVENTS

ANNUAL EVENTS HELD BY MASON



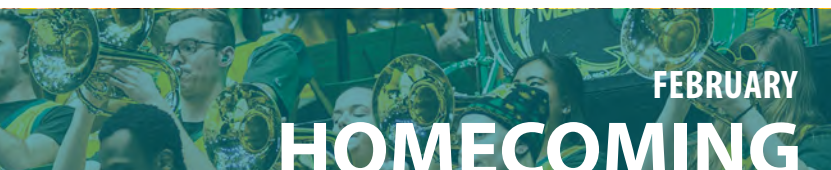
Fraternity and Sorority
Recruitment and Intake
Get Connected Fair
IVth Night
Transfer Nation



Student Government Elections
Kings Dominion Haunt Trip



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



Black and African
Heritage Month
Winter Welcome2Mason



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



International Week
Student Government Elections
Asian American Heritage Month



TRADITIONS

GENERATION TO GENERATION

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. Decorate your cap for graduation!



ATHLETICS

NCAA, DIVISION I



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**



NAVIGATING

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA



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

- ☐ 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.



NAVIGATING

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 Commanders 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.





NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

WELCOME HOME, PATRIOTS!



The Preamble

August 16–19, 2023

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 20—September 24, 2023

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 quillcamp.gmu.edu.

Student Success Coaching

Student Success Coaching is on the journey with you to transition to college, make the most of your student experience, and work out what success looks like for you while at Mason. Success Coaches will help you develop and implement personal, career, and academic goals, as well as identify resources to enhance your experience as a Patriot. Staying engaged with your coach will lead you to success at Mason!



Patriot Experience

Looking for a way to get connected to the campus community, while engaging in experiences related to well-being, career readiness, and global citizenship? Design your own Mason experience through the Patriot Experience program! Patriot Experience is a great way to become involved on campus; network with faculty, staff, and your peers; increase leadership and critical thinking skills; and experience educational opportunities outside the classroom. Every fall, new students can participate in Patriot Experience's First Year Challenge, that encourages students to participate in at least 15 items within the Patriot Experience tracks and earn some great swag items. Follow Patriot Experience on Instagram (@PatriotExperience) and learn more about the program through Mason360!


BUCKET LIST


- ☐ Learn the fight song.
- ☐ Join or create an organization or club on campus.
- ☐ Play on an intramural team.
- ☐ Take a group fitness class at the AFC or RAC.
- ☐ Try every dining hall on campus at least once.
- ☐ Hang out at the Ridge.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Attend International Week events.



Student Success Coaching

CONNECT WITH US:

 703-993-2470

 SUB 1
Suite 3600


@MyMasonCoach


mycoach@gmu.edu


coaching.gmu.edu

WHAT IS SUCCESS COACHING?

Success Coaching helps students transition to college, make the most of their student experience, and work through their own definition of success while at Mason.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SUCCESS COACH?

Success Coaches will discuss all aspects of a student's life that affects their overall well-being, including but not limited to the following focus areas:

OUR FOCUS AREAS



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I feel like for the most part I know what I should or shouldn't be doing, but talking to my Success Coach makes me feel like I am on the right track every time I meet with him. It's reassuring and it's good to know that you have a support system."

"We covered a few of my questions about classes and just things at Mason in general. She helped me feel less overwhelmed by it all."



"As a result of working with my success coach I developed a strategy to organize all of my assignments and complete them on time."



"Made me feel very comfortable and safe being able to talk about my fears and goals— he was very reassuring and helped me plan achievable goals."

Scan here to find
your Success Coach!



ARE YOU **NEW** TO MASON? CHECK OUT **PATRIOT EXPERIENCE!**



MISSION

THE PATRIOT EXPERIENCE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH A FOCUSED APPROACH 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:

GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

EQUITY, DIVERSITY,
& INCLUSION

WELL-BEING

PHYSICAL

MENTAL

FINANCIAL

SOCIAL

CAREER
READINESS

SCAN TO JOIN THE PATRIOT
EXPERIENCE ON MASON360



LOG IN TO MASON 360 AND START COMPLETING PE ITEMS TODAY!



LOOKING TO BE MORE INVOLVED ON
CAMPUS?

AND ACCESS CAMPUS RESOURCES THAT
FIT YOUR NEEDS AND INTERESTS?

10 ITEMS
+ **15** WEEKS
= FREE PE SWAG

JOIN THE FIRST YEAR CHALLENGE DURING YOUR
FIRST YEAR AT MASON!



Exclusively for transfer students, the Transfer Track connects you to resources and services to support your success at Mason.

Explore the Transfer Track in Mason360!
To locate the Transfer Track, go to My Activity then
My Checklists.

LEARN MORE & STAY CONNECTED WITH US



MASONPE@GMU.EDU



@PATRIOTEXPERIENCE

http://



COACHING.GMU.EDU/PATRIOTEXPERIENCE

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.

PARENT AND FAMILY FUND

The Parent and Family 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.

FAMILY FAREWELL

All families are invited to attend Family Farewell on the same day(s) as First-Year Student Move-In prior to the start of the fall semester. Light refreshments will be provided after an exciting and emotional day of moving your student into their residence hall.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERIES

The Family Support Series is intended to help parents, families, and supporters understand how they can best support their student while at Mason. Webinars are typically held in the evenings, last approximately one hour, and are recorded and made available following each session.





Come Back to Visit

FAMILY WEEKEND

October 13–15, 2023

We encourage all families to join us for our annual university-wide 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!

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 needed to make the most of your experience is within the Mason Family Connection at gmucampusesp.com. Find your community within our larger family network, customize the content and frequency you receive updates, and more.

WHAT MASON FAMILIES ARE SAYING

Every semester, we survey families and ask about connection to Mason, feelings of value as members of our community, and preferred methods and levels of communication and engagement.

- 80% feel connected to the university
- 87% feel the university values families as an important part of the community
- 83% feel communication and resources from the university are sufficient

Connect with Us!

✉ families@gmu.edu

☎ 703-993-2475

🏠 masonfamily.gmu.edu

🌐 Mason Family Connection (gmucampusesp.com)

📷 @masonnsfp

📘 /masonnsfp



**New Student and
Family Programs**



Meet the Parent and Family Council

The Parent and Family Council (PAFC) 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.

Parent and Family Council Members

- **Angie Boone;** Suffolk, VA
- **Mike Bowers;** Dumfries, VA
- **Amanda Coleman;** Baltimore, MD
- **Jose Etchegoyen;** Bogotá, Colombia
- **Nick Friedlander;** Springfield, VA
- **Helen Friedlander;** Galloway, NJ
- **Patricia Hargrove;** Norfolk, VA
- **Kelly Jaynes;** Apex, NC
- **Tom Johnson;** Falls Church, VA
- **Cleo Kitt;** Roanoke, VA
- **Yasmeen Lalani;** Dallas, TX
- **Nancy Lu;** Virginia Beach, VA
- **Jay McClendon;** Herndon, VA
- **Cherie Moman;** Tuscaloosa, AL
- **Gayle O'Bryant;** Chantilly, VA
- **Pam O'Connor;** Raleigh, NC
- **Leslie Pasquali;** Burke, VA
- **Steve Pleickhardt;** Bristow, VA
- **Pat Pochiro;** Dublin, OH
- **Rachel Reuter;** Prosper, TX
- **Julie Pfeiffer Shepard;** Alexandria, VA
- **Dawn Timmons-Jones;** Stafford, VA
- **Deborah Tweit;** Carlsbad, CA
- **Jill Wallis;** Fairfax, VA
- **Rich Wilner;** South Orange, NJ

A way to stay involved with your student and Mason.

Access for Mason families sponsored by New Student and Family Programs.



Your one-stop shop for:



Access to important campus news and deadlines



Personalized newsletters on your schedule



Announcements via email



Sharing of content with friends and family



UNIVERSITY STUDIES

The Right Start!

TRANSITION. CONNECTION. SUCCESS.

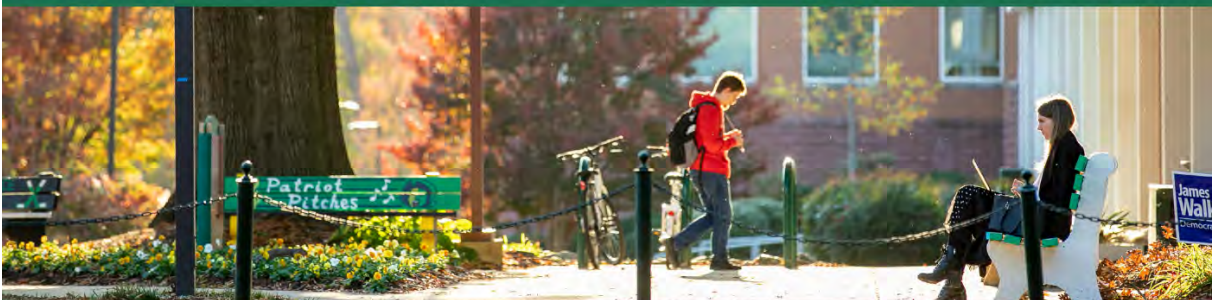
Want to:

- Develop academic and personal success skills?
- Learn about campus resources and opportunities?
- Connect with faculty and fellow Patriots in a supportive, small-class setting?

University Studies transition courses are designed for you: Discussion-based, engaging courses developed for students new to Mason (see **next page** for course details!).

REGISTER DURING ORIENTATION ON PATRIOT WEB!

- Speak with an advisor about which course is right for you
- 0 or 1 credit courses available



@GMU_UNIVSTUDIES



For more information, visit us at: UnivStudies.gmu.edu

Questions? Email: univ@gmu.edu



University Studies

The Right Start!

University Studies offers transition courses for first-year and transfer students that provide practical tools on how to adjust and excel as a member of the George Mason University community and beyond. The course will connect you to campus resources, academic and career success tools, as well as personal development and well-being opportunities. Open to all undergraduate students as they transition into college, determine their major and solidify their career path, grow academically and personally, and get involved on campus. Co-taught by a Mason faculty and a peer advisor (an undergraduate student there to support the students). Counts as a general elective toward graduation.

UNIV 100

Introduction to Mason (1 cr.): Assists first-year students with their transition from high school to college life at Mason. Focuses on getting to know Mason resources, academic skill-building, personal development, connecting with the Mason community and career preparation. All sections share a core curriculum and certain sections focus on a particular theme, student population, or course of study. Connect with faculty and friends while learning how to make the most out of college!

UNIV 108

Mason Transitions (0 or 1 cr.): These courses are for specific student populations, such as those in certain colleges or affiliated with an identity-based group on campus.

UNIV 150

Learning Communities (0 or 1 cr.): This course is for students who are members of a first year LC. It is the learning component of the program for students who live together in a residence hall. The course follows the core University 100 curriculum, but is tailored to the particular theme or academic discipline of the LC.

UNIV 300

Transfer Transition (0 or 1 cr.): Assists new transfer students with a successful transition to Mason. It addresses academic success, time management, course schedule planning, career readiness, degree requirements, and other university policies and procedures. Students explore campus resources and opportunities for engaging in the Mason community. (Open to transfer students in their first or second semester at Mason.)



UNIVERSITY STUDIES
univstudies.gmu.edu

REGISTER DURING ORIENTATION ON PATRIOT WEB!



LIFE AT MASON





UNIVERSITY LIFE

University Life (UL) cares for the whole student by promoting inclusive well-being and fostering lifelong learning to prepare ethical leaders for the world.

Our four strategic goals and accompanying strategies serve as guideposts for all UL professional staff and more than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate student assistants over the next four years in delivering an exceptional student experience where EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS.

1. **Inclusive Thriving Communities:** We will cultivate a thriving community where students actively engage across difference and make meaningful connections through shared humanity.
2. **Engage All Students:** We intentionally engage all students by providing transformative learning experiences and diverse leadership development opportunities.

3. **Holistic Student Support Services:** University Life will reimagine and implement comprehensive service delivery models for students to support their well-being, safety, and success.

4. **Organizational Excellence:** We will optimize our organizational health and position ourselves as change leaders by prioritizing resources with a specific focus on continuing digital transformation to support the success of 21st-century students.

 ulife.gmu.edu

INVOLVEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Mason's Regional Locations

MASON SQUARE

Mason Square, 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 analysis and resolution, policy, business, arts management, executive and professional education, and more. Mason Square 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–GMU Metro Station on the Orange Line.

🏠 masonsquare.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.gmu.edu

MASON KOREA

Located 25 miles from Seoul in Songdo, South Korea, Mason 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



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 mason360.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, cabinet, or committee meeting to have their voices heard.

TEDxGEORGEMASONU

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

Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) is a dynamic community of 1,250+ members, comprising of more than 40 national and international fraternities and sororities. These organizations contribute to campus life and surrounding communities by hosting educational, service, and social events.

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! Ask us about volunteering for Spirit Squad at any Student Involvement event!

MASON MIRACLE

Mason Miracle is a student-run, philanthropic organization that holds fundraisers and events year round to support our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. We part of the Miracle Network Dance Marathon movement.

Through participation in our organization, students build cause connections with hospital partners and miracle families, network with university faculty and staff, and build lasting memories with peers who are dedicated to changing kids' health.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ESPORTS

GMU Esports offers Mason students the chance to get involved in both casual and competitive gaming. With four varsity level competitive games, students can try out to represent Mason in *Rocket League*, *Overwatch*, *League of Legends* or *Valorant*. *Super Smash Bros.* players can join other students in our weekly Smash tournaments held every Friday night. Just a casual gamer? Join us for community game nights, watch parties, trivia nights and many more opportunities to be a part of the GMU Esports community.

📍 The Hub, Suite 2300 📞 703-993-2909 🏠 si.gmu.edu
📷 @MasonPatriots 📺 MasonInvolvement





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
- Ethics and Leadership Course (INTS 404)
- Freedom and Learning Forum
- Leadership Connection Cohort
- Leadership Mason Conference
- Leadership Study Abroad (e.g., Spain: Leadership Across Difference)
- Leadership Summit
- Mason LeaderShape Institute (Retreat)
- President's Leadership Seminar
- Right, Wrong, or Different? Global Ethics Discussions
- Student Leadership Certificate Series

INSPIRE

- Graduate Assistantship (paid position)
- K-12 School Partnerships
- Leadership Consultants (LCs) (paid position)
- Leadership Workshops (in-person or virtual): We can come to you!
- Mason LIFE Partnership
- Student Office Assistants (paid position)
- Volunteer Opportunities

SERVE

- Family Weekend Day of Service
- Mason Gives Back: Service Projects
- Mason Nation 9/11 Day of Service

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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 scholarship, 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 our interest form 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

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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!

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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 6,000 students. With so many students calling Mason home, you'll have abundant opportunities to connect with your peers and our diverse university community.

Every first-year first-time residential student is required to reside on campus and will have the opportunity to live in a Learning Community (LC). These communities are in three different categories—academic, identity, and interest based—and are located in specific buildings or floors on campus. Learning Communities allow you to live and learn alongside other students who share a common passion, major, or identity in an environment tailored to your topic. 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 help make a big campus feel smaller and will connect you to your peers as well as faculty and staff who are invested in your success. On your application you can apply for your top LC choice and you will be accepted based on application answers and space availability.

Students who live on campus have convenient access to numerous 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.

Students will be able to match with and select their roommates after the Learning Community placement process in late May. Since the LCs are on specific floors or in specific buildings students must be in the same LC to live together.

Our process will allow you to meet other students in your community through the Housing Portal to find a roommate to live with! Students should check their emails as well as **housing.gmu.edu** throughout the summer for move-in days and times information.

Our residence halls open on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, for all incoming freshman students. All students will be assigned a specific move-in time. Move-in details will be posted on the Housing and Residence Life website beginning 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!

- Freshmen Move-In: August 16–17, 2023
- Upperclassmen Move-In: August 18–20, 2023
- Thanksgiving Break: November 22–26, 2023 (all residence halls remain open)
- Winter Break Closing: December 13, 2023, at 5 p.m.
- Spring 2024 Student Return to Campus: January 12, 2024
- Spring Break 2024: March 4–10, 2024 (all residence halls remain open)
- Spring 2024 Move Out: May 15, 2024, at 5 p.m.
- Spring 2024 Closing: May 9, 2024

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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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 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.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT MASON

Contemporary Student Services

At Mason, Contemporary Students include adult learners, transfer students, student parents, off-campus students, military-connected students, foster care alumni, and more. Contemporary Student Services (CSS) advocates, celebrates, educates, and serves. We offer students 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 CONTEMPORARY STUDENTS

- Campus and community resources for parenting, pregnant, transfer, and all contemporary students
- University Studies (UNIV) course sections specifically for contemporary students—UNIV 100 for off-campus students and UNIV 300 for transfer students—to support their transition to Mason
- Meetings with peer mentors and professional staff to support self-advocacy and help with any questions about Mason life on and off campus
- Social opportunities geared toward specific student population identity groups

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
- Roommate matching services available only to the Mason community

📍 The Hub, Room 1012

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📘 facebook.com/masoncss

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 great opportunities to better your understanding of the world through personal interaction. Signature events and programs include

- **International Buddy Program:** aims to build cross-cultural friendships between Mason's international and domestic students, who enjoy learning about cultures different from their own through a variety of campus events and activities together
- **International Café:** an opportunity offered once or twice a semester for students to showcase different countries and cultures
- **International Education Week (November):** a weeklong, multicultural exchange with specific educational objectives
- **International Week (March/April):** a weeklong celebration of Mason's diverse and international cultures

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CENTER FOR CULTURE, EQUITY, AND EMPOWERMENT

The Center for Culture, Equity, and Empowerment (CCEE) is an on-campus haven for students of color (Asian American and Pacific Islander, Black and African Diasporic, Hispanic/Latino/a/x, Native American and Indigenous, and Southwest Asian and North African) to be seen and valued and to obtain a sense of belonging and liberation at Mason and in the world. Whether you hold marginalized identities or belong to social groups with privilege, you are encouraged to engage with CCEE to interrogate cultural norms and raise consciousness.

CCEE educates, develops, and engages students regarding their various intersecting identities (e.g., race, gender, religion, sexual orientation). We provide intersectional support through heritage programs and advocacy across the university. We also create opportunities to explore self, others, and community through conversations, workshops, and cultural engagement.

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📘 @masonccee



LGBTQ+ RESOURCES CENTER

The LGBTQ+ Resources Center cultivates the success and well-being of queer, trans, nonbinary, and questioning students, staff, and faculty. Our work is deeply collaborative and rooted in intersectional justice. We build identity-affirming programs, develop leaders, provide critical resources, and foster a culture of equity and allyship at Mason.

◆ SUB I, Room 2200

☎ 703-993-2702 🏠 lgbtq.gmu.edu

📘 Mason LGBTQ+ Resources

✉ @lgbtqmason 📷 @gmu.lgbtq

FIRST-GEN+ CENTER

The First-Gen+ Center supports all students who are historically underrepresented in higher education and their allies. It specifically centers college students who identify as first generation, who identify as undocumented, who have refugee status, and whose families have limited income.

Are you first-gen? Our department defines first-generation students as a college student whose parent(s) and/or legal guardians did not receive or complete a bachelor's degree in or outside of the United States. Even if you have an older sibling or cousins who attended college, you are still first-gen. We offer a variety of programs throughout the year:

- First-Gen Peer Mentoring Program
- First-Gen Week (National First-Gen Day is November 8)
- First-Gen Pinning Ceremony for graduating students
- I AM FIRST Podcast
- First-Gen+ Resource Guide
- First-Gen Faculty and Staff List

- One-on-one meetings with full-time staff
- Student Transition Empowerment Program (STEP)
- UndocuAlly Training
- Every Campus a Refuge Training

◆ Student Union Building I, Suite 2400 🏠 firstgen.gmu.edu

✉ firstgen@gmu.edu 📘 @masonfgpc

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

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SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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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
- COVID evaluation and testing
- 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
- Physical health exams
- Basic 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

📍 Mason Square: Van Metre Hall, Room B102

📍 Science and Technology: Colgan Hall, Room 229*

📞 After Hours Nurse Advice Line: 703-993-2831

🏠 shs.gmu.edu

* Please note: As of spring 2023, the Science and Technology Campus location is 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.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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. Students can upload the form to the Patient Portal.

Immunization Record Deadlines

Deadlines vary for 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. If a student is not able to provide appropriate documentation, immunizations and/or titers are available for a fee.

Students can check their immunization status in the Patient Portal.

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



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 learningservices.gmu.edu.

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-virtual-options.

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🏠 learningservices.gmu.edu

Disability Services

Disability Services will help to transform George Mason University into an inclusive and accessible university where programs, services, and environments are accessible by all people. We will do this by

- Promoting equitable access for students with disabilities in all activities within the university experience
- Fostering partnerships with students, faculty, and staff to create an accessible, diverse, and inclusive community
- Increasing inclusivity within the university community for individuals who identify with the disability community

Disability Services provides long- and short-term academic, nonacademic, 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 meeting to discuss accommodations.

Contact Disability Services directly with questions or concerns.

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📞 703-993-2474 📧 ods@gmu.edu 🏠 ds.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.

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NOTES

LIFE AT MASON

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY



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:

- Living on campus
- 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 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!

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Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and/or gender 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 sex or gender-based discrimination, including those identified as Prohibited Conduct listed in University Policy 1202, which includes but is not limited to sexual assault, sexual or gender-based harassment, stalking, interpersonal violence, and sexual exploitation, complicity, or retaliation committed by Mason students, staff, or faculty will not be tolerated. This applies to academic, educational, athletic, residential, and all other university operated and affiliated programs. Mason encourages individuals who believe they have been subjected to Prohibited Conduct under University Policy 1202 by a Mason student or employee to seek assistance and to report their concerns to the Title IX Office.

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 or gender-based harassment, stalking, interpersonal violence, sexual exploitation, complicity, or retaliation)
- 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 supportive measures 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
 Housing and Residence Life
 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning Resource Office
 Online Intake Form: diversity.gmu.edu/title-ix/sexual-or-interpersonal-misconduct-report-form

MASON'S TITLE IX COORDINATOR

Thomas M. Bluestein, JD
 Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 📍 Aquia Building, Suite 373
 📞 703-993-8730 ✉ titleix@gmu.edu
 🏠 [Diversity.gmu.edu](https://diversity.gmu.edu)



MEET THE PATRIOT LEADERS



Abigail Degu
she/her
Fairfax, VA
Psychology and Criminology



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*Management Information
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Woodbridge, VA
Cyber Security Engineering



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Fairfax, VA
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Fredericksburg, VA
Business Marketing



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Film and Video Studies



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Undeclared



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Gainesville, VA
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Fredericksburg, VA
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Goodview, VA
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John Selmer
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Forest, VA
Public Administration



Kenzie Wright
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Jonesville, VA
Criminology, Law and Society



Lexy Wade
she/her
Fairfax, VA
Bioengineering



Lyla Hall
she/her
Lancaster, PA
Criminology, Law and Society



Mady Godfrey
she/her
Roanoke Rapids, NC
Communication

Meet the Patriot Leaders (continued)



Noemi Umanzor
she/her
Woodbridge, VA
Cyber Security Engineering



Nohelia Palma
she/her
Woodbridge, VA
Community Health



Rae Mitchell
they/she
Fredericksburg, VA
Criminology, Law and Society



Savannah Mitchell
she/her
Front Royal, VA
Psychology



Soheil Farid Azar
he/him
Fairfax, Virginia
Business Administration



Sreelu Veettil
she/her
Kannur, Kerala, India
*Government and
International Politics*

STUDENT COORDINATORS



Caspian Seaman
he/him
Manassas, VA
Information Technology



Maxwell Vannarath
he/him
Woodbridge, VA
Forensic Science



Megan Lederman
she/her
Virginia Beach, VA
Theater and English

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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WELL-BEING AT MASON

At Mason, we define well-being as building a life of **vitality, purpose, resilience, and engagement**. We offer a variety of resources to help you thrive as a student. Learn more at Patriots Thriving Together thrivingtogether.gmu.edu and the Center for the Advancement of Well-Being wellbeing.gmu.edu.

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PATRIOTS
thriving
TOGETHER

Resources for Connecting to Community

WELL-BEING MINORS: Explore well-being course work with a minor in well-being. Choose the general well-being minor or the concentrated music and well-being minor.

Resources for Managing Stress

RESILIENCE BADGE: Investigate your resilience and be prepared to thrive by completing this self-paced online program.

Resources for Discovering Meaning and Purpose

CLIFTONSTRENGTHS ASSESSMENT: Identify your talents and discover your natural patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving with this assessment tool.

MASON CHOOSES KINDNESS

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On the Street



- Smile or say "hi" to passersby on campus.
- If you drive a car, let someone in your lane who is trying to get in. Earn bonus points by giving someone else a coveted parking spot.
- Hold the door open for someone else.



Online



- Give someone a compliment. Bonus points if it's a stranger!
- Spread your social media likes generously.
- Post positive things to brighten someone's day.



In Class or At Work



- Bring someone a cup of coffee or another beverage without being asked.
- Write an encouraging note and leave it on someone's desk.
- Reach out to someone who may be struggling in your class and offer to help.



At Home or In Your Residence Hall



- Make dinner for your household (or order takeout).
- Do a chore for someone else (clean the bathroom, vacuum, tidy the kitchen).
- Write a letter to your roommate thanking them for putting up with you.
- Call a family member to reconnect.



Get more ideas at kindness.gmu.edu

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. Mason Square 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 (infoguides.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

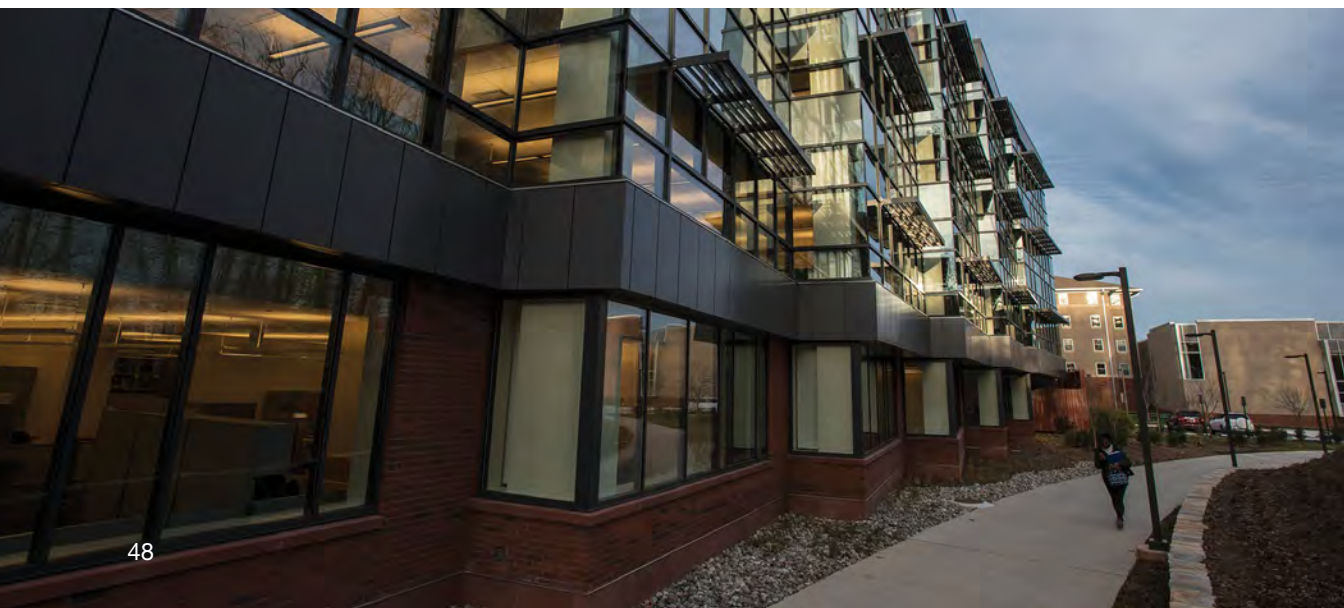
- **Scholarly Productions @ the Research Commons (library.gmu.edu/sparc)**

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.

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

Do you want to assist a professor with their 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.

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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

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EXPLORE your potential
SHAPE your future

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.

Our three residential programs are open to students in all academic majors.

Conservation, Biodiversity, and Society (fall or spring)

Explore the ways that science, management, and policy address current conservation issues in and out of the field.

Endangered Species Conservation (spring only)

Learn to evaluate the vulnerabilities of small populations and develop successful conservation actions to save them from extinction.

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (fall only)

Apply cutting-edge field techniques to survey species in the wild and investigate ecological patterns and processes from the local to global scale.

Benefits to Mason students include

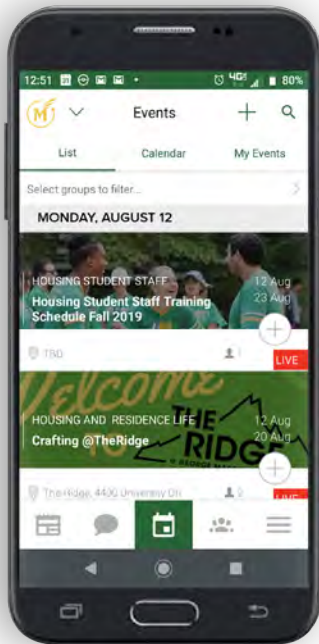
- the ability to apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs;
- the opportunity to learn from conservation experts and interact with peers from diverse backgrounds;
- participation in an independent, one-on-one practicum and/or intensive research experience with Smithsonian scientists, 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.



Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation

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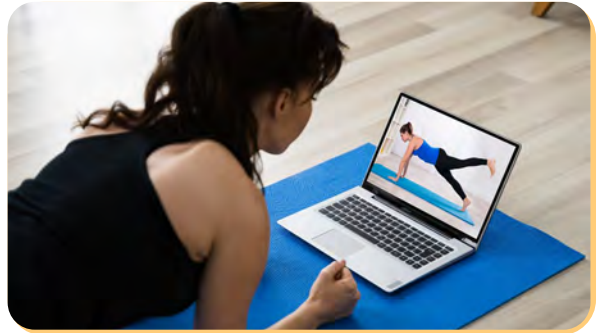


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STUDENT SERVICES

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 or contact us by phone at **703-993-2000**.



STUDENT ACCOUNTS

The mission of the Student Accounts Office is to provide excellent service for our students, staff, and faculty, while maintaining internal controls that ensure financial transactions are accurately processed and proper records are maintained.

Our website, studentaccounts.gmu.edu provides additional information and guides on the following topics:

Communication Policy

The Student Accounts Office communicates with students via their Mason email address. Students 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 \$30 contract fee, which is nonrefundable.

Late Payment Fee

A late payment fee of 10%, up to a maximum of \$125, may be charged to your account if your balance remains unpaid by the due date. You will be sent a message at your Mason email address giving you the opportunity to avoid a late fee by paying your balance. Failure to receive a reminder e-bill confirming your charges does not waive the requirement to pay on time.

Collections

Accounts that remain unpaid at the end of each semester may be referred to a collection agency, credit bureaus, the Virginia Department of Taxation, and the Office of the Virginia Attorney General and may be subject to a collection fee.

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.

Tuition Insurance

We offer tuition insurance through GradGuard, which helps students and families overcome the financial losses that may result from events that force students to withdraw from the semester due to a covered medical reason. This coverage strengthens and broadens the scope of our existing refund policy by ensuring reimbursement for tuition, housing, and other payments if a student withdraws for any covered medical reason at any time during the semester. The deadline to purchase each term is up until the last day to add classes for the full semester.

Direct Deposit

We encourage students to enroll in direct deposit to receive refunds electronically.

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.

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 2023–24 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](https://fafsa.gov)
- February 1** 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

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.

TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Mason uses Duo Security to deliver two-factor authentication (2FA) when students access certain websites and applications. This second layer of protection makes personal information less vulnerable.

🏠 2fa.gmu.edu

Network and Telecommunications

STUDENT EMAIL

Office 365 email is the official email for students. Directions for logging in for the first time are available at its.gmu.edu/get-started.

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 eduroam network or ResNet when in residence halls.

🏠 its.gmu.edu/service/residence-hall-network

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WIRED NETWORK

Wired network access is provided in all classrooms, residence halls, and public spaces.

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GUEST NETWORK

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

🏠 its.gmu.edu/guestwifi



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Learning and Technology Resources

CITRIX VIRTUAL LAB

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

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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MICROSOFT 365 APPS FOR ENTERPRISE

Mason students can download and install the latest version of Microsoft Office on up to five computers and five mobile devices.

MYMASON PORTAL

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

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- **Blackboard Collaborate Ultra** is an interactive web-conferencing and virtual classroom environment designed for real-time collaboration.
- **Blackboard Courses** provides a secure login system and tools to create and administer face-to-face and online courses.
- **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. Students receive 1TB of cloud-based storage at no cost.

MICROSOFT TEAMS

Microsoft Teams is an enterprise-wide collaboration suite that lives within Mason's Office 365 environment and provides chat, audio calling, video calling, screen share, and more.

ZOOM

Zoom, gmu.zoom.us, is a cloud-based web conferencing tool for video and audio conferencing, collaboration, chat, and webinars.

Technology Spaces

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING HUB (CLUB)

The walk-in lab features Windows 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.

♥ **Fairfax:** Johnson Center, Room 311

COMPUTER LABS

♥ **Mason Square:** Van Metre Hall, Room 211

♥ **Fairfax:** Innovation Hall, Room 301, and Johnson Center, Room 342

♥ **Science and Technology:** Katherine G. Johnson Hall, Room 250

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCE LAB (STAR)

The state-of-the-art multimedia computer and equipment checkout facility provides students the space and resources to complete creative projects.

♥ **Fairfax:** Johnson Center, Room 229



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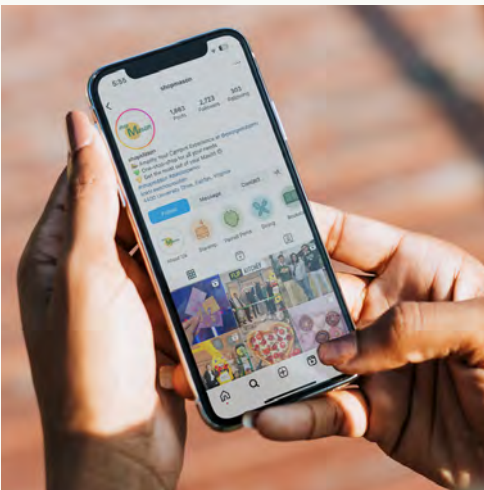
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PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

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 campus in order to reduce the number of times you drive alone.

Below is a brief overview of your options. For more details, visit our website at transportation.gmu.edu.

We are happy to assist you with any questions. Contact us at transpo@gmu.edu, by phone at 703-993-2828, or on Twitter @MasonParking and @MasonShuttles.

Mason Commutes

Looking for someone to share a ride or commute together by bike or transit? Visit masoncommutes.com to get started.

Parking

- 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 and lot parking (highest cost).
- For parking options, pricing, and permit purchase, including those at Mason Square and the Science and Technology Campus, 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 ✉ parking@gmu.edu
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Mason Shuttles

Mason Shuttles offer multiple routes to transport the Mason community to a variety of destinations. Mason Shuttles are free, but require a Mason ID to ride.

- For times and stops, please visit shuttle.gmu.edu. Schedules can be impacted by traffic volume, accidents, and road conditions. Don't cut it too close. Schedule yourself to arrive early, just in case. Mason Shuttles use the RideSystems real-time bus tracking site.
- Shuttle schedules are subject to change during emergencies, extreme weather conditions, holidays, and student breaks. Be sure to check shuttle.gmu.edu for the latest scheduling information.

Transit

CUE BUS

Mason students, faculty, and staff have free access to the Fairfax City CUE Bus. 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 TransLoc website and app 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 Square in Arlington (Virginia Square-GMU Metro Station). For a Metro rail map, visit wmata.com/schedules/maps. Please note that Metro schedules and service levels are subject to change. To stay up to date, sign up for Metro Alerts at wmata.com/rider-guide/subscribe.

PUBLIC BUSES

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) runs bus services in multiple jurisdictions in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. If you are traveling within Fairfax County, check out the Fairfax Connector. Within Arlington County, you can ride on the ART buses and in Prince William County, look into the PRTC buses. All of these buses, the CUE Bus, Metro trains, and more can be routed using the WMATA trip planner at wmata.com. Map it out before you go!

Transportation

BIKING OPTION

Mason has more than 1,300 bike parking spots on campus and is a silver-rated Bicycle-Friendly University in Fairfax and bronze-rated at Mason Square. Register your bicycle at bike.gmu.edu and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, bike light, and more.

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 by clicking on the transportation tab.

ZIPCAR

- Rent a car just when you need it, by the hour or the day
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- Sign up at zipcar.com/zipgmu
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TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

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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 provides access to the following:

- Meal Plans
- Residence Halls
- Mason Athletics Events
- University Libraries
- Mason Shuttles
- Printing
- Mason Money
- Exams
- Lab/Room Access
- Center for the Arts Performances

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, visit the following site: masonmoneyonline.gmu.edu.

The Mason ID is issued during Orientation or can be collected 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 \$25 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.

Meal Plans

George Mason University's dining program promotes community dining and healthy choices. Choose from three dining halls and 20+ 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. The Independence plan provides unlimited access into the dining halls, three guest swipes, and Bonus Funds.

Bonus funds are accepted in all dining venues and 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.gmu.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.
Billed to the student account	Funds deposited via Online Card Office or Mason Card Office. Visa/MasterCard accepted.

📍 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 dining.gmu.edu. In addition to three all-you-care-to-eat dining halls, Mason Dining has 20+ restaurant locations such as Chick-fil-A, Dunkin', Starbucks, and many more.

Mason Dining accommodates 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.

Mason Dining is making a concentrated effort to serve certified halal meat at all dining halls. If halal food is not available on the entrée line or Simple Servings, then a separate halal entrée is available upon request, made to order. The Halal Guys and Spice Corner retail restaurants also offer halal meals. Mason Dining also operates a kosher cart inside Southside Dining Hall. It serves kosher dinners, prepared in an off-site kosher kitchen and overseen by a mashgiah, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mason Dining supports sustainability efforts. In partnership with the Office of Sustainability, the President's Park Greenhouse grows lettuce and herbs for Ike's Dining Hall. Mason Dining serves locally sourced foods.

View the menus for Southside and Ike's on their websites or by downloading the Everyday app. Within the app, menu items will display allergens and nutritional content.

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 or Google Play to start placing orders today. Don't have time to stay in line? You can order ahead with the Grubhub app, too. We value your time!

Mason Dining hires students. Work on campus and enjoy flexible schedules, competitive pay, and a free meal after six hours worked. Text DININGHIRING to 82257 to get started.

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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 residence halls. Each residence hall 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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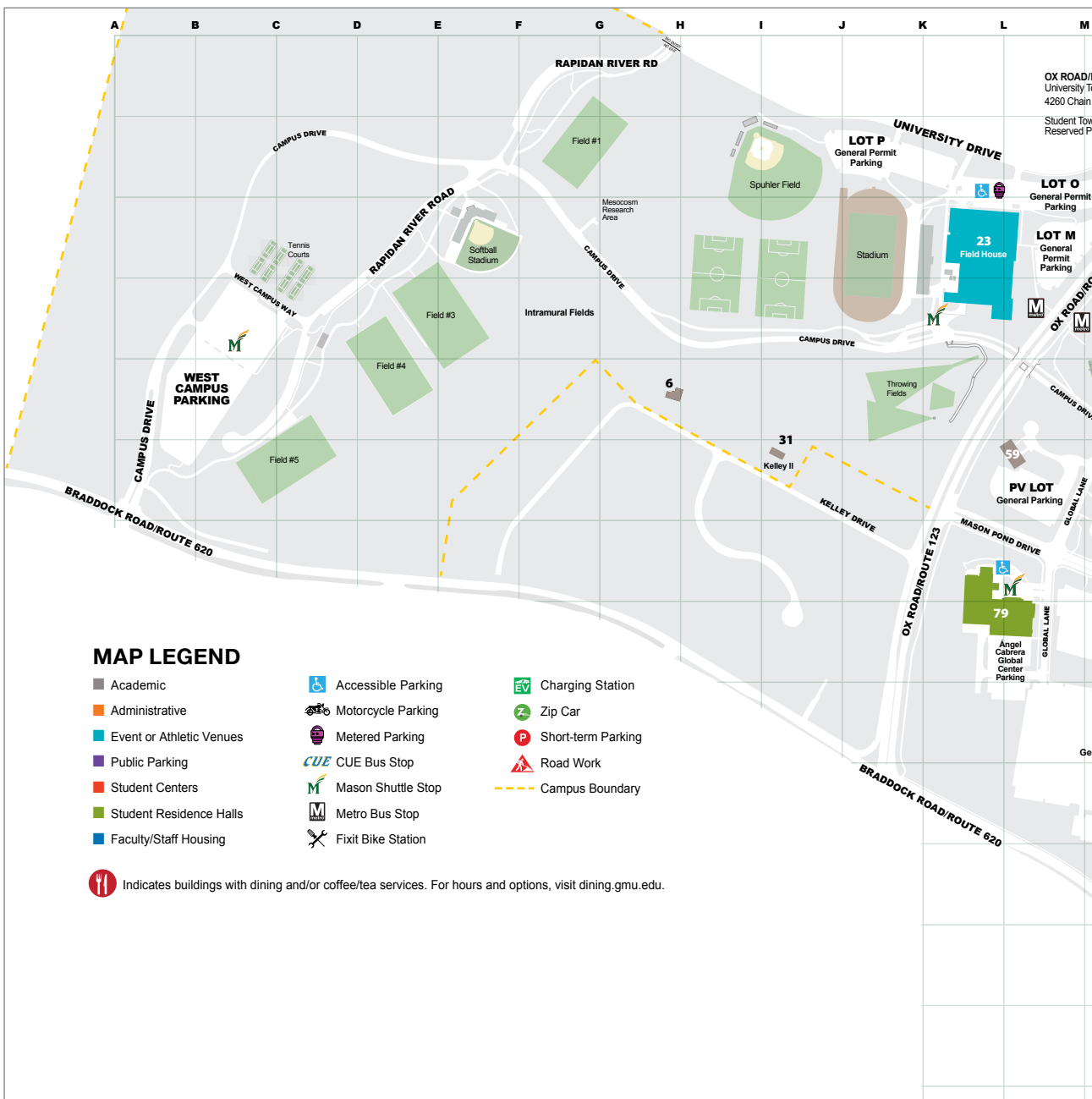
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College of Visual
and Performing Arts



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| 1 T-10 Aquatic and Fitness Center | 21 V-4 Facilities Management, Operations | 40 S-11 Nottoway Annex |
| 2 P-4 Aquia Building | 22 R-4 Fenwick Library (☺) | 41 P-6 Parking Deck, Mason Pond |
| 3 R-9 Art and Design Building | 23 K-3 Field House and Module | 42 S-1 Parking Deck, Rappahannock River |
| 4 Q-8 Buchanan Hall | 24 Q-3 Finley Building | 43 T-8 Parking Deck, Shenandoah |
| 5 W-5 Carow Hall | 25 Q-6 George Mason Statue and Enslaved People of George Mason Memorial | 44 S-7 Parking Services |
| 6 H-4 Carty House | 26 W-9 Greenhouse | 45 P-2 Peterson Hall (☺) |
| 7 P-7 Center for the Arts/Concert Hall | 27 Q-6 Harris Theatre | 46 S-7 Planetary Hall |
| 8 V-5 Central Heating and Cooling Plant | 28 Q-5 Horizon Hall | 47 S-1 Police and Safety Headquarters |
| 9 T-1 Child Development Center | 29 R-8 Innovation Hall | 48 N-6 Recreation and Athletic Complex (RAC) |
| 10 R-6 Clock | 30 R-6 Johnson Center/Admissions (☺) | 49 W-4 Recycling Center |
| 11 Q-8 College Hall | 31 I-5 Kelley II - 10716 Kelley Drive | 50 T-8 Research Hall |
| 12 O-8 Cross Cottage | 32 W-5 Krasnow Institute | 51 U-4 Rivanna Module |
| 13 R-6 David King Hall | 33 Q-4 Krug Hall | 52 X-7 Roberts House |
| 14 Q-7 de Laski Performing Arts Building | 34 R-3 Lecture Hall | 53 Q-5 Student Union Building I (☺) |
| 15 P-10 EagleBank Arena (☺) | 35 Q-1 Merten Hall (☺) | 54 Q-7 TheaterSpace/Black Box |
| 16 Q-3 East Building | 36 Q-7 Music/Theater Building | 55 T-6 The Hub (☺) |
| 17 S-8 Enterprise Hall | 37 T-9 Nguyen Engineering Building (☺) | 56 P-4 Thompson Hall |
| 18 S-7 Exploratory Hall | 38 T-2 Northeast Module | 57 V-5 Warehouse, Customer Service Center |
| 19 U-4 Facilities Administration | 39 T-2 Northeast Module II | 58 P-4 West Building |
| 20 V-4 Facilities Management, Archives | | 59 L-6 West PE Module |



STUDENT HOUSING

Rappahannock Neighborhood

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

The Commons

- 71 T-4 Amherst
- 72 T-4 Brunswick
- 73 T-5 Carroll
- 74 T-5 Dickenson
- 75 T-5 Essex

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

Shenandoah Neighborhood

- 79 L-7 Ángel Cabrera Global Center
- 80 V-9 Liberty Square
- 81 V-11 Potomac Heights
- 82 O-2 Rogers
- 83 O-2 Whitetop

Presidents Park

- 84 W-7 Adams
- 85 V-7 Eisenhower* and Ike's Diner
- 86 V-7 Harrison
- 87 W-8 Jackson
- 88 V-6 Jefferson
- 89 W-7 Kennedy
- 90 W-8 Lincoln
- 91 V-6 Madison

- 92 V-7 Monroe
- 93 V-8 Roosevelt
- 94 V-9 Taylor
- 95 W-7 Truman
- 96 W-6 Washington
- 97 V-7 Wilson

FACULTY/STAFF HOUSING

- 98 X-3 Masonvale

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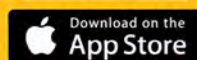
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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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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.

Office of Teacher Preparation

- Teacher preparation pathway advising for current and prospective students
- Licensure information
- Content area course work review

Email preteach@gmu.edu for more information on teacher preparation.

Undergraduate Academic Majors

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners, BSEd

Concentrations: Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), Early/Primary Education PreK–3 (Licensure), Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK–3 (Dual Licensure), No Concentration (Non-Licensure)

Elementary Education, BSEd

Physical Education, BSEd

Special Education, BSEd

Concentrations: Teaching Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum K–12 (Licensure), Teaching Students with Disabilities who Access the Adapted Curriculum K–12 (Licensure), Teaching Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments PK–12 (Licensure), No Concentration (Non-Licensure)

SCHOOL OF SPORT, RECREATION, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Recreation Management, BS

Concentrations: Parks and Outdoor Recreation,

Therapeutic Recreation, Individualized Concentration

Sports Management, BS

Tourism and Events Management, BS

SCHOOL OF KINESIOLOGY

Kinesiology, BS

Concentrations: Allied Health Sciences, Strength and Conditioning

Minors and Undergraduate Certificates

Consider adding a minor or certificate to complement your interests and career goals. Visit cehd.gmu.edu/academics/undergraduate for more information.

American Sign Language Minor

Assistive Technology Minor

Coaching Minor

Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners Minor

Educational Psychology Minor

Event Technical Production Minor

Food and Beverage Management Certificate

Hospitality Management Minor

Kinesiology Minor

Mild Disabilities Minor

Personal Health and Wellness Minor

Recreation Management Minor

Secondary Education Certificates (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, English, Mathematics, Physics, 6–12)

Severe Disabilities Minor

Sport and American Culture Minor

Sport and Computer Game Design Minor

Sport and Conflict Resolution Minor

Sport Communication Minor

Sport Management Minor

Sports Analytics Minor

Tourism and Events Management Minor

Visual Impairment and Blindness Minor

Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Programs

Many CEHD undergraduate programs have an associated accelerated master's program. Learn more at cehd.gmu.edu/bachelors-accelerated-masters-program.

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COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The College of Public Health (CPH), the first and only public health college in Virginia, is home to the Departments of Global and Community Health, Health Administration and Policy, Nutrition and Food Studies, 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 1,800 undergraduate students enrolled in our six bachelor's degree programs and more than 1,350 graduate students enrolled in nearly 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.

CPH 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 CPH students as they work toward their educational and professional goals.

CPH has strong relationships with many health care and human service agencies in the area. Students in CPH 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, Physical Activity and Public Health

Health Administration, BS

Concentrations: Health Systems Management, Assisted Living/Senior Housing Administration

Health Informatics, BS

Nursing, BSN

Pathways: Traditional, Accelerated Second Degree, RN to BSN, Co-Enrollment (Veteran and Non-Veteran), Direct Admission

Social Work, BSW

BACHELOR'S/ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREES

Bachelor's degree (any)/Health Informatics, MS

Bachelor's degree (any)/Nutrition, MS

Bachelor's degree (any)/Public Health, MPH

Health Administration, BS/Health Systems Management, MHA

ACADEMIC MINORS

Aging Studies

Food Systems

Global Health

Health and Social Policy

Health Information Technology

Health Systems Management

Nutrition

Physical Activity in Public Health

Public Health

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
- Attend one of our LinkUp events geared toward connecting students with our alumni and discussing career choices and paths

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

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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.

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*
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

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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*

Concentration for BA: Biological Illustration

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

Chemistry, BA or BS*

Concentrations: Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental Chemistry, Materials Chemistry

Computational and Data Sciences, BS*

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*

Concentrations: Forensic Biology, Forensic Chemistry

Geography, BA or BS*

Concentrations (BA only): Environmental Geography, Geanthropology, Health Geography

Geology, BA or BS*

Concentrations (BS only): Earth Surface Processes, Environmental Geoscience, Geology, Oceanography and Estuarine Science, Paleontology

Mathematics, BA or BS*

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

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

Astronomy

Astrophysics

Bioinformatics

Biology

Chemistry

Computational and Data Sciences

Conservation Biology

Conservation Studies

Design Thinking

Earth Science

Environmental Policy

Environmental Science

Forensic Science

Geography

Geographic Information Science

Geology

Government Analytics

Mathematics

Neuroscience

Ocean and Estuarine Science

Paleontology

Physics

Renewable Energy

Scientific Leadership and Practice

Sustainability Studies

Sustainable Enterprise

Urban Informatics

 science.gmu.edu  703-993-9532

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 non-majors, and numerous courses fulfill Mason Core requirements.

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

A Community of Artists

CVPA students have many ways to express their creativity:

- The CVPA Learning Community for first-year students and Arts Learning Community for upper level students
- 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/tickets/free-student-tickets)
- 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
- Faculty-led Learning Communities (LCs)
- 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.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW, BA

Traditional and nontraditional security threats affect the lives of millions around the globe every day. This dynamic program combines national and international security and law and is designed to help students understand how to most effectively respond to these threats—from weather disasters to cyber attacks to nuclear proliferation and more.

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.

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Former acting CIA director Mike Morell, now a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Schar School, lectures students on briefing decision-makers. Photo by Ron Aira/Creative Services/George Mason University



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 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 042, 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 PROGRAMS

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

Finance, BS and MS
Management, MS (for nonbusiness majors only)

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC MINORS

Business (for nonbusiness majors only)
Business Analytics
Energy Transition Management
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Government Contracting
International Business
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Operations and Supply Chain Management
Organizational Conflict Resolution
Real Estate Development
Wine and Craft Beverage Management

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Accounting, MS
Business, PhD
Business Analytics, MS
Finance, 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

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCE, BA

INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY, BIS

Concentrations

- Individualized
- Early Childhood Education Studies

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES, BS OR BA

Concentrations

- African and African American Studies, BS or BA
- Childhood Studies, BA
- Education Studies, BA

Emphasis Areas

- Non-Licensure, Pre-Licensure
- Individualized Study, BA or BS (consult an advisor)
- Integrated Conservation, BS
- Leadership and Organizational Development, BA

Legal Studies, BA

Life Sciences, BS

Emphasis Areas

- Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Physician's Assistant, Pre-Veterinary
- Social Justice and Human Rights, BA
- Social Science for Education, BA
- Women and Gender Studies, 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
- Nonprofit Studies
- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Well-Being

 integrative.gmu.edu





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

Peace Engineering (pending approval)

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, Business Management, Business Marketing, Computer Game Design, Geoinformatics, Software Engineering, Technology Policy

Bioengineering 703-993-5846

Concentrations: Biomedical Imaging and Devices, Biomaterials and Nanomedicine, Computational Biomedical Engineering, Healthcare 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, Power and Energy Systems, Robotics

Computer Science 703-993-1530

Cyber Security Engineering 703-993-1502

Electrical Engineering 703-993-1569

Concentrations: Controls and Robotics, Communications and Signal Processing, Electronics, Embedded Systems, Internet of Things, Power and Energy Systems

Information Technology 703-993-3565

Concentrations: Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity, Database Technology and Programming, Health Information Technology, Network and Telecommunications, Web Development

Mechanical Engineering 703-993-5383

Concentrations: Aerospace Engineering, Microfabrication, Statistics 703-993-3645

Concentrations: Applied Statistics, Mathematical Statistics, Sports Analytics, Statistical Analytics

Systems and Industrial Engineering 703-993-1670

CEC Undeclared and Undecided 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

STEM in Society (CEC) 703-993-5778

Sustainable Systems Engineering

Systems Engineering and Operations Research
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ACADEMIC MINORS



College of Education and Human Development

American Sign Language
Assistive Technology
Coaching
Early Childhood Education
for Diverse Learners
Educational Psychology
Event Technical Production
Health Promotion
Hospitality Management
Kinesiology
Mild Disabilities
Recreation Management
Severe Disabilities
Sport and American Culture
Sport and Computer Games Design
Sport and Conflict Resolution
Sport Communication
Sport Management
Sports Analytics
Tourism and Events Management
Visual Impairment and Blindness



College of Engineering and Computing

Aviation Flight Training and
Management
Bioengineering
Computer Science
Data Analysis
Digital Media and Web Design
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Information Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Software Engineering
Statistics
STEM in Society
Systems Engineering



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

African and African American Studies
Ancient History and Mediterranean
Archaeology
Anthropology
Arabic
Art History
Asia-Pacific and Northeast Asian
Studies
Brain, Body, and Behavior
Childhood Studies
Chinese
Classical Studies
Clinical Psychology
Communication
Conservation Studies
Criminology, Law and Society
Developmental Psychology
Digital Humanities
Digital Media and Web Design
Economics
English
Film and Media Studies
Folklore and Mythology
Forensic Psychology
French
German Studies
Global Affairs
Health Communication
Health Psychology
History
Human Development and Family
Science
Immigration Studies
Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Intelligence Studies
Islamic Studies
Italian Studies
Japanese Studies
Journalism
Judaic Studies
Korean Studies
Latin American Studies
Latin
Leadership
LGBTQ Studies

Linguistics
Medieval Studies
Middle East Studies
Native American and Indigenous
Studies
Nonprofit Studies
Philosophy
Philosophy and Law
Philosophy for Social Change
Photojournalism
Political Communication
Political Philosophy
Professional and Technical Writing
Professional Experience in
Communication
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Social Justice and Human Rights
Sociology
Spanish
Sport and American Culture
Sport Communication
STEM in Society
Teaching English as a Second
Language
Well-Being
Women and Gender Studies



College of Public Health

Aging Studies
Food Systems
Global Health
Health, Disease, and Culture
Health and Social Policy
Health Information Technology
Health Systems Management
Nutrition
Physical Activity in Public Health
Public Health
Senior Housing Administration
Social Work

ACADEMIC MINORS



College of Science

Astronomy
Astrophysics
Atmospheric Science
Bioinformatics
Biology
Chemistry
Computational and Data Sciences
Conservation Biology
Conservation Studies
Earth Science
Environmental Consulting
Environmental Policy
Environmental Science
Forensic Science
Geographic Information Systems
Geography
Geology
Government Analytics
Mathematics
Mathematics for School of Business
Students
Neuroscience
Ocean and Estuarine Science
Paleontology
Physics
Renewable Energy Interdisciplinary
Science and Technology Policy
Scientific Leadership and Practice
STEM in Society
Sustainability Studies
Sustainable Enterprise
Urban Informatics



College of Visual and Performing Arts

Animation
Arts and Social Change
Arts Management
Audio Production
Computer Game Design
Dance Appreciation
Design and Technical Theater
Digital Media and Web Design
Ethnomusicology
Event Technical Production
Graphic Design
Illustration
Jazz Studies
Music for Well-Being
Music
Music Pedagogy
Music Technology
Photography
Photojournalism
Sport and Computer Game Design
Studio Art
Theater
Theater Performance
Web Design
World Dance



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Conflict Analysis and Resolution
Organizational Conflict Resolution
Sport and Conflict Resolution



Schar School of Policy and Government

American Government
Global Systems
Government Analytics
International Security
International/Comparative Studies
Legal Studies
Political Communication
Public Policy and Management
Urban and Suburban Studies



School of Business

Business Analytics
Business
Energy Transition Management
Entrepreneurship
Finance
Government Contracting
International Business
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Operations and Supply Chain
Management
Organizational Conflict Resolution
Real Estate Development

ACADEMIC ESSENTIALS





MASON CORE

What is the Mason Core?

Mason Core is Mason's general education program that builds the foundation for the Mason Graduate—an engaged citizen and well-rounded scholar who is prepared to act. Mason Core is a set of required courses that create the foundation of a student's undergraduate degree. It provides a breadth of liberal education courses, complementing the depth of knowledge and skills students build in their majors and minors.

HOW IS MASON CORE CONNECTED TO YOUR MAJOR?

The courses taken in Mason 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 you have not yet selected a major, Mason Core courses can help in choosing a major and beginning to develop the skills and habits of thinking that will stay with you throughout your 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?

Mason Core begins in your first year at Mason, starting with the Foundation-level courses, which provide key skills needed for academic success. Exploration courses provide a breadth of learning across the university. Integration courses include upper-division courses, typically in your major. Academic advisors assist you in selecting Mason Core courses, which makes working with an advisor important to create the best possible Mason Core experience. It is critical that you continue to meet with your academic advisor as you continue toward graduation.

Foundation Courses

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (LOWER) (3 CREDITS)

The first-year composition course (ENGH 101 or equivalent) develops the ability to use written communication as a means of discovering and expressing ideas and meaning. You will learn to use writing as a way of thinking by analyzing and responding to a variety of writing situations and genres that engage a range of audiences. This is the first step in a three-course sequence to build your writing skills.

ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 CREDITS)

Oral Communication focuses on developing your ability to create and deliver a variety of message types. You will learn to monitor and ethically practice your own verbal and nonverbal communication to become an effective communicator, demonstrating respect and consideration for the multitude of audiences with whom you will communicate in a range of intercultural, personal, and professional contexts. You will learn to use oral communication as a way of thinking and learning, as well as to share ideas.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3 CREDITS)

Quantitative Reasoning courses develop critical thinking skills using mathematical and statistical concepts (i.e., formulas, graphs, tables, models, and schematics) to analyze and make sense of data, patterns, and relationships. By learning to evaluate problems using quantitative reasoning, you will be better equipped to make well-supported decisions in personal, academic, and workplace situations.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTING (3 CREDITS)

The purpose of the Information Technology requirement is to ensure that you 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 your digital data and devices, take advantage of the latest technologies, and become a more sophisticated technology user and consumer.

Exploration Courses

ARTS (3 CREDITS)

Through this category, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between artistic process, a work's underlying concept, and, where appropriate, contexts associated with the work. Mason Core courses in filmmaking and visual and performing arts stress generative, inquiry-based learning through direct aesthetic and creative experience in the studio environment. Art history courses address the intrinsic relationship of personal and cultural creativity, and the manifestation of aesthetics, visual culture and visual narrative within historical contexts.



GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING (3 CREDITS)

The goal of the Global Understanding category is to help you see the world from multiple perspectives, reflect upon your position in a global society, and be prepared for future engagement as a global citizen. 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 develop your ability to read for comprehension, detail, and nuance; identify specific literary qualities of language as employed in texts you 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 you in scientific exploration, foster your curiosity, enhance your enthusiasm for science, and enable you to apply scientific knowledge and reasoning to personal, professional, and public decision-making. At least one of the courses you take in this category must include a laboratory experience.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (3 CREDITS)

You will 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.

GLOBAL HISTORY (3 CREDITS)

By focusing on historical experiences that reflect the diversity of Mason's student body, you will be able to see how your family and community fit within, and contribute to, global history from the pre-modern period to our present day. The courses will offer a long-term historical perspective on structural issues challenging our world today, including demographic and environmental changes, national and global inequalities, and the underrepresentation of marginalized groups. You will gain an understanding of how interconnections and inter-dependencies have been forged through the global movement of people, pathogens, goods, and ideas.

Integration Courses

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (UPPER) (3 CREDITS)

Advanced Composition (English 302) builds on your learning in your first-year composition course (ENGH 101 or equivalent) through advanced rhetorical analysis, research, and writing oriented toward investigating, engaging with, and responding to meaningful disciplinary questions in a variety of academic and nonacademic contexts.

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 is designated as fulfilling the writing intensive (WI) requirement, serving as the third course in the writing sequence. These courses are situated in the majors, fully integrating rhetorical and field-specific knowledge as you engage with the specific writing, critical thinking, and problem-solving methods used across a range of academic, professional, and civic contexts in your chosen field. See the description of your major for the specific course or courses that fulfill the WI requirement.

SYNTHESIS OR CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE (3 CREDITS)

You will meet the final Mason Core requirement by completing either a disciplinary Capstone Experience or a Mason Core Synthesis course. You should confer with your advisor to determine whether you will meet this requirement via a Capstone Experience or a Synthesis course. The purpose of the Synthesis course is to provide you with the opportunity to synthesize the knowledge, skills, and values gained from the Mason Core curriculum. Such courses strive to expand your 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 your major and Mason Core courses.

 masoncore.gmu.edu



NOTES



ACADEMIC PLANNING WORKSHEET

Name: _____ G-number: _____

To enhance your academic advising experience during Orientation, please take the time to review the Mason advising information in this handbook as well as online. Additionally, please complete this planning form to facilitate the exchange of information with your academic advisor.

STEP 1: Please tell us what major 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				
AP/IB/CLEP/Transfer				
AP/IB/CLEP/Transfer				
AP/IB/CLEP/Transfer				
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			
Global History			

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 and/or college requirements, and exploration courses or electives.



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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** at go.gmu.edu/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

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 Mason email for a message 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

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.gmu.edu/courses.

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

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

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
Business, BS
Computer Game Design, BFA
Global Affairs, BA
Health Administration, BS
Information Technology, BS
International Law and Security, BS
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

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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 self-reflection and self-discovery, guiding them to find degree pathways that match their interests, skills, and abilities.

- Connect students to campus resources and co-curricular 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 gmuedu.



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, the Writing Center, math tutoring).
- ☐ 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 **credeval@gmu.edu**.
- ☐ 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.

- ❑ Identify the selective withdrawal deadline.
- ❑ Review midterm grades (middle to end of month).
- ❑ Attend the Mason Career Fair.
- ❑ Take math or language placement tests if required, but not completed.

Third Month

- ❑ Follow up with your advisor to clarify requirements, registration questions, or academic difficulty.
- ❑ Create an academic plan that outlines all your required classes until you graduate. If you need help, search Mason 4-Year Graduation Plans. Review it with your advisor.
- ❑ Review your next semester registration time ticket.
- ❑ Talk with your advisor about courses elsewhere if thinking about studying at another institution during the summer/winter. This action requires advance approval with specific deadlines.
- ❑ Address any holds on your account that may prevent registration.
- ❑ Register for classes as soon as your time ticket allows.

Fourth Month

- ❑ Review the final exam schedule and discuss any conflicts with your instructor immediately.
- ❑ Discuss any academic concerns with your advisor and make sure you are registered for next semester.
- ❑ Prepare for and take your finals.

After Finals/End of Semester

- ❑ Review all your grades and contact/email instructors immediately with any questions or concerns.
- ❑ Review next semester's registration and verify eligibility for courses based on any prerequisites that may not have been met.
- ❑ Review your academic standing and contact your advisor with any questions.
- ❑ Review next semester's academic calendar.

Search the following terms on **gmu.edu** for more information:

- Academic Advising
- Majors @ Mason
- *University Catalog*
- Mason Core
- Mason Career Center
- GetConnected
- Mason Four-Year Graduation Plans
- Learning Services
- Math tutoring
- Writing Center
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Services
- Patriot Web
- Math placement test
- Foreign language placement test



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 Jennifer Messier (jjanisch@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 "Academics," and then select "Advising."



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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.



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 restricts how and when their education records can be disclosed. 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 provide written consent if parts of an educational record are to be disclosed to a third party, including parents or family members, unless the release is to the parent of a dependent student, as required by § 23.1-1303.B.5 of the Code of Virginia, or the disclosure meets a qualified exception under FERPA.

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). This form is available on the Office of the University Registrar's website at registrar.gmu.edu/forms. 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, at registrar.gmu.edu/forms. 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.

ACADEMIC RECORDS FAQ

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

The Office of Admissions evaluates transfer credit 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 and allow seven business days after the transcript has been received. If, after that time, no credits are posted, please contact credeval@gmu.edu. Please note that during the busy times of January and the summer months, evaluations may take longer. If some, but not all, credits have been posted and it has been more than seven business days since your transcript or document was received by Mason, please submit a Transfer Credit Inquiry Form to the Office of Admissions: gmuedu/admissions-aid/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy.

How can I change my name in university records?

To change your name, you must access registrar.gmu.edu/forms and choose the “Change of Personal Information” form. There, you can request a change or update to your name, birth date, or social security number.

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

You should speak to your academic advisor for guidance before making a request for permission to enroll in a course at another institution. You will need to appeal to the academic dean’s office of the course in which you 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, an official transcript should be sent from the transfer institution directly to Mason via mail at George Mason University, Office of Admissions, 4400 University Drive, MS 3A4, Fairfax, VA 22030 or electronically to ugtrans@gmu.edu.

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?

You may use Patriot Web to make any changes to your address. Visit patriotweb.gmu.edu and click on “Personal Information” to make any needed updates to your address.

Why has my change of grade not been processed?

Please check your student email address for information regarding your case submission. If you have any additional questions regarding your request, please follow up with the instructor or the course department for additional assistance.

How can I get a copy of a class syllabus?

To obtain course syllabi, you 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. You can find this information for specific academic years by accessing catalog.gmu.edu/archives.

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 should be provided to the Office of Admissions during the application process. A complete list of transfer credit by exam is located at gmuedu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy. 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 institutions accredited by a **Mason-recognized** U.S. institutional accrediting agency or international equivalent.
- Developmental course work 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 gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy.

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 credeval@gmu.edu.
- To see the list of current course equivalencies, go to the transfer equivalency matrix at admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/transferCreditSearch.asp.

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-SP13				AS		
Transfer Courses				Mason Equivalent		
COURSE	TITLE	CR.HRS	GRD	COURSE	TITLE	CR.HRS
ACC 111	Prin. of Algebra I	3.00	A	ACCT 2--	Accounting Elective	3.00
				ACCT 203	Survey of Accounting	3.00
ACC 212	Prin. of Acctg. II	3.00	A			
MTH 241	Statistics I	3.00	A	OM ---	OM General Elective	2.00
				OM 210	Statistical Analysis for Mgmt	4.00
MTH 242	Statistics II	3.00	A			
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	A	CHEM 103	Chem Science in Mod Soc	4.00
CST 110	Intro to Comm.	3.00	A	COMM 100	Public Speaking	3.00
ECO 201	Prin of Macroecon	3.00	A	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	A	ECON L385	International Economic Policy	3.00
ENGH 111	College Composition I	3.00	B	ENGH 101	Composition	3.00
ENGH 112	Coll Composition II	3.00	A	ENGH ---	English Elective	3.00
HIS 101	Hist of West Civ I	3.00	A	HIST 101	Foundations of Western Civ	3.00
HUM 260	Survey/20CenturyCul	3.00	A	HUM ---	Humanities Elective	3.00
ITE 115	Intro Computer Appl	3.00	A	IT 103	Intro to Computing	3.00
ITE 140	Spreadsheet Software	3.00	A	MIS 102	Spreadsheet Apps for Bus	3.00
MTH 271	Applied Calculus I	3.00	A	MATH 108	Intro Calc: Business Appl	3.00
PED 116	Fitness And Wellness	2.00	A	PHED ---	Phys Ed Elective	2.00
PHI 115	Practical Reasoning	3.00	A	PHIL ---	Philosophy Elective	3.00
PHI 220	Ethics	3.00	A	PHIL 151	Introduction to Ethics	3.00
PSY 201	Intro to Psychology I	3.00	A	PSYC ---	Psychology Elective	3.00
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1.00	B	UNIV 100	Freshman Transition	1.00
TOTAL TRANSFER CREDIT HRS:		68.00		TOTAL MASON CREDIT HOURS:		68.00

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



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