

**WELCOME TO  
ORIENTATION!**

# Academic Experience Panel

2025 Family & Guest Orientation



University Life  
**NEW STUDENT AND  
FAMILY PROGRAMS**  
George Mason University®

# Faculty & Student Research

## Professors love two things:

- Teaching students
- Doing scholarly work

## Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities and Research (OSCAR)

- Website: [oscar.gmu.edu](http://oscar.gmu.edu)



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# Questions to Ask Your Student

- Have you talked to your professor(s)? Have you gone to your professor's office hours yet?
- What kinds of projects are your fellow students working on?
- What kind of research projects are your faculty members involved with, and have you found a faculty member yet with whom you might be interested in helping with their research?
- What kinds of research or creative projects are available in your major?
- Have you visited OSCAR, or had a visit from OSCAR in one of your classes?

# Academic Success Services

- The Lab for Writing and Communication
- Math Tutoring Center
- CEC Peer Mentor Center
- Academic Departments
- Disability Services
- Learning Services



# Questions to Ask Your Student

- What is your favorite class?
- What is your most difficult or challenging class?
- Are there any resources available to help you with that class?
- How can you find out about other resources?

*\*Students are often reluctant to admit when they are struggling in classes. It can be reassuring for them to hear about a time when you or a family member struggled in college or at work.*

# Academic Advising

## Supporting Student Success by Helping Students With:

- Selecting Courses
- Degree Planning & Progress
- Building Community Within Their School
- Credit for Study Abroad & Internships
- Understanding University Policies
- Communication & Self-Advocacy
- Connecting With Resources
- Exploring Academic Opportunities
- Making Connections to Careers & Alumni
- Navigating University Procedures & Systems

## Students Should:

- Communicate with their advisor regarding any academic issues or concerns
- Review their degree requirements and monitor their academic progress
- Meet with their advisor at least once a semester

# HAVE YOU MET YOUR SUCCESS COACH YET?

## What is a Success Coach?

A Success Coach helps students identify resources to enhance their Patriot experiences. Coaches work with students to help them develop and implement personal, career, and academic goals. We provide support and encouragement to help students continue writing their story while at Mason.

## How does Success Coaching work?

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.



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# Questions to Ask Your Student

Success Coaching Focus Area	Questions to ask:
Academics	What classes are you excited about this semester? Have you connected with your professors for those courses?
Career	Have you thought about looking into any internship or professional opportunities in your area of interest?
Civic Engagement	Have you considered signing up for a service learning or volunteering opportunity?
Commitment to Graduation	What is your motivation to graduating?
Effectiveness	How are you staying organized and managing your time?
Finances	Are you keeping track of how you are spending your money?
Managing Commitments	What are your commitments outside of class?
School Community	Are there any clubs or organizations that you are interested in joining?
Well-Being	Are you getting enough sleep? What is one thing you did for self-care this week?



# Web Information

**Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research (OSCAR)** - [Oscar.gmu.edu](https://Oscar.gmu.edu)

**Learning Services** - [Learningservices.gmu.edu](https://Learningservices.gmu.edu)

**Academic Advising** - [Advising.gmu.edu](https://Advising.gmu.edu)

**Student Success Coaching** - [Coaching.gmu.edu](https://Coaching.gmu.edu)

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