

**WELCOME TO
ORIENTATION!**



Connecting with
Your College

College of Science



Today's Agenda

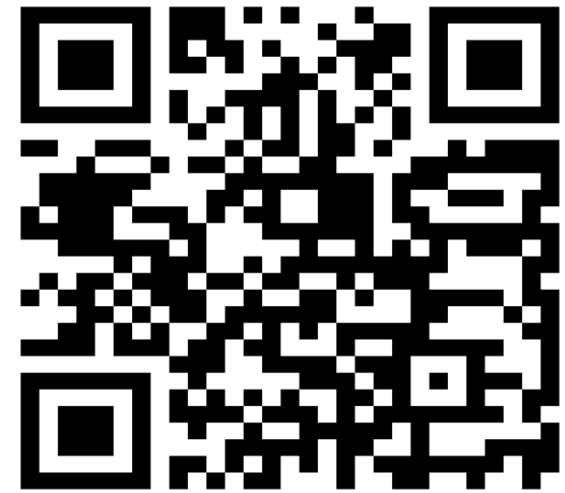
- How academic advising works in the College of Science and how to use it throughout your college experience
- Important university systems and how to access them
- Crucial academic and registration deadlines and processes
- Strategies for success at George Mason
- How virtual orientation advising works and how to prepare for it



Academic Deadlines

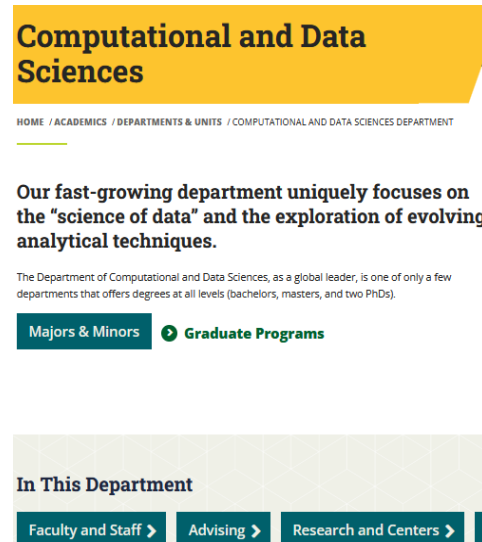
registrar.gmu.edu/calendars

- These will be discussed at length during the virtual orientation
- Very important to understand that there is a deadline and each has its own ramifications, be it academic or in some cases, financial.
- Not knowing that deadlines exist is never a reason which can be used for an exception to policy



Academic Advising in COS

- Every major in the college has an undergraduate coordinator for the major. Ideally, this is the person, who is the advisor.
- Some units may have more than one advisor. Every academic unit in COS has a website where a link to advising is present.



Success in COS

How you schedule courses is key!

- Attempt to schedule lectures in the middle of the day
- Schedule labs in the morning or late afternoon/evening (sometimes this cannot be avoided)

Take advantage of all the resources which are available to you.

- Learning Assistants and tutoring centers
- Faculty

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 am					
8 am					
9 am					
10 am					
11 am					
12 pm					
1 pm					
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4 pm					
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Resources at Mason

- Academic, Social, Financial, Well-being
- Attend performances, exhibitions, presentations and competitions
- **Free** and **accessible** to all Mason students
- advising.gmu.edu/resources



Virtual Advising & Registration

- Conducted remotely via Zoom
- Punctuality and preparation are essential – treat it like class as we will ask you to take notes
- There will be a policy presentation (take notes!)
- Meet major/program advisors and leaders
- **PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON SPRING 2025 COURSES**



Preparing for Your Virtual Advising Session

- Patriot Web
 - Physical Locations
- Schedule of Courses
- Four-year plans
- Catalog
- Mason Core
- Math Placement / Foreign Language



<https://advising.gmu.edu/newstudent/>



Your Next Steps

- Enjoy the remainder of the day!
- Trust the process
- Ask questions
- Be ready to work!
- Go to this website ----->
(link is also on the handout)



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