

WELCOME TO ORIENTATION!



Connecting with Your Major

Schar School of Policy
and Government



Today's Agenda

- How academic advising works at George Mason University and in the Schar School 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 Advising at Mason

Role of an Academic Advisor

- Academic planning
- Policy interpretation
- General support

Expectations – both directions!

- Professionalism
- Preparation
- Communication

Using Advising Effectively

- When to meet?
- Why to meet?
- Academic deadlines



Academic Deadlines

registrar.gmu.edu/calendars

Schedule of Classes Available in PatriotWeb	Tues. Oct 8	Tues. Oct 8	Tues. Oct 8	Tues. Oct 8	Tues. Oct 8
Priority Dates Begin	Tue. Oct 29	Tue. Oct 29	Tue. Oct 29	Tue. Oct 29	Tue. Oct 29
Consortium Registration Deadline	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
First Day of Spring Classes:	Tue. Jan 21	Tue. Jan 14	Mon. Mar 17	Mon. Jan 13	Mon. Mar 17
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Tue. Jan 21	Tue. Jan 14	Mon. Mar 17	Mon. Jan 13	Mon. Mar 17
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Tue. Jan 28	Thur. Jan 16	Wed. Mar 19	Thur. Jan 16	Thur. Mar 20
Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund	Tue. Feb 4	Tue. Jan 21 (Final Drop)	Fri. Mar 21 (Final Drop)	Tue. Jan 21 (Final Drop)	Mon. Mar 24 (Final Drop)
Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund	Thu. Feb 11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability	Wed. Feb 12 - Tue. Feb 25	Wed. Jan 22 - Mon. Feb 3	Sat. Mar 22 - Thu. Apr 3	Wed. Jan 22 - Sun. Feb 9	Tue. Mar 25 - Sun. Apr 13
Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Feb 17 - Fri. Mar 21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Feb 26 - Mon. Mar 31	Tue. Feb 4 - Mon. Feb 10	Fri. Apr 4 - Thu. Apr 10	N/A	N/A



Accessing Advising

advising.gmu.edu



Advisor Locator



Academic Planning & Registration



Majors and Minors:
Explore, Change, Add



Change of Major



First-Year Student
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Exploratory Academic
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Transfer Student
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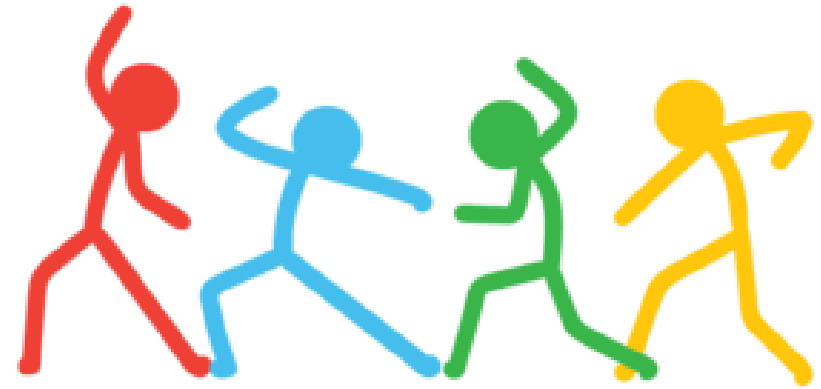


Non-Degree Student
Advising



Academic Advising in Schar

- Your Advising Team:
 - Dr. Ann Ludwick
 - Dr. Matt Green
 - Jana Biever
 - Victoria Cattelona
 - Peer Academic Advisors
- We serve as guides to help students with:
 - Selecting courses each semester
 - Identifying goals and long-term plans
 - Connecting to campus resources
 - Making the most out of your Schar School experience!



How to Connect with Us

- Appointments can be made on Navigate
 - On-campus and Zoom
 - Drop-in Advising is available
- Weekly Hours:
 - 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday
- On-campus Location:
 - Aquia Building, Fairfax Campus
 - Room 337



Success in College

Less class time, more studying

- Deceptive “free” time

Less structure & symmetry

- Every day is different
- Hard to set consistent weekly routine

Less external accountability

- Nobody is “making sure” you’re doing anything
- Set your own systems of accountability

Infinite distractions

- Always something you could do instead

Intelligence + Effort + Support + Resilience

- Intelligence is not enough. Effort is not enough.
Seek support.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8 AM	CLASS 1	STUDY	CLASS 1	STUDY	CLASS 1
9 AM	STUDY	STUDY	STUDY	STUDY	STUDY
10 AM	STUDY	CLASS 3	STUDY	CLASS 3	STUDY
11 AM	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 2
12 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1 PM	STUDY	STUDY	STUDY	STUDY	LAB
2 PM	STUDY	CLASS 4	STUDY	CLASS 4	LAB
3 PM	LAB	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	CLASS 4	STUDY
4 PM	LAB	STUDY	CLASS 5	STUDY	STUDY
5 PM	LAB	STUDY	CLASS 5	STUDY	STUDY
6 PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
7 M	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE
8 PM	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

Resources at Mason

- Academic, Social, Financial, Well-being
- Free and accessible to all Mason students
- advising.gmu.edu/resources



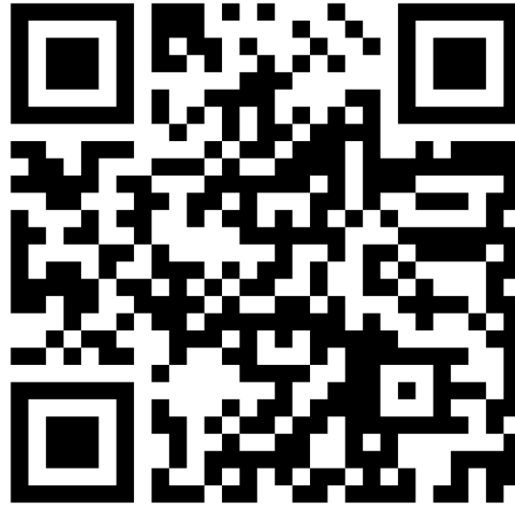
Virtual Advising & Registration

- Conducted remotely via Zoom
- Punctuality and preparation are essential – treat it like class
- Meet college/program advisors and leaders
- Focus on Fall courses



Preparing for Your Virtual Advising Session

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



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



Your Next Steps

For Freshmen:

- ☐ Review sample 4-year plans for your major of choice
- ☐ Prepare a list of AP/IB, dual-enrollment, or any other college-level credits earned, if applicable, and make sure any test scores have been sent to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Use Patriot Web to complete a rough draft of your schedule
- ☐ Identify at least three questions to ask during virtual advising

For Transfers:

- ☐ Review your Transfer Credit Evaluation for any missing credits
- ☐ Ensure your **final** transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Review your degree audit to see how your transfer credits are applying to requirements
- ☐ Identify at least three questions to ask during virtual advising

