

Welcome to Orientation!

The Carter School for Peace & Conflict Resolution





Today's Agenda

- **Carter School Introduction**
- **How academic advising works and how to use it**
- **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**



Key Facts

- #1 Peace and Conflict Resolution degree at a public university.
- 100% of students participate in experiential learning.
- Launched in 1981 as a Peace Center, evolved into an institute, and now into the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- Awarding Bachelor's Degrees for 20 Years (2006)
- We are a community with a fundamental commitment to building peace.



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Dean Alpaslan Özerdem



Appointed Dean in August 2019, Dr. Özerdem has been a champion for research on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and post-conflict reconstruction. Dr. Özerdem is an extensively published author, with 14 books and countless journal articles and book chapters. He is extremely student centered, and can be found at many Carter School sponsored events.

Accessing Advising



Advisor Locator



Academic Planning &
Registration



Majors and Minors:
Explore, Change, Add



Change of Major



First-Year Student
Advising



Exploratory Academic
Advising



Transfer Student
Advising



Non-Degree Student
Advising

Patriot Connect – Complete Student Support
(Academic Advising/Success Coaching)

Academic Advising at Mason

Mason Catalog
(Mason Core and Program Requirements)

Student Registration

GMU People Finder

Carter School Website

Academic Advising: Conflict Analysis & Resolution

- Requirements Overview
 - General Education
 - B.S. or B.A.
 - Field Experience and Skills
 - Concentration
- Putting Together Your Schedule
 - Sequence of courses?
 - How many credits should I take?
 - Modality and Time of Day?
 - Course Selections – Plan a schedule that sets you up for success
 - Patriot Scheduler Limitations
- Making the Most of Elective Credits
 - Double Major, Minor, Study Abroad, Build Skills, Feed an Interest
 - Academic Planning Workshop in September



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Advising at Carter

Meet Your Advisors



Averi Jordan

**Academic Advisor and
Recruitment Coordinator**



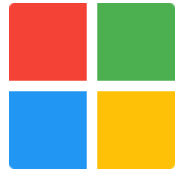
Jane Walker

Director of Student Services



Jordan Emely

**Academic Advisor and
Communications Coordinator**



Microsoft Office 365

Utilize O365 for your GMU
Email as well as other O365
tools like Word, Powerpoint,
Forms and more!



PatriotWeb

Utilize PatriotWeb to make
sure that all your student
information is correct,
register for courses, and
apply to graduate!



Patriot Connect

Utilize Patriot Connect to
schedule appointments with
support services, review
notes, and see upcoming
tasks or referrals!

Other useful systems:



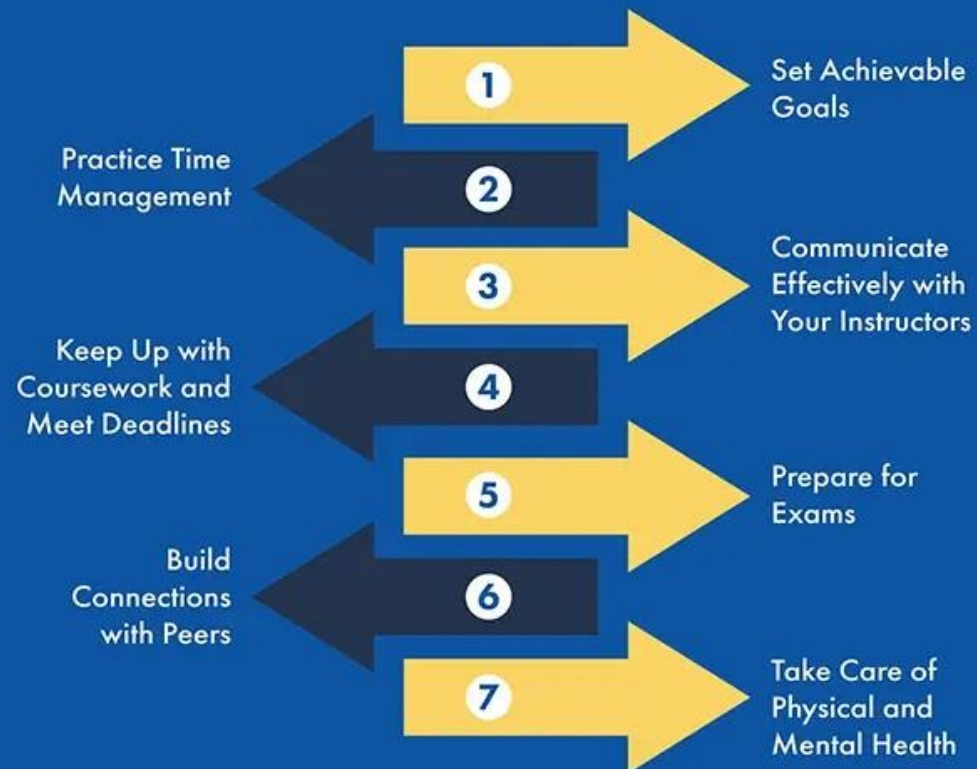
Description	Full Semester	7.5 Week: Session I	7.5 Week: Session II	8 Week: Session I	8 Week: Session II
Schedule of Classes Available in PatriotWeb	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11	Tue. Mar 11
Priority Dates Begin	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15	Tue. Apr 15
Consortium Registration Deadline	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
First Day of Fall Classes:	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Oct 20	Mon. Aug 25	Wed. Oct 22
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25	Mon. Aug 25
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Tue. Sept 2	Wed. Aug 27	Wed. Oct 22	Thur. Aug 28	Sat. Oct 25
Labor Day : University Closed	Mon. Sept 1	Mon. Sept 1	N/A	Mon. Sept 1	N/A
Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund	Mon. Sept 8	Fri. Aug 29 (Final Drop)	Fri. Oct 24 (Final Drop)	Tue. Sept 2 (Final Drop)	Wed. Oct 29 (Final Drop)
Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability	Wed. Sept 17 - Tue. Sept 30	Sat. Aug 30 - Fri. Sept 12	Sat. Oct 25 – Fri. Nov 7	Wed. Sept 3 - Sun. Sept 21	Thur. Oct 30 - Tue. Nov 18
Fall Break (Classes Do Not Meet)	Mon. Oct 13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Sept 22 - Fri. Oct 17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Oct 1 - Mon. Oct 27	Sat. Sept 13 - Fri. Sept 19	Sat. Nov 8 – Fri. Nov 14	N/A	N/A
Incomplete Work from Spring/Summer 2025 Due to Instructor	Fri. Oct 24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Incomplete Grade Changes from Spring/Summer 2024 Due to Registrar	Fri. Oct 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Election Day No Classes (University Closed)	Tue. Nov 4	N/A	Tue. Nov 4	N/A	Tue. Nov 4
Thanksgiving Recess: No Classes (University Closed)	Wed. Nov 26 - Sun. Nov 30	N/A	Wed. Nov 26 - Sun. Nov 30	N/A	Wed. Nov 26 - Sun. Nov 30
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri. Dec 5	Fri. Dec 5	Fri. Dec 5	Fri. Dec 5	Fri. Dec 5
Last Day of Class	Mon. Dec 8	Mon. Oct 13	Thu. Dec 11	Sun. Oct 19	Wed. Dec 17
Reading Day(s): Reading days provide students with additional study time for final examinations. Faculty may schedule optional study sessions, but regular classes or exams may not be held.	Tue. Dec 9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



Tips To Be Successful

7 Effective Strategies for Academic Success



I'd love to do quotes from faculty/staff for this slide

Next Task: Virtual Advising and Registration

- Conducted remotely via Zoom
- Do your homework and come with questions – treat it like class
- One-on-one advising time
- Focus is on Fall 2025 courses
- New student paperwork completed in advance

How To Prepare for Virtual Advising:

First-Year Students

1. Confirm all information looks accurate on PatriotWeb and that you can log-in
2. Know your AP/IB/CLEP scores, and any dual-enrollment credits and make sure they have been sent to the Office of Admissions
3. Take a look at recommended 4-year plans for both our BS and BA programs
4. Check the catalog for Mason Core fulfilling courses

How To Prepare for Virtual Advising:

Transfer Students

1. Review your transfer credit evaluation for any missing credits.
2. Ensure your FINAL transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions.
3. Review your degree audit to see how your transfer credits are applying to requirements.

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