



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
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Undergraduate Orientation

Connect With Your College



Summer 2025



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Learning Outcomes



Understand how to use
academic advising



Be aware of George
Mason **resources**,
policies, and **deadlines**



Prepare for
virtual advising and
registration



Academic Advising

Academic Advisors help with:

- Academic planning
- Policy interpretation
- General support

Expectations for students:

- Professionalism
- Preparation
- Communication

Using advising effectively

- Why should you meet?
- When should you meet?
- Make note of academic deadlines

Advising for the College of Education and Human Development

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Advisors are key resources to help you navigate the university, work toward completion of your degree requirements, and explore opportunities to diversify your portfolio of experiences to gain future employment or entry into advanced studies.



Advisor Locator

Find the contact information for your program below. Click on the program name to visit their website for



**Early
Childhood
Education**

Kayla Turner



**Elementary
Education**

Valerie Bartush



**Physical
Education**

Nancy Jacobson



**Secondary
Education**

Patty Hibner



**Special
Education**
(Last Names A - H)

Crystal Trebing



**Special
Education**
(Last Names I - S)

Jackie Beck



**Special
Education**
(Last Names T - Z)

Jancy Templeton



Kinesiology
(Last Names A - L)

Tiffany Sandstrum



Kinesiology
(Last Names M - Z)

Meghan Stone



**Sport MGMT
Recreation
MGMT**
(Last Names G - Z)

Melissa Busillo



**Sport MGMT
Tourism
MGMT**
(Last Names A - F)

Dr. Michelle Séki



Academic Deadlines

Aug 25

First Day of Classes

Sept 2

Last Day to Add
Classes

Sept 8

Last Day to Drop
Classes (full refund)

Sept 16

Last Day to Drop
Classes (50% refund)

Sept 17 – 30

Unrestricted Withdrawal
Period (no refund)

Oct 1 - 27

Selective Withdrawal Period
(Undergrad only/ no refund)

College considerations

less class
time, **more
studying**

**less
structure**
& symmetry

less external
accountability

distractions
everywhere

intelligence + effort + support + resilience



Stay tuned to learn about...

**Academic, social, financial,
and well-being resources**

- ▶ Free and accessible to all George Mason students
- ▶ Comprehensive list in the CEHD Student Guide

Prepare for Registration



advising.gmu.edu/newstudent

First-Year Students

Reach out to your advisor to introduce yourself

Review sample 4-year plans for your major

Prepare a list of college-level credits earned and make sure any test scores have been sent to the Office of Admissions

Log into Patriot Web to draft your schedule and resolve any "Action Items Pending"

Write down questions you want to ask during virtual advising

Reminders:

Know your **G number**

You won't be able to register for classes until the **day of** your virtual orientation session





Reminders:

Know your **G number**

You will register for classes during your **virtual orientation** session or **pre-orientation** advising session

Transfer Students

Reach out to your advisor to introduce yourself

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

Log into Patriot Web to draft your schedule and resolve any “Action Items Pending”

Write down questions you want to ask during virtual advising

Let's play Jenga

Remove one Jenga block and place it atop the tower without knocking the structure (or other pieces) over.

During your first turn, please share your name and major/title.

The winner of the game is the last player who successfully plays a turn before the tower is knocked over.

Our twist: each Jenga block has a question. . .

**Incoming
Students**

**Current
Students/Staff**

Anyone

Optional:

You can ask any faculty, staff, or current students in the room a question instead of answering the question on your block



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