

# Welcome to Orientation!

## Connecting with Your College

# College of Science



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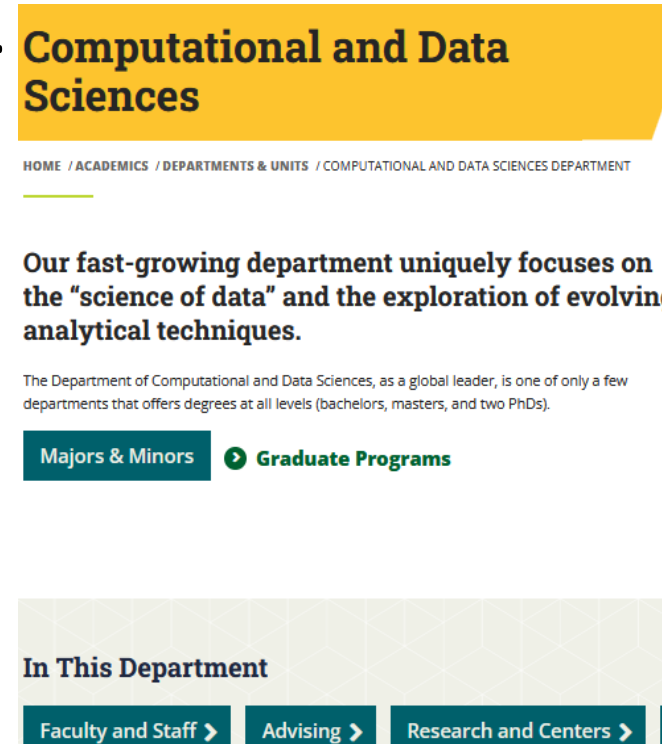


# Today's Agenda

- 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 Advising in the College of Science

- 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. Every academic unit in COS has a website where a link to advising is present.



# Success in COS

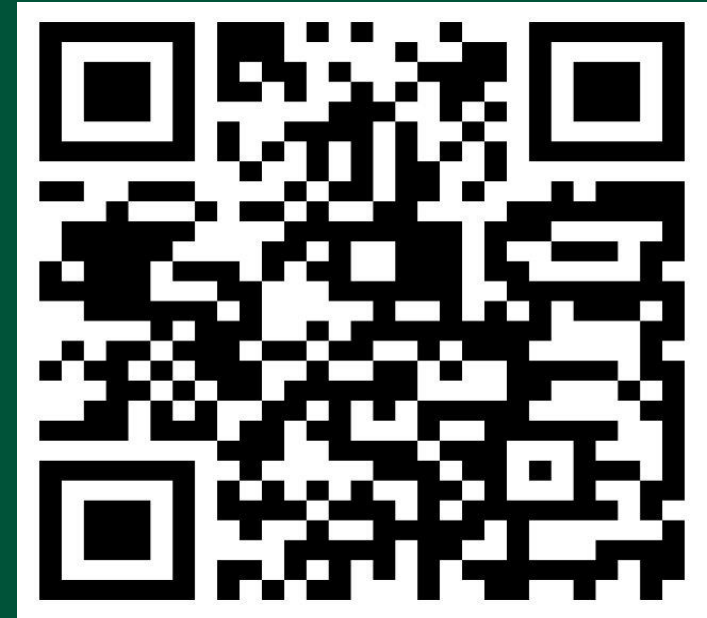
- How you schedule courses is key!
- Attempt to schedule lectures in the middle of the day
- Schedule labs in the morning or late afternoon/evening (sometimes this cannot be avoided)
- Take advantage of all the resources which are available to you.
- Learning Assistants and tutoring centers
- Faculty

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# Academic Deadlines

[registrar.gmu.edu/calendars](https://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars)

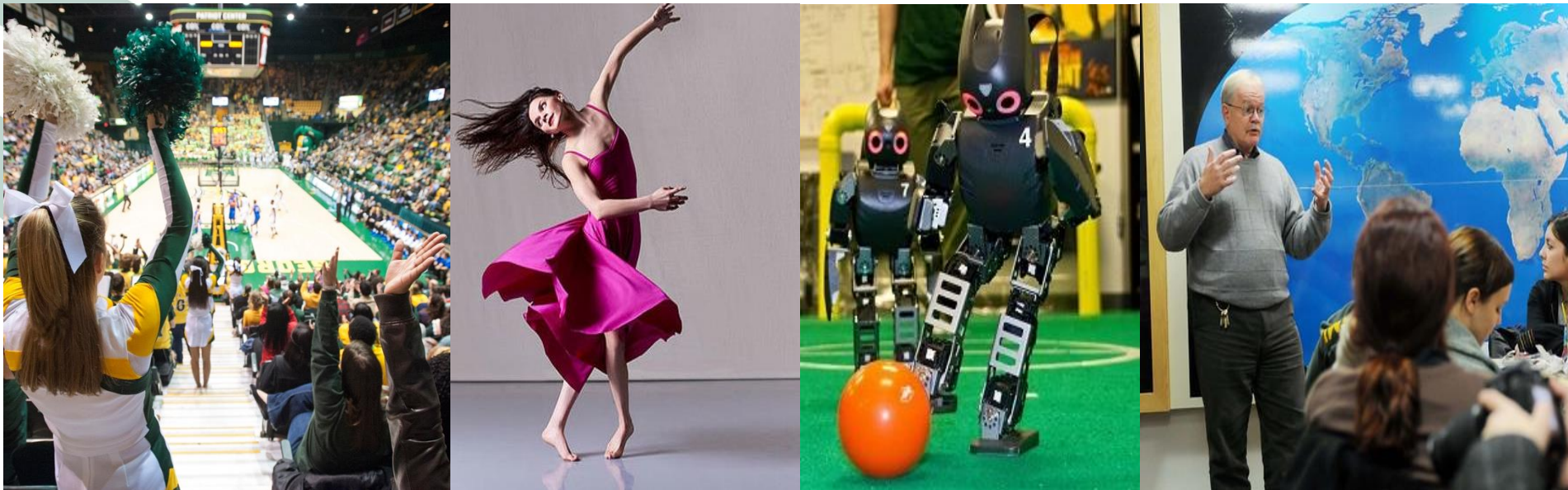
- These will be discussed at length during the virtual orientation
- Very important to understand that there is a deadline and each has its own ramifications, be it academic or in some cases, financial.
- Not knowing that deadlines exist is never a reason which can be used for an exception to policy





# Resources at George Mason University

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