

## Welcome to Orientation!

Connecting with the

**College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)** 



# Today's Agenda

- How academic advising works in CVPA and at Mason overall
- Some important university systems and how to access them
- Crucial academic and registration deadlines
- Strategies for success as a Mason student
- How virtual orientation advising works and how to prepare for it



## **Academic Advising in CVPA**

- Advisors by major for all departments, and by alpha for the School of Art
- Advisors stay with you for your entire degree
- Best first points of contact for:
  - Understanding your degree audit and progression of your degree
  - Challenges beyond the subject matter of your courses and connection to services
  - Considering a minor, double major, study abroad or an accelerated master's
  - Understanding college policy and whether an exception is possible
  - Connecting to major-related extracurriculars



# **Academic Advising at Mason**

- Your advisor is your primary resource
- Understanding the rest of your "success team"
- Advisor meetings
  - When / how often
  - Expectations
    - Professionalism
    - Preparation
    - Communication
    - Follow through

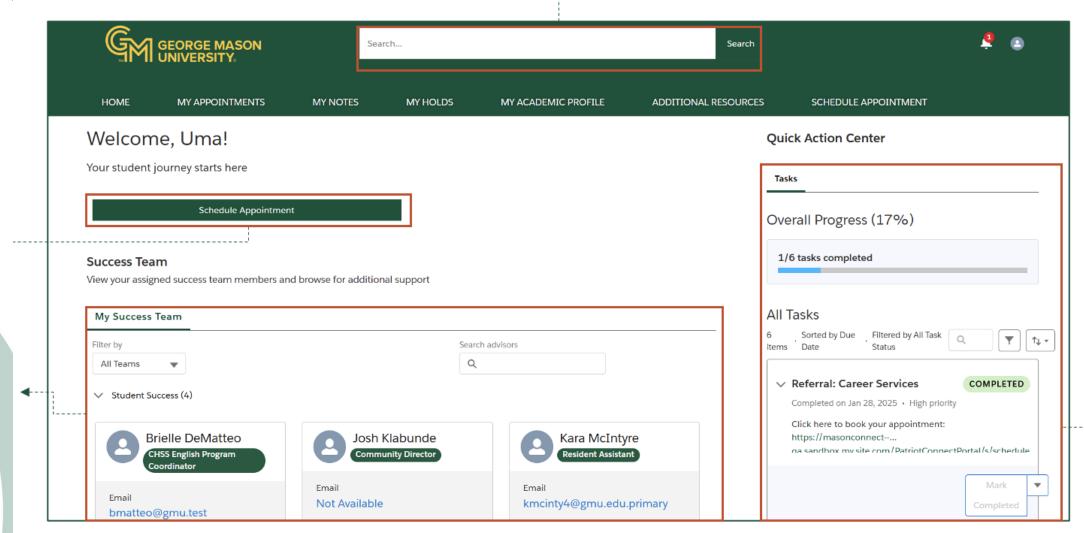
#### **IMPORTANT TOOLS**

Patriot Connect to schedule appointments - <a href="https://plan.connect.gmu.edu/home/students/">https://plan.connect.gmu.edu/home/students/</a>

Degree audit to plan and check degree progresshttps://registrar.gmu.edu/degreeaudit/for-students/



### **Using Patriot Connect**





A few important dates and deadlines for fall

First Day of Fall Classes:	Mon. Aug 25	
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Aug 25	
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Tue. Sept 2	
Labor Day : University Closed	Mon. Sept 1	
Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund	Mon. Sept 8	
Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 16	
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability	Wed. Sept 17 - Tue. Sept 30	
Fall Break (Classes Do Not Meet)	Mon. Oct 13	
Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Sept 22 - Fri. Oct 17	
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Oct 1 - Mon. Oct 27	



registrar.gmu.edu/calendars



# Success in College

'Free time' isn't always free - less in-class time, but more studying and out-of-class 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 when needed.

	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



### Lots of other resources at Mason

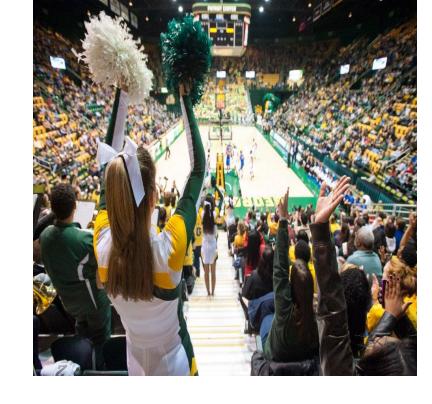
Academic, social, financial

Do you need accommodations?

Attend performances, exhibitions, games

Free and accessible to all Mason students











### Honors slide for relevant sections



### Virtual Advising & Registration

- Conducted via Zoom main room plus major-specific breakout rooms
- Sessions are not 'drop-in' they start promptly at 9AM,
   1:30PM or 6PM
- Patriot Web = registration platform
- Schedule of Courses = courses available
- Degree plans (4-year, 2.5 year) will be shared by advisors
- Mason Core classes will be part of your first semester
- NO Math Placement tests are required for CVPA
- Foreign language waivers



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

### **Next Steps**

### For Freshmen:

- Do you have AP/IB, dual-enrollment, or any other college-level credits earned? If so, please make sure any test scores or final transcripts have been sent to the Office of Admissions
- Log into **Patriot Web** to familiarize yourself tutorials on the Registrar's website to help <a href="https://registrar.gmu.edu/students/patriot-web-tutorials/">https://registrar.gmu.edu/students/patriot-web-tutorials/</a>
- Prepare any questions you may have 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





So great to meet you - thank you for joining!

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