

Welcome to Orientation!

UNIV 100/300 -Introduction to George Mason

UNIV 100 - First Year Students

UNIV 300 – Transfer Students



Office of Undergraduate Education





Path for a Successful Transition to George Mason University

UNIV-100 is a 1-credit, student-oriented holistic course that provides students with tools to

- ✓ Be academically and personally successful
- ✓ Lay the foundation for career-readiness
- ✓ Engage in the college community
- ✓ Take full advantage of all the opportunities George Mason has to offer

UNIV 300 is a half-semester version for transfer students



About Transition to Mason Courses

- ✓ Learn about George Mason policies & resources, e.g., the honor code, registration policies, internship and job opportunities, etc.
- ✓ Build skills, e.g., time and money management, career readiness, etc.
- ✓ Once a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes
- Discussion-based classes with max. 20 students
- ✓ Co-taught with a faculty and peer advisor (UNIV 100)
- ✓ 1 credit elective
- ✓ UNIV 300 can be taken for 0 credit!



In collaboration with many campus partners...

- ✓ Academic Advising
- ✓ Career Services
- ✓ LEAD Office
- ✓ Learning Services
- ✓ Library Services
- ✓ Mason Recreation

- ✓ OSCAR (Undergraduate Research)
- ✓ Student Conduct
- ✓ Student Involvement
- ✓ Student Support and Advocacy Center
- ✓ Study Abroad



Assignment Due Date **Topics** (assignment weeks can be adjusted by the instructor) *Getting to Know Mason Week 1 (08/25- 08/30) Introductions/Ice Breakers Review of Syllabus Week 2 (09/02-09/05) *Time Management Bring subject No Monday classes- University closed for Labor notebook/folder/binder Day 9/01 Journal #1 in-class Campus Scavenger Hunt Week 3 (09/08-09/12) Student Involvement (can be CP Presentation) Outside event #1 Week 4 (09/15-09/19) *Team Building Activities (Out and About) Week 5 (09/22-09/26) *Academic Success (can be CP Presentation) Journal #2 Surviving Mid-Terms Week 6 (09/29-10/03) Academic Integrity Student Conduct (can be CP Presentation) Week 7 (10/06-10/10) *Academic Advising and Course Registration Outside Event #2 (move date based on exact date registration opens) Mental and Physical Wellbeing Week 8 (10/13-10/17) Journal #3 (10/13 is fall break) Fall Break 10/13: Monday classes do NOT meet Week 9 (10/20-10/24) *Money Management Week 10 (10/27-10/31) *Career Readiness and Resume Building (can be Academic Advisor Schedule CP Presentation) Planning Form 1:1 Meeting with Faculty or PA Week 11 (11/03-11/07) Alcohol and Drug Awareness Outside Event #3 Election Day: Tuesday Classes do NOT meet 11/4 is election day Week 12 (11/10-11/14) - Instructor's Choice (Recommended: Journal #4 Undergraduate Ed. Topic (OSCAR or Fellowship opportunities)) Week 13 (11/17-11/21) - Instructor's Choice Resume Week 14 (11/24-11/28) THANKSGIVING)- no classes Wed, Nov 26-Fri Nov 29; school open M, T only Week 15 (12/01-12/06) Final assignment Final presentations INSTRUCTOR'S CHOICE (Final Presentations WEEK 16 -ONLY 12/08 recommended) MONDAY CLASSES No classes on any other day of the week this week!

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Student Learning Outcomes:

As a result of participating in UNIV 100, students will:

Connect with peers, faculty and the larger Mason community through **meaningful** interactions.

Be able to access Mason resources related to their personal growth, academic development and career planning & plan for an effective use of a few of these resources.

Be able to **reflect** on their experiences and strengths as they relate to their self-discovery and goals.



Ultimately...

...getting the students on the Right Start for lasting results

...increasing connection and retention

... exposing the students to opportunities they can take advantage of right from the start



What to Expect in Class?

No Exams!

Assignments

- ✓ Outside events
- ✓ Visit with Academic Advisor
- ✓ Short journal writing
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Final Project

Practical Info, Fun Environment

- ✓ Not an academic course
- ✓ Building and practicing valuable skills in a welcoming, micro-community

Fall 2024 Sample Student Survey Results

Table 1: Percentage of students that agreed with the statements:	
"This course helped me with"	

My Personal Goals	89%
My Academic Goals	89%
My Career Goals	84%
Becoming more confident with locating appropriate help on campus when I have a question or concern	91%

Table 2: Percentage of students who agreed that as a result of taking the course, they

Know how to access	
resources at Mason	94%
Have the information they need to make informed choices regarding the honor code - plagiarism and cheating	89%
Have the information they need to make healthy choices	89%
Feel confident about managing their time and responsibilities	86%
Feel more comfortable using Patriot Web to schedule classes	92%
Are more aware of their own values, strengths, and areas for growth	86%



Thinking "I already know all this"?

- Pre-class vs post-class student evals reveal even students who feel very confident about skills taught in the class beforehand say the class benefited them greatly in building those skills further...
- Continued Impact:

One year after finishing the course, 71% of students said the course continued to have a positive impact on them beyond the first year, 21% weren't sure, with only 8% saying no.



HOW TO REGISTER FOR UNIV 100



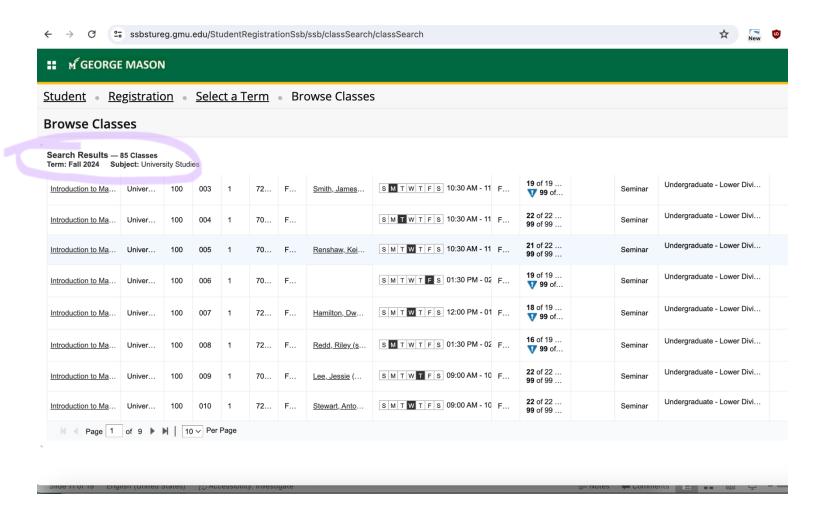
Under Subject, select "University Studies"

Select the section that works for you

Enjoy your first semester!



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Other UNIV Classes for New Students

First Year and Transfer:

UNIV 110/310: Academic Success

UNIV 170/370: Building Resilience

UNIV 170/370: Financial Literacy

are designed for freshmen (with in-class modifications for the 300-level open to upper classmen).

UNIV 220: Decide/Confirm Major is recommended for students in their second semester or sophomore year.

Transfer Students:

UNIV-300: Transfer Transition is highly encouraged for all transfer students in their first or second semester at Mason and is offered as a half-semester course.

UNIV 320: Internship/Career Readiness



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