
Welcome to Orientation!

Connecting with Your College: Bachelor of Applied Science

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Today's Agenda

- How academic advising works at George Mason and in BAS
- Crucial academic and registration deadlines and processes
- George Mason resources
- How virtual orientation advising works and how to prepare for it
- AAS Requirement
- Academic Standards
- Next Steps

Academic Advising at Mason

Role of an Academic Advisor

- Academic planning
- Policy interpretation
- General support

Expectations – both directions!

- Professionalism
- Preparation
- Communication
- **Using Advising Effectively**
 - When to meet?
 - Why to meet?
 - Academic deadlines



Academic Deadlines

- **YOU** are responsible for knowing & following add and drop deadlines.
- You **cannot** wait until the last week of the semester to ask for a retroactive drop.
- You **will not** be dropped from a course if you don't attend.



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Academic Advising in BAS

- Advisors assigned by your last name.
 - A-K: Allison Beck Winters, abeck3@gmu.edu
 - L-Z: Carmella Trippett-Blanks, ctrippet@gmu.edu
- Advising appointments made in Patriot Connect.
 - <http://connect.gmu.edu>
- All advising is virtual, held via Zoom.
- General inquiries can be sent to BAS@gmu.edu
- BAS resources:
 - <http://bas.gmu.edu>



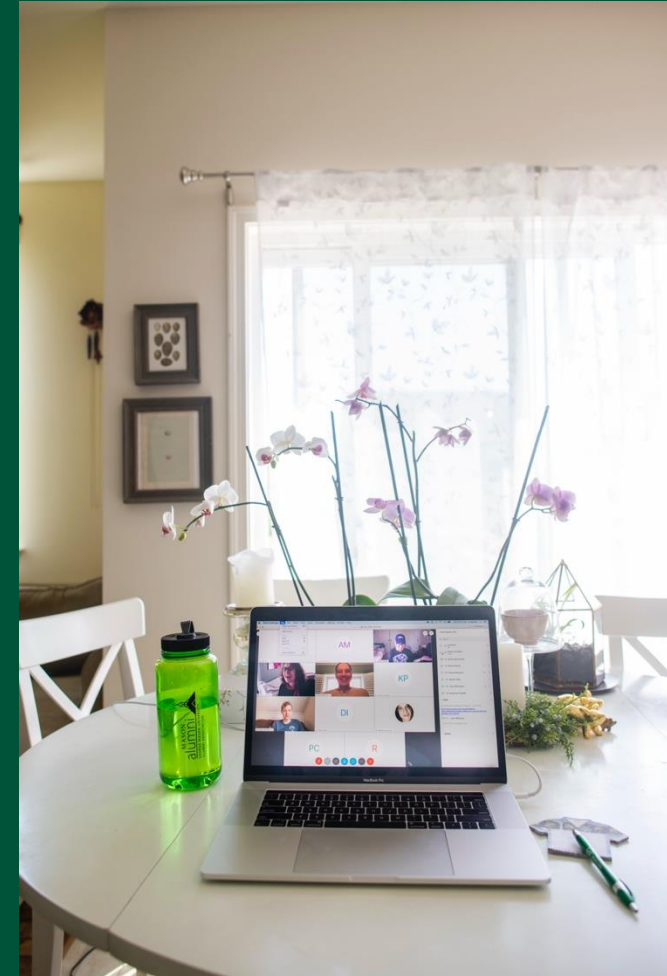
Resources at Mason

- Tutoring
- Writing Center
- Communication Center
- Learning Services
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- Disability Services



Virtual Advising & Registration

- Conducted remotely via Zoom.
- Be ON TIME. Will not admit late students.
- Meet program advisors.
- Learn “big picture” Mason & BAS policies, procedures, etc.
- Review BAS curriculum.
- Register for Fall courses.



AAS Reminder

- BAS requires a **completed** AAS for admission. There are no exceptions.
- Your AAS must be 100% completed before your first day at George Mason.
- Your AAS transcript must be sent to Admissions by Oct. 1
 - Registration hold added if not received. Meaning you cannot register for Spring 2026.
 - If not received within one academic year, you will be removed from BAS.

Academic Standards

- **Types of Violations:**

- **Unauthorized Assistance**

- Receiving work from or providing work to others
 - Unauthorized use of AI
 - Sharing academic content on public websites/in group chats

- **Fabrication**

- False excuses for missing class/assignments/tests
 - Fabricating data or documents

- **Plagiarism**

- Using someone else's work
 - Not properly citing sources
 - Resubmitting your own work in another course

- **Sanctions:**

- Failing grade on the assignment & course grade reduction
 - Course failure
 - Suspension
 - Permanent dismissal

Honor Code violations can be obtained by investigators during the Security Clearance process.

Violations reflect poorly on your ethics, and can prevent you from receiving a clearance.

It's not worth the risk!

Your Next Steps

- ☐ Schedule an appointment with your advisor
- ☐ Ensure your **final AAS** transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Review your transfer credit and degree audit



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