

Welcome to Orientation!

Your George Mason Education

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What Do You Want From Your Education?

What's your first priority when considering a college or university?



Tollo Data Insights



What Employers Want

AAC&U survey of employers shows liberal arts skills are valued and sought out in the workplace but raises questions about student preparation.

Currently, the most desired skills from employers are **problem-solving, collaboration, and communication.**

– National Association of Colleges and Employers, 2025

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INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE THE MOST
INFLUENTIAL FACTOR IN TOUGH HIRING
DECISIONS

What Do We Want For Your Education?



An Engaged **Citizen** and Well-Rounded **Scholar** who is **Prepared to Act** in a Diverse, Global World

2026-2027 Mason Core

INTEGRATION (9 credits)

- Adv Writing
- Writing Intensive
- Apex

EXPLORATION (22 credits)

- Arts
- Global History
- Global Contexts
- Literature
- Natural Science
- Social & Behavioral Science

FOUNDATION (12 credits)

- Written Comm
- Oral Comm
- Quant Reasoning
- IT & Computing



MASON IMPACT



Research and
Creative Inquiry

OSCAR
(Undergrad Ed)



Civic Engagement

CECiL
(Undergrad Ed)



Career Readiness
and
Entrepreneurship

**Career Services
& Undergrad Ed**



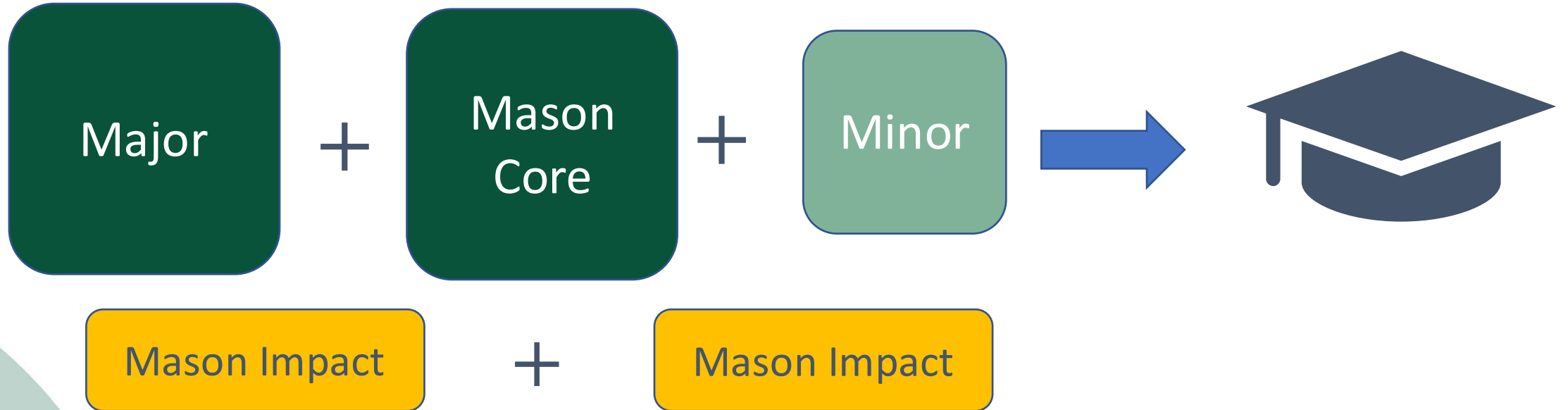
Internships



Global
Experiences

GEO

Building your Own Unique Program



There are more than **4.5 MILLION**
unique combinations of majors, minors, and high impact
experiences

Tips for Success



Ask for help!

Keep track of your academic progress



Meet regularly
with your
academic advisor!

advising.gmu.edu

Build an appropriate course schedule



Part-time?

Full-time?

Other obligations?

Remember this can
change if needed!

Take University Studies Courses



Transition to,
through, and beyond
George Mason!



Talk to your
professors!

Balance!





**Enjoy your
George Mason
Experience!**

Bonus tip for parents and supporters



“What are you
going to do
about that?”



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You

World



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