



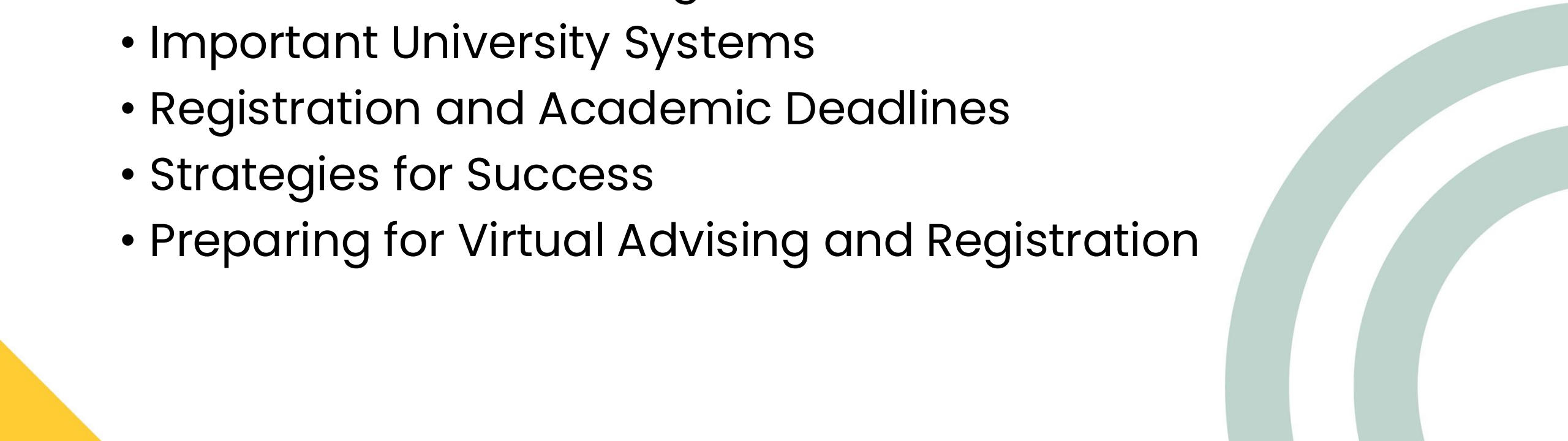
University Life
**NEW STUDENT AND
FAMILY PROGRAMS**
George Mason University®

Welcome to Orientation!

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for
Peace and Conflict Resolution



Today's Agenda

- Carter School Introduction
 - How Academic Advising Works
 - Important University Systems
 - Registration and Academic Deadlines
 - Strategies for Success
 - Preparing for Virtual Advising and Registration
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What is Conflict Analysis and Resolution?



A word cloud illustrating various fields and concepts related to conflict analysis and resolution. The words are arranged in a non-uniform, overlapping manner, with some appearing larger and more prominent than others. The colors of the words include green, yellow, and grey. The fields represented include:

- Counseling
- Intelligence Analysis
- Mediation
- Foreign Relations
- Social Justice
- Art
- Community Development
- Communications
- Terrorism
- Crisis Management
- Data Ethics
- Diplomacy
- Business
- Organizational Development
- Environmental Policy
- Humanitarian
- Religious Conflict
- Public Policy
- Criminal Justice
- Urban Planning
- Restorative Justice
- HR
- Non-Profit
- NGO
- Law
- Immigration
- Food Security
- Refugees
- Global Health
- DEI
- PeaceTech

Key Facts

- #1 Peace and Conflict Resolution degree at a public university
- 100% of students participate in experiential learning (internship, study abroad, independent research)
- Awarding Bachelors Degrees for 20 years – since 2006
- Launched in 1981 as Conflict Resolution Center
 - Evolved into the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR)
 - Then the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
 - Now to the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

Dean Alpaslan Özerdem



Appointed Dean in August 2019, Dr. Özerdem has been a champion for research on conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and post-conflict reconstruction. Dr. Özerdem is an extensively published author, with 14 books and countless journal articles and book chapters. He is extremely student centered and teaches CONF 101 and CONF 435.

Advising @ Mason

Patriot Connect – Complete Student Support
(Academic Advising/Success Coaching)

Academic Advising at Mason

Mason Catalog
(Mason Core and Program Requirements)

Student Registration

Carter School Website



Advisor Locator



Academic Planning &
Registration



Majors and Minors:
Explore, Change, Add



Change of Major



First-Year Student
Advising



Exploratory Academic
Advising



Transfer Student
Advising



Non-Degree Student
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Microsoft Office 365

Utilize O365 for your GMU
Email as well as other O365
tools like Word,
Powerpoint, Forms and
more!



PatriotWeb

Utilize PatriotWeb to make sure
that all your student
information is correct, register
for courses, and apply to
graduate!



Patriot Connect

Utilize Patriot Connect to
schedule appointments with
support services, review notes,
and see upcoming tasks or
referrals!

Other useful systems:





Description	Full Semester	7.5 Week: Session I	7.5 Week: Session II	8 Week: Session I	8 Week: Session II
Schedule of Classes Available in PatriotWeb	Tue. Mar 10	Tue. Mar 10	Tue. Mar 10	Tue. Mar 10	Tue. Mar 10
Priority Dates Begin	Tue. Apr 14	Tue. Apr 14	Tue. Apr 14	Tue. Apr 14	Tue. Apr 14
Consortium Registration Deadline	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
First Day of Fall Classes:	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Oct 19	Mon. Aug 24	Wed. Oct 21
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Aug 24	Mon. Aug 24
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Mon. Aug. 31	Wed. Aug 26	Wed. Oct 21	Thur. Aug 27	Sat. Oct 24
Labor Day : University Closed	Mon. Sept 7	Mon. Sept 7	N/A	Mon. Sept 7	N/A
Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 8	Fri. Aug 28 (Final Drop)	Fri. Oct 23 (Final Drop)	Mon. Aug. 31 (Final Drop)	Wed. Oct 28 (Final Drop)
Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability	Wed. Sept 16 - Tue. Sept 29	Sat. Aug 29 - Fri. Sept 11	Sat. Oct 24 - Fri. Nov 6	Tue. Sept 1 - Sun. Sept 20	Thur. Oct 29 - Tue. Nov 17

Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Sept 21 - Fri. Oct 16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Sep 30 - Mon. Oct 26	Sat. Sept 12 - Fri. Sept 18	Sat. Nov 7 - Fri. Nov 13	N/A	N/A
Fall Break (Classes Do Not Meet)	Mon. Oct 12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Incomplete Work from Spring/Summer 2026 Due to Instructor	Fri. Oct 23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Incomplete Grade Changes from Spring/Summer 2026 Due to Registrar	Fri. Oct 30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Election Day No Classes	Tue. Nov 3	N/A	Tue. Nov 3	N/A	Tue. Nov 3
Thanksgiving Recess: No Classes (University Closed)	Wed. Nov 25 - Sun. Nov 29	N/A	Wed. Nov 25 - Sun. Nov 29	N/A	Wed. Nov 25 - Sun. Nov 29
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri. Dec 4	Fri. Dec 4	Fri. Dec 4	Fri. Dec 4	Fri. Dec 4
Last Day of Class	Mon. Dec 7	Mon. Oct 12	Thu. Dec 10	Sun. Oct 18	Wed. Dec 16



Advising @ Carter

- Requirements Overview
 - Mason Core and Gen Eds
 - B.S. or B.A.
 - Field Experience and Skills
 - Concentration
- Putting Together Your Schedule
 - Sequence of courses?
 - How many credits should I take?
 - Modality and Time of Day?
 - Course Selections – Plan a schedule that sets you up for success
 - Patriot Scheduler Limitations
- Making the Most of Elective Credits
 - Double Major, Minor, Study Abroad, Build Skills, Feed an Interest
 - Academic Planning Workshop in September





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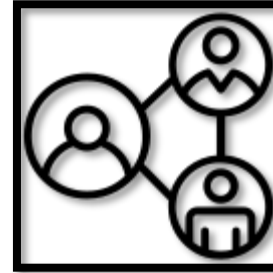
Concentrations



**Global
Engagement**



**Building Peace in
Divided
Societies**



**Interpersonal
Dynamics**



**Justice and
Reconciliation**



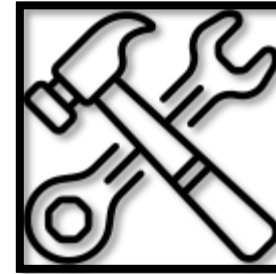
**Collaborative
Leadership**



**Political and
Social
Action**



**Environmental
Conflict and
Collaboration**



Individualized

CONF 101



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Specializes in conflict resolution, peacebuilding,
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PhD in Post-War Recovery
MSc in Built Environment
BSe in Civil Engineering



Dr. Irvin-Erickson
Specializes in 20th and 21st century history of
international criminal law and human rights, and
genocide prevention.
PhD in Global Affairs
MA in English Literature

Field Experience Opportunities



82%



48%



25%

62% of Students complete 2 or more Field Experiences

Strategies for Success: Time Management

Baseline: 168 Total Hours

**Assuming 7 hours of sleep
between 12:00 AM and
7:00 AM (though we
encourage more)!**

**Schedule must include
classes and an hour for each
meal!**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00-8:00 AM							
8:00-9:00 AM							
9:00-10:00 AM							
10:00-11:00 AM							
11:00-12:00 PM							
12:00-1:00 PM							
1:00-2:00 PM							
2:00-3:00 PM							
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11:00-12:00 AM							

Strategies for Success: Time Management

But what about studying?

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast						
8:00-9:00 AM		PSYC 101		PSYC 101		PSYC 101	
9:00-10:00 AM			ENGH 101		ENGH 101		
10:00-11:00 AM							
11:00-12:00 PM		CONF 101		CONF 101		CONF 101	
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch						
1:00-2:00 PM		SOCI 101		SOCI 101		SOCI 101	
2:00-3:00 PM							
3:00-4:00 PM			SPAN 101		SPAN 101		
4:00-5:00 PM							
5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner						
6:00-7:00 PM							
7:00-8:00 PM							
8:00-9:00 PM							
9:00-10:00 PM							
10:00-11:00 PM							
11:00-12:00 AM							

Strategies for Success: Time Management

But what about
clubs/gym/work/wellness?

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast						
8:00-9:00 AM	STUDY	PSYC 101		PSYC 101		PSYC 101	
9:00-10:00 AM		STUDY	ENGH 101	STUDY	ENGH 101	STUDY	STUDY
10:00-11:00 AM							
11:00-12:00 PM		CONF 101	STUDY	CONF 101	STUDY	CONF 101	
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch						
1:00-2:00 PM	WORK	SOCI 101	STUDY	SOCI 101	STUDY	SOCI 101	STUDY
2:00-3:00 PM		STUDY		STUDY			
3:00-4:00 PM			SPAN 101		SPAN 101		
4:00-5:00 PM							
5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner						
6:00-7:00 PM	Wellness	STUDY			STUDY	WORK	
7:00-8:00 PM	STUDY			Club Meeting			
8:00-9:00 PM		Wellness	Wellness		Wellness		
9:00-10:00 PM				Wellness			
10:00-11:00 PM							
11:00-12:00 AM							

- **Hang out with friends!**
- **Explore the DC area!**
- **Pick up a new hobby!**
- **Binge watch TV (sometimes)!**
- **Start building your adult routine!**

Total Weekly Hours: 168	
Class =	15
Club Meeting =	2
Studying =	35
Work =	9
Meals =	21
Wellness =	5
Sleep	49
Hours Remaining =	32!

Keep in Mind:

- **Less class time, but more studying**
 - Deceptive “free” time and infinite distractions – there’s always something you could be doing instead!
 - 2–3 Hours studying per Credit
- **Less structure & symmetry**
 - Every day is different
 - Hard to set a consistent weekly routine
- **FERPA**
 - Less external accountability, making your education your journey
 - Set your own systems of accountability, but know there are ways to get that additional support from parents and supporters by waiving FERPA in certain situations
- **Intelligence + Effort + Support + Resilience**
 - Intelligence is not enough. Effort is not enough.



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Seek Support:

Carter School

- **Student Success Coaching**
- **Counseling and Psychological Services**
- **Learning Services**
- **Mason Student Services Center**
- **Student Conduct**
- **Student Health Services**
- **Student Support and Advocacy**

- **3 Advisors to help with:**
 - Internships
 - Career Paths and Conversations
 - Studying Abroad
 - Scholarships and Funding
 - Long-Range Planning
 - Course Registration and more!
- **Visit at least once per semester!**



Next Task: Virtual Advising and Registration!

- Conducted remotely via Zoom
- One-on-one advising time
- Focus is on Fall 2026 courses

First-Year

1. Confirm all information looks accurate on PatriotWeb and that you can log-in
2. Know your AP/IB/CLEP scores, and any dual-enrollment credits and make sure they have been sent to the Office of Admissions
3. Take a look at recommended 4-year plans for both our BS and BA programs
4. Check the catalog for Mason Core fulfilling courses

Transfer

1. Review your transfer credit evaluation for any missing credits.
2. Ensure your FINAL transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions.
3. Review your degree audit to see how your transfer credits are applying to requirements.

Thank you!

Please complete this quick feedback
survey for this presentation!

