

Welcome to Orientation!

Connecting with Your College

College of Science

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Today's Agenda

- How academic advising works in the College of Science and how to use it throughout your college experience
- Important university systems and how to access them
- Crucial academic and registration deadlines and processes
- Strategies for success at George Mason
- Preparing for Virtual Orientation

....before all of that...

MATH PLACEMENT TEST

TAKE IT!!!

MOST COLLEGE OF SCIENCE MAJORS REQUIRE IT.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENROLL IN A MATH COURSE UNLESS A PASSING SCORE ON THE PLACEMENT TEST IS SHOWING ON THEIR RECORD.

THERE WILL BE TIME TODAY.

THE TIMES ARE POSTED ON THE SITE (QR CODE LATER) SO YOU CAN COME BACK TO CAMPUS OR MAKE ARRANGMENTS IF NOT FROM THE LOCAL AREA

Academic Advising in the College of Science

- Every major in the college has an undergraduate coordinator for the major.
- Some units may have more than one advisor and are either separated by alphabet or other means.
- Advising is more than just selecting courses. The process includes degree progression, check-ins and much more
- Every academic unit in the college has a website where a link to advising is present.

Biology

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Our fast-growing department uniquely focuses on the “science of data” and the exploration of evolving analytical techniques.

The Department of Computational and Data Sciences, as a global leader, is one of only a few departments that offers degrees at all levels (bachelors, masters, and two PhDs).

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Success in COS

- How you schedule courses is key!
- Attempt to schedule lectures in the morning and middle of the day
- Schedule labs in the morning or late afternoon/evening (sometimes this cannot be avoided)
- Take advantage of all the resources which are available to you.
 - Learning Assistants and tutoring centers
 - Faculty

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 am					
8 am					
9 am	BIOL				
10 am		CHEM			
11 am					
12 pm	ENGH				SEMINAR
1 pm					
2 pm					
3 pm		HIST			
4 pm					
5 pm	BIOL LAB				
6 pm			CHEM LAB		
7 pm					
8 pm					
9 pm					
10 pm					

Academic Deadlines

- These will be discussed at length during the virtual orientation
- Very important to understand that there is a deadline and each has its own ramifications, be it academic or in some cases, financial.
- Not knowing that deadlines exist is never a reason which can be used for an exception to policy

registrar.gmu.edu/calendars

Full list of dates are listed in the inside front cover of the guide in front of you. We will go over these during our future in-person session

Resources at George Mason University

- Academic, Social, Financial, Well-being
- Attend performances, exhibitions, presentations and competitions
- **Free and accessible** to all Mason students
- advising.gmu.edu/resources



Virtual Advising & Registration

- Conducted remotely via Zoom
- Punctuality and preparation are essential – treat it like your first class at George Mason
- There will be a policy presentation (take notes!)
- Meet major/program advisors and leaders
- **PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON FALL 2026 COURSES**



Preparing for your Virtual Advising Session

- Begin Checking your Mason Email
- Patriot Web
 - Physical Locations of Courses
 - Action Items
- Schedule of Courses
- Four-year plans
- Catalog
- Mason Core



Your Next Steps

- Enjoy the remainder of the day!
- Pay attention to the session at 3pm!
- Trust the process
- Be ready to work!
- Go to this website 
(link is also on the handout)
- Ask questions



Please complete this quick feedback survey for this presentation and enter yourself for prizes!

