

Welcome to Orientation!

Connecting with your College

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS)



**While you wait,
help us build your class playlist!**

Submit your favorite songs here:





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Before we begin...

**Are you in the right College/School
room for your intended major?**

Follow along with our presentation via
the QR code on your handout!



CHSS Majors

Humanities

- Art History, BA
- Communication, BA
- Creative Writing, BFA
- English, BA
- Foreign Languages, BA
 - Arabic
 - Chinese
 - French
 - Spanish
 - Korean
- History, BA
- Philosophy, BA
- Religious Studies, BA
- Russian + Eurasian Studies, BA

Social Sciences

- Anthropology, BA
- Criminology, Law + Society, BA or BS
- Economics, BA or BS
- Human Development + Family Science, BA*
- Psychology, BA or BS
- Sociology, BA

Interdisciplinary areas

- Environmental + Sustainability Studies, BA*
- Global Affairs
- Individualized Study, BIS*
- Integrative Studies, BA or BS*

**Majors within the
School of Integrative Studies (SIS)*



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Welcome to Our CHSS Community!

- 5500+ current undergraduate students
- 600+ instructional faculty
- 150+ staff
- 70,000 alumni

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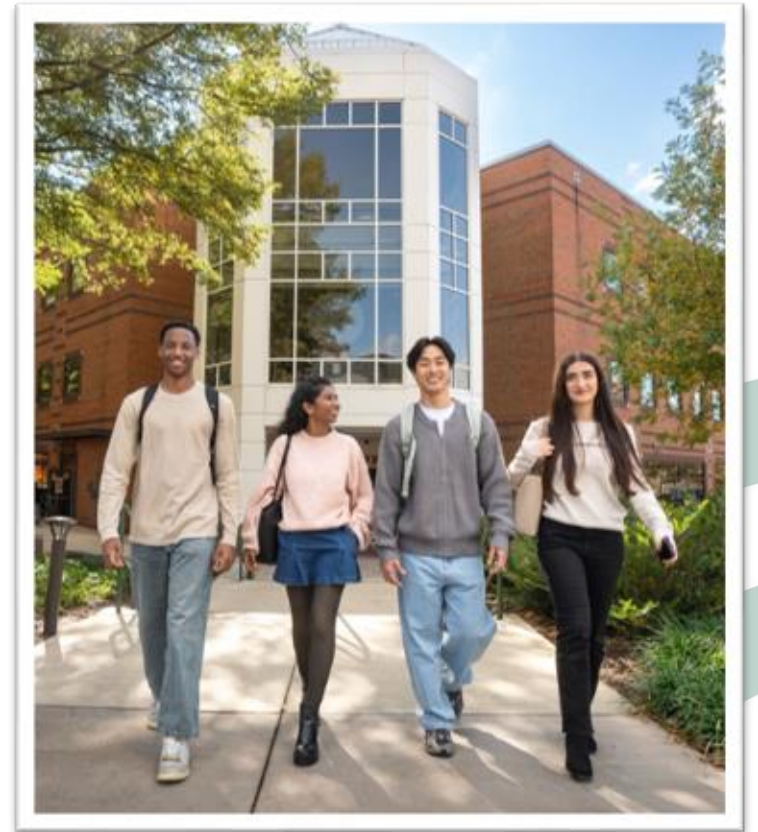
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Today's Agenda

- Academic advising in CHSS
- First semester advising tools and support
- Deadlines and first-semester resources
- Virtual advising and registration
- Kahoot! (prizes involved)
- Open Q+A





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Academic Advising in our College



to.gmu.edu/CHSSAdvising

**Advisors are assigned by major and minor
(sometimes the same person)**

Connect with your advisor early and often

- Find advising info on your major's website, including degree requirements and how to schedule an appointment

Advisors support and empower students to:

- Prioritize degree planning
- Find meaningful involvement
- Discover opportunities to make meaning
- Create connections



Key Advising Tools – First semester and beyond

Patriot Web

- Review your transcript for transfer credits, grades, and academic standing
- Utilize your “Mason Degree Audit” regularly
- Register for classes

Patriot Connect

- Schedule appointments with your advisor, success coach, and Career Services
- Track notes from previous appointments
- Embrace the clicks



Key College Sites

CHSS Undergraduate Academic Affairs

academicaffairs.chss.gmu.edu

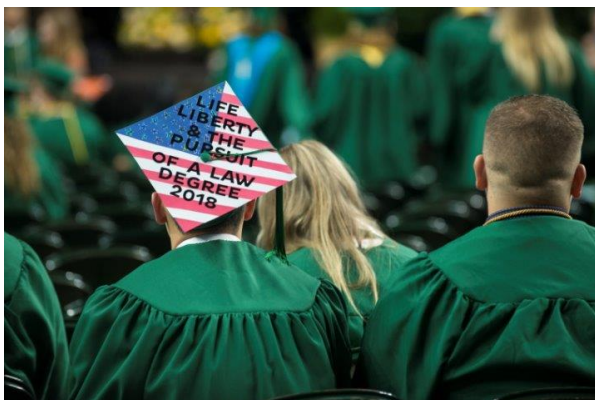
- Academic policies and requests (**think:** credit overload, course elsewhere, withdrawal, GPA resources)
- Advising tips and advisor locator

Your Major Website

[\(major\).gmu.edu](http://(major).gmu.edu) - ex: psychology.gmu.edu

- Advising info and scheduling instructions
- Faculty bios and course descriptions
- Upcoming events

Additional Advising Support



Pre-Law Advising:

scharprelaw.gmu.edu

Contact:

Professor Phillip Mink, J.D.,
at pmink@gmu.edu



Pre-Health Advising:

prehealth.gmu.edu

Contact:

Pre-health team at
prehlth@gmu.edu



Pre-Teaching:

education.gmu.edu/#teacher

Contact:

preteach@gmu.edu

Mark Your Calendar: Important Academic Dates

First Day of Fall Classes	Monday, August 24
Last Day to Add	Monday, August 31
Last Day to Drop With 100% Tuition Refund	Tuesday, September 8
Last Day to Drop With 50% Tuition Refund	Tuesday, September 15
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period 100% Tuition Liability	Wednesday, September 16 – Tuesday, September 29
Last Day of Classes	Monday, December 7

registrar.gmu.edu/calendars





Quick Spotlight on Resources

Learning Services

learningservices.gmu.edu

- In-person and virtual workshops; academic coaching

Office of Disability Services

ods.gmu.edu

- Establish accommodations and find out what is available to you

Counseling and Psychological Services

caps.gmu.edu

- 24/7 support; Mind Spa (massage chair)

University Career Services

careers.gmu.edu

- Career counseling, events, tons of online resources and templates
- Create your **Handshake** profile to start finding jobs, including on-campus jobs
- Part-Time Job Fair: **August 26**
- Fall Career Fair: **September 29 – October 1**

Your department and faculty!

- Seek out help, mentoring, connection
- Do you know where your department “lives”?



Virtual Advising and Registration:

What to Expect

Logistics:

- You'll receive the Zoom link via email
- Please join on time! We take attendance
- CHSS presentation followed by major-specific advising in breakout groups

What to expect:

- Meet your advising team (group/individual)
- Discuss requirements and first-semester courses; review your transfer credits
- Discuss any major changes
- Register for classes **before** leaving session!



Virtual Advising and Registration:

How to Prepare

Log in and familiarize with:

- Patriot Web
 - Complete your action items!
 - Review your transfer credit evaluation
- GMU email

Think about your class schedule:

- Full-time = 12-16 credits (4-5 classes)
- Review advising sheets for your major (see handout) to plan some classes
- Check the fall schedule and open sections
- Do you need a placement test?

CHSS Students and Placement Testing!

Math Placement Test...

- Only for students majoring in Economics! **Really!**
- All other majors take QR course that does not require placement testing (ex: SOCI 213, MATH 106, STAT 250)

Language Placement/Waiver Test...

- Only for students pursuing a BA or BFA, who want to use existing proficiency towards their requirement!
- mcl.gmu.edu → “Language Testing” on top right of page



Knowledge Check

Random – but important – GMU and CHSS facts

Kahoot!



We'd love to connect with you!

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