



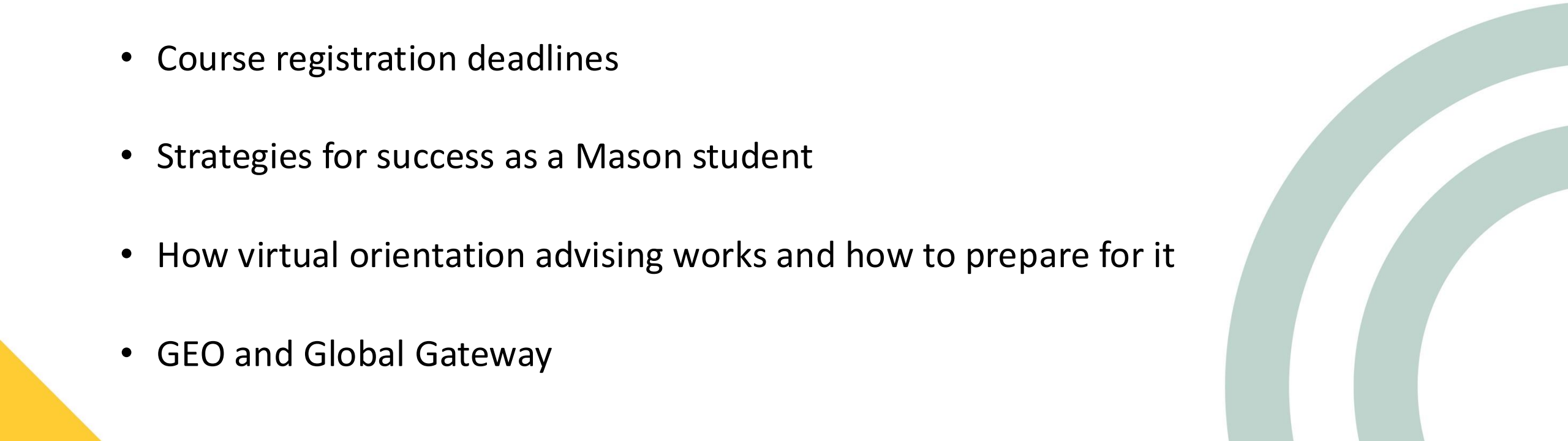
University Life
**NEW STUDENT AND
FAMILY PROGRAMS**
George Mason University®

Welcome to Orientation!

Connecting with the
College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)



Today's Agenda

- How academic advising works in CVPA and at Mason overall
 - Some important university systems and how to use them
 - Course registration deadlines
 - Strategies for success as a Mason student
 - How virtual orientation advising works and how to prepare for it
 - GEO and Global Gateway
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Academic Advising in CVPA

- Advisors **by major** for all departments, and **by alpha** for the School of Art
- Advisors **stay with you** for your entire degree
- Best first points of contact for:
 - Understanding your **degree audit** and progression of your degree
 - **Challenges** beyond the subject matter of your courses and connection to **services**
 - Considering a **minor, double major, study abroad or an accelerated master's**
 - Understanding college **policy** and whether an **exception** is possible
 - Connecting to major-related **extracurriculars**

Undergraduate Student Resources
Graduate Student Resources
Course Listings
Mason Arts Student Advisory Council
Not a CVPA Major?
CVPA Graduation Ceremony



CVPA Advising Team

<https://cvpa.gmu.edu/current-students/undergraduate-student-resources>



School of Art
Schedule an Appointment ➔

ROBERT YI
Art & Design Building, 2050
Email [Robert Yi](#)
Tel: 703-993-9617

In-Person & Virtual Walk-in Hours:
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
(Fall and spring Semesters only)
[Access virtual walk-in session on Zoom](#)
(you will enter virtual "waiting room")



School of Art
Schedule an Appointment ➔

KATE KEENEY
Art & Design Building, 2050
Email [Kate Keeney](#)
Tel: 703-993-1514

In-Person & Virtual Walk-in Hours:
Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-4:00 p.m.
(Fall and Spring semesters only)
[Access virtual walk-in sessions on Zoom](#)
(you will enter virtual "waiting room")



School of Dance
Schedule an Appointment ➔

KIM HARRIS
deLaski Performing Arts Building, Room A300B
Email [Kim Harris](#)
Tel: 703-993-6652

Walk-in Hours:
Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(when classes are in session)



Dewberry School of Music
Schedule an Appointment ➔

DR. CARRIE ANN DELANEY
deLaski PAB, Room A417
Email [Dr Delaney](#)
Tel: 703-993-1392

In-Person & Virtual Hours (Spring 2025):
Monday, 12:00-4 p.m., Tue & Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Wed & Fri, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(Fridays—virtual only)
[Access virtual Zoom meeting.](#)



School of Theater
Schedule an Appointment ➔

SARA SIMANSKI
de Laski Performing Arts Building, Room A407
Email [Sara Simanski](#)
Tel: (703) 993-6079

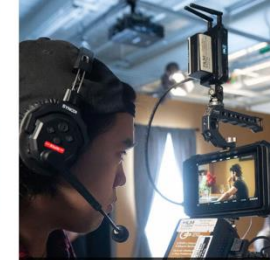
Walk-in Hours:
Tuesday and Wednesday



Game Design Program
Schedule an Appointment ➔

JEREMY TUOHY
Art & Design Building, Room 2020
Email [Jeremy Tuohy](#)
Tel: 703-993-2041

Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Film & Video Studies Program
Schedule an Appointment ➔

College Hall, Room C110
Email [Film and Video Studies](#)
Tel: 703-993-3287

Walk-in Hours:
Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Arts Management Program
Schedule an Appointment ➔

DR. KARALEE DAWN MacKAY
Email [Dr. MacKay](#)
Tel: 703-993-9036

Virtual Appointment Hours:
Wednesday & Thursday, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Academic Advisor Meetings

- Your advisor is your primary resource
- The rest of your “success team”
- Advisor **meetings**
 - When / how often
 - Expectations
 - Professionalism
 - Preparation
 - Communication
 - Follow through

IMPORTANT TOOLS

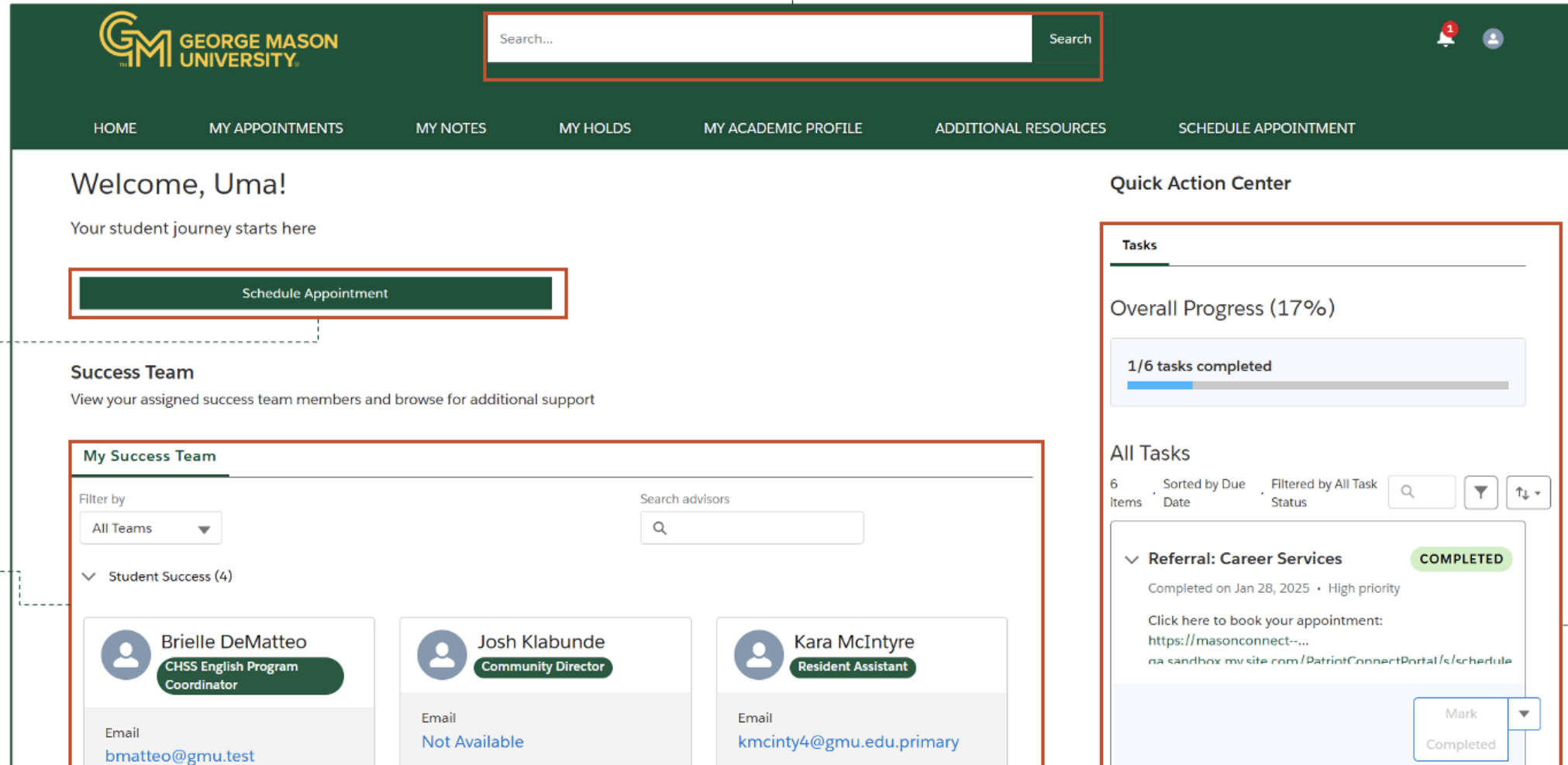
Patriot Connect to schedule appointments -
<https://plan.connect.gmu.edu/home/students/>

Video help for Patriot Connect:

<https://mason.my.site.com/SelfServiceHC/s/article/Patriot-Connect-Overview-Video-Resources>

Degree audit to plan and check degree progress-
<https://registrar.gmu.edu/degreeaudit/for-students/>

Using Patriot Connect to schedule a meeting



The screenshot displays the Patriot Connect web application interface. At the top, there is a dark green header with the George Mason University logo on the left, a search bar in the center, and a notification bell icon on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, MY APPOINTMENTS, MY NOTES, MY HOLDS, MY ACADEMIC PROFILE, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, and SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a welcome message "Welcome, Uma!" followed by "Your student journey starts here". Below this is a green button labeled "Schedule Appointment". Further down is the "Success Team" section, which includes a sub-section "My Success Team" with a filter dropdown set to "All Teams" and a search bar for advisors. Under the "Student Success (4)" filter, three team members are listed: Brielle DeMatteo (CHSS English Program Coordinator), Josh Klabunde (Community Director), and Kara McIntyre (Resident Assistant). Each member's email address is provided at the bottom of their card.

The right column features a "Quick Action Center" with a "Tasks" section. It shows an "Overall Progress (17%)" bar chart indicating "1/6 tasks completed". Below this is the "All Tasks" section, which lists a task titled "Referral: Career Services" with a "COMPLETED" status. The task details include the completion date (Jan 28, 2025), priority (High), and a link to book an appointment. A "Mark Completed" button is visible at the bottom right of the task card.

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Login – connect.gmu.edu

Option 1:

1. Click **Schedule Appointment** from the top menu bar
2. Select the **reason** for your appointment – for advising, always select the first option: **Undergraduate Academic Advising**, and then click **Next** to continue
3. Scroll until you find the **name of your academic advisor**, and then click **Next** to continue
4. Select a **topic** – there are several to choose from, and then click **Next** to continue
5. Choose **in-person or virtual**, based on your preference. These options reveal different appointment time slots, so if you don't find any availability with one type, come back to this step and choose the other. Click **Next** to continue.
6. If there are no openings on the day you log in, click the '**Check Next Available Dates**' button below
 1. Scroll through **dates with the left or right arrows**
 2. See the available **times with the carat next to the advisor's name**. Then click **Next** to continue
7. You will see a summary of your appointment. There is also a box below to add notes about **what you'd like to discuss**. Please take a moment to put something in that box.
8. One more step. Choose how you'd like to be **reminded** about this appointment – **email or text**. Click **confirm**.

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Option 2:

1. Click **the name card of your advisor** from the choice of folks on your success team.
2. Click the green **schedule appointment** button
3. Select a **topic** – there are several to choose from. **Advising in my program** is a good option for regular meetings with your advisor. Then click **Next** to continue
4. Choose **in-person or virtual**, based on your preference. These options reveal different appointment time slots, so if you don't find any availability with one type, come back to this step and choose the other. Click **Next** to continue
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A few important dates and deadlines for fall

First Day of Fall Classes:	Mon. Aug 24
Last Day to Submit Domicile Reclassification Application	Mon. Aug 24
Last Day to Add: All Individual Sections Forms Due	Mon. Aug. 31
Labor Day : University Closed	Mon. Sept 7
Last Day to Drop: With 100% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 8
Last Day to Drop: With 50% Tuition Refund	Tue. Sept 15
Unrestricted Withdrawal Period: 100% Tuition Liability	Wed. Sept 16 - Tue. Sept 29
Mid-term Evaluation Period: 100-200 level classes - Grades Available via PatriotWeb	Mon. Sept 21 - Fri. Oct 16
Selective Withdrawal Period - Undergraduate Students Only (100% Tuition Liability)	Wed. Sep 30 - Mon. Oct 26



registrar.gmu.edu/calendars

Time is different in college

'Free time' isn't always free - less in-class time, but more studying and out-of-class time

Less structure & symmetry

- Every day is different
- Hard to set consistent weekly routine

Less external accountability

- Nobody is "making sure" you're doing anything
- Set your own systems of accountability

Infinite distractions

- Always something you could do instead

Intelligence + Effort + Support + Resilience

- Intelligence is not enough. Effort is not enough. **Seek support when needed.**

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8AM	FOOD	FOOD	FOOD	FOOD	FOOD
9AM	CLASS	STUDY/HW	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
10AM	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
11AM	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS	CLASS
12PM	FOOD	FOOD	FOOD	CLASS	FOOD
1PM	CLASS	CLASS	FREE	FOOD	FREE
2PM	CLASS	CLASS	FREE	CLASS	STUDY/HW
3PM	CLASS	STUDY / HW	CLASS	CLASS	STUDY/HW
4PM	STUDY / HW	STUDY / HW	CLASS	CLASS	STUDY/HW
5PM	STUDY / HW	STUDY / HW	CLASS	FREE	STUDY/HW
6PM	FOOD	STUDY / HW	FOOD	FOOD	FOOD
7PM	STUDY / HW	FOOD	FREE	STUDY / HW	FREE
8PM	STUDY / HW	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	PERFORMANCE
9PM	STUDY / HW	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	REHEARSAL / GROUP WORK	PERFORMANCE

OTHER MASON RESOURCES

Fun stuff to do

- CVPA Calendar – <https://cvpa.calendar.gmu.edu/>
- **FREE TICKETS FOR STUDENTS IN MASON 365**
- Student Involvement - <https://si.gmu.edu/>
- Athletics - <https://gomason.com/>

Do you need academic accommodations?

- Office of Disability Services – <https://ds.gmu.edu/>

Questions about loans, grants and your award package

- Financial Aid Office – <https://www.gmu.edu/financial-aid> or mssc.gmu.edu

Questions about living on campus

- Housing and Residence Life – <https://housing.gmu.edu>



VIRTUAL ADVISING & REGISTRATION

Conducted via **Zoom** - main room plus breakout rooms

Sessions are **not drop-in** - they start **promptly at 9AM, 1:30PM or 6PM**

Patriot Web = registration platform

Schedule of Courses = courses available

Degree plans (4-year, 2.5 year) will be shared by advisors

Mason Core classes will be part of your first semester

NO Math Placement tests are required for CVPA



<https://advising.gmu.edu/newstudent/>



Next Steps

For Freshmen:

- ☐ Do you have AP/IB, dual-enrollment, or any other college-level credits earned? If so, please **make sure any test scores or final transcripts have been sent to the Office of Admissions**
- ☐ Log into **Patriot Web** to familiarize yourself –tutorials on the Registrar’s website to help -
<https://registrar.gmu.edu/students/patriot-web-tutorials/>
- ☐ Prepare any questions you may have to ask during virtual advising

Next Steps

For Transfers:

- ☐ Review your Transfer Credit Evaluation for any missing credits
- ☐ Ensure your **final** NOVA or other college transcript is submitted to the Office of Admissions
- ☐ Review your degree audit to see how your transfer credits are applying to requirements

So great to meet you!
Thank you for joining



We'll see you at virtual
advising and
registration.

**Please complete this quick feedback survey
for this presentation!**



STUDY ABROAD WITH GEO

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Gateway application: <https://provapps.gmu.edu/GGA/students/apply>

Gateway Brochure:

