

GRADUATE STUDIES



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George Mason is one of the greatest of the founding fathers and among the least known. The acknowledged leader among those founders pressing for a Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution, Mason persuaded Federalists, such as James Madison, that the new constitution was unacceptable absent amendments safeguarding individual rights.

Previously, Mason had helped draft the first constitution for an independent state, his native Virginia, in 1776. The Virginia Constitution begins with the Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by Mason. The Declaration of Rights served as a model for the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights, as well as the famous Declaration of the Rights of Man, produced by the French Revolution in 1789.





Why Study at Mason?

As the largest university in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a student body of around 33,000, George Mason University is at the core of the culture and economy of Northern Virginia and the National Capital region. As a modern, innovative, metropolitan, multicampus, comprehensive research university, George Mason represents a new model of higher education: one that seeks inclusion and diversity in its educational approach, real impact in its research, deep engagement with the greater community, and a global outlook and mindset. Mason has been acknowledged as one of the best young universities in the world!

In pursuing your studies at Mason, you can choose from more than 200 master's, doctoral, professional, and certificate programs.

We encourage you to take a look at some of the exciting educational, professional, and social opportunities Mason has to offer:

- Our nationally ranked degree programs prepare our graduate students to meet the unique challenges of today's job market, whether in business, government, biosciences, or engineering, among others.
- Devoted to student learning, our prominent faculty includes world-renowned scientists, artists, and critical leaders, many of whom are called on by national and international organizations to provide expert advice or serve in important decision-making roles. Our presence in one of the richest business and policy hubs in the world allows us to bring leading professionals and lawmakers into our classrooms as guest lecturers and adjunct professors, providing you the opportunity to learn firsthand from today's experts.
- A premiere location in Fairfax, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C., combined with the expertise of our University Career Services office, will give you a competitive edge when it comes to securing jobs and internships. As a Mason graduate student, you can further your career by taking advantage of our close ties with businesses, nonprofit agencies, government organizations, and the arts community.
- Mason's graduate programs provide the best possible educational experience while remaining an affordable option.

Come Visit and Experience the Mason Community for Yourself

We encourage you to learn more about Mason's academic opportunities by visiting us at admissions.gmu.edu/grad and registering for a tour and information session. Or come to any one of Mason's four locations (Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, or Loudoun) and experience the Mason community firsthand. Visit us and see for yourself!



On the Doorstep of the Nation's Capital...

Mason is an innovative, entrepreneurial university with internationally recognized graduate degree programs that prepare you to succeed in the professional world. Conveniently located only minutes from Washington, D.C., Mason offers you the opportunity to live, work, and study in the nation's capital while completing your degree as part of a dynamic campus community.

With Mason's proximity to the nation's capital, you can take advantage of our relationships with business, government, nonprofits, and think tanks. The prospect of research and employment here are unmatched anywhere else.

The city becomes your playground. You can visit museums, explore historic Georgetown and the National Mall, catch a Nationals baseball game, and even attend congressional hearings.

As you look to take the next step in your education and career, Mason has the right program for you!





... in the Heart of Northern Virginia

Mason's prime location in Fairfax, Virginia, just 15 miles outside Washington, D.C., in the heart of Northern Virginia's technology corridor, gives you the best of both worlds. Mason is an innovative, entrepreneurial institution with national distinction in a range of academic fields. With strong graduate degree programs in engineering, information technology, dance, organizational psychology, and health care, Mason prepares its alumni to succeed in the workforce and meet the needs of the region and the world.

Mason is a distributed university with campuses in Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties. In addition to these three campuses, Mason operates a site in Loudoun County and has partnered with the Smithsonian Institution to offer a global conservation studies program at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia. The university also offers programs online and at the Center for Innovative Technology in Herndon. Each location has a distinctive academic focus that plays a critical role in the economy of its region.

You'll enjoy living minutes from the nation's capital, while also feeling safe and right at home at one of the largest and most beautiful residential campuses in Virginia.





Mason Facts

- Founded: 1972
- Research expenditures: \$104.7 million
- Total enrollment: 33,723
- Graduate enrollment: 11,380
- Number of doctoral degrees: 38
- Number of faculty: 2,613
- Instructional faculty with terminal degrees: 87.3 percent

The Admissions Process

General Information

Admission to graduate programs is competitive. Selection criteria differ by program and are established by departmental faculty. Applicants are evaluated on the strength of their academic background, results of standardized exams (if required by the program), work experience, and any additional evidence of potential success in the program. A number of combined bachelor's and accelerated master's degree programs for academically strong undergraduates with a commitment to research are available. A list of graduate and professional programs offered at Mason can be found at admissions.gmu.edu/grad/our_programs.

Eligibility

To be eligible to matriculate, an applicant must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States. Applicants completing their undergraduate work at an institution outside the United States must have their degree certified by an NACES-approved agency as equivalent to those acquired at an accredited institution.

Application may be made during the final year of undergraduate study. Acceptance is contingent on award of a baccalaureate degree before matriculation to a graduate or professional program at Mason.

Graduate Applications

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online at admissions.gmu.edu/grad/applynow. Applications for the School of Law can be found at law.gmu.edu. Applying online saves time and money.



Application Requirements

For full consideration for graduate admission, applicants must submit the following:

- Completed online application
- Nonrefundable application fee
- Application for Virginia in-state tuition rates, if claiming entitlement to these rates
- Official transcripts, as required by the program, from all institutions attended for each program applied to unless the programs are in the same college or school
- Goals statement
- Letters of recommendation as required by the program
- Official exam scores, such as GRE or GMAT, reported directly from the appropriate testing service, as required by the program
- Other materials as specified by the program, including departmental forms, portfolio, interview, and so forth.

International Applicants

International applicants should read the requirements found at admissions.gmu.edu/grad/international_applicants for information on required documentation, English proficiency standards, transcript evaluations, and more.

Nondegree Status

Nondegree status enables students who have no immediate degree objective, or who may need to satisfy prerequisites for admission to a degree program, to enroll in courses for which they are qualified without seeking formal admission to a degree program. Enrollment in specific courses is based on eligibility criteria and availability of space in courses; in high-demand fields, enrollment may be restricted or prohibited. All nondegree applicants must complete a nondegree online application for admission and supply official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions they have attended. More information for nondegree seeking students can be found at admissions.gmu.edu/grad/non_degree.

Admissions Inquiries, Information Sessions, and Tours

Applicants who have questions should contact Mason Graduate Admissions at masongrad@gmu.edu. For information sessions and tours, visit admissions.gmu.edu/grad/schedule_visit.

For expanded information, visit admissions.gmu.edu/grad.



Access to Excellence

As home to the federal government, the armed forces, centers of scientific research, and major institutes of art and culture, the Washington, D.C., area is an ideal place to live and study, granting you unparalleled opportunities. To complement our world-renowned, full-time faculty, Mason offers access to government officers, prominent scientists, award-winning authors, and industry experts. These global leaders visit classes and serve as guest lecturers to provide you with cutting-edge information and experiential learning opportunities to broaden your knowledge and increase your marketability. At Mason, you can visit and learn from the leaders of many research institutions and arts centers in Washington, D.C., including

- National Archives
- Library of Congress
- Kennedy Center
- Shakespeare Theater
- National Gallery of Art
- Smithsonian Institution
- National Institutes of Health
- National Academy of Sciences
- Cato Institute



Financing Your Education

Estimated Cost

Mason proves excellence in education can be affordable! Mason graduate programs offer competitive tuition rates and are recognized as some of the best values in higher education.

In a very competitive education market, Mason is transparent in our tuition and fees, which can be found at studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition, so that you can plan accordingly. You will find our combination of quality and affordability unbeatable in the Washington, D.C., area.

Financial Aid

Mason's Office of Student Financial Aid, located at the Fairfax Campus, provides a variety of services to assist students in financing their education.

For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid on the web (financialaid.gmu.edu), or schedule an appointment to meet with a financial aid counselor.

Mason's Title IV school code is 003749.

Scholarship and Fellowship Programs

Information related to research and teaching assistantships and fellowships offered by our academic departments can be found on each academic department's website.

In addition, the **Office of Graduate Fellowships** assists master's and doctoral students in identifying the full range of appropriate opportunities and preparing for extramural fellowship competitions.

The Office of Graduate Fellowships offers a variety of electronic tools to help students search for appropriate fellowships and provides direct assistance in developing fellowship applications, as well as collaborating with faculty and staff to support students through departmental and college activities.

The Value of a Mason Education

A large public research institution in the heart of Northern Virginia, Mason is recognized for providing the highest quality education at an affordable price. Over the past three years, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* has ranked Mason as one of the Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges on its national list.

Mason's University Career Services Office (**careers.gmu.edu**) is committed to developing, educating, and preparing you for a fulfilling future! The career counselors and industry advisors can provide you with the resources, advice, and expertise needed to explore your interests and build your career strategy. In addition, Mason has one of the largest and most active alumni networks, with more than 80,000 alumni living and working in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, providing you a network to area internships and jobs.

Top Employers Hiring Mason Students

Alexandria Public Schools
Arlington Public Schools
Booz Allen Hamilton
CACI
Computer Sciences Corporation
Deloitte
Fairfax County Government
Fairfax County Public Schools
General Dynamics
George Mason University
Inova Health System
KPMG
Lockheed Martin
MITRE
Northrop Grumman
Science Applications International Corporation
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of State



Facts and Figures

Best Value

Mason is ranked #71 in the top 100 best values in education by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

Top 40 for Diversity

Mason is ranked in the top 40 of the most diverse public universities in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Top 200 of World Universities

Mason was ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide by China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Institute of Higher Education.

#10 Up-and-Coming School

Mason was ranked the #10 up-and-coming university in the United States based on its promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, and student life.

Top-Tier Law school

Mason's School of Law was ranked #46 in *U.S. News & World Report* in spring 2014.

80,000+

More than 80,000 alumni live in the Washington, D.C. area, providing a rich network for Mason students seeking internships and jobs.

Graduate Programs

Mason offers you the choice of more than 200 master's, professional, doctoral, and graduate certificate programs in 11 different colleges and schools:

- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Health and Human Services
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- College of Science
- College of Visual and Performing Arts
- Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study
- School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- School of Business
- School of Law
- School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs
- Volgenau School of Engineering

The following pages highlight Mason's 11 graduate colleges and schools and include information on how to contact the appropriate admissions staff.

College of Education and Human Development

The College of Education and Human Development is one of Virginia's largest higher education institutions for teacher preparation and professional development. The college offers a full range of courses, certificates, and degree programs on campus, online, and on site to more than 3,000 graduate students each year.

The college includes two schools—the Graduate School of Education and the School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism. Students may choose from more than 25 programs of study, including Education Leadership, Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning, Counseling and Development, Educational Psychology, Special Education, and Sport and Recreation Studies. In addition, more than a dozen master's degrees and graduate certificates may be completed partially or fully online.

The college's 125 full-time instructional faculty members include many nationally prominent scholars, particularly within special education, STEM education, teacher professional development, and kinesiology. The college's research portfolio has grown dramatically over the past 10 years, with annual expenditures now exceeding \$15 million.

The college has longstanding partnerships with the region's world-class school systems and other leading organizations, which leads to outstanding field experiences, research opportunities, and career networking for graduate students.

Graduate Admissions

Admission to the college's graduate programs is competitive. Selection criteria and requirements differ by program. Please view the list of academic programs at cehd.gmu.edu/programs, confirm the requirements of the program you're interested in, and contact the academic program coordinator or attend an information session (cehd.gmu.edu/infosessions).

For general application questions and information related to teacher licensure, please contact the office listed below.

Accreditation

The college is fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and all licensure programs are approved by the Virginia Department of Education.

College of Education and Human Development

Graduate Admissions

4400 University Drive, MS 4D1

Fairfax, VA 22030

Website: cehd.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-2892

Fax: 703-993-2020

Email: cehdgrad@gmu.edu

College of Health and Human Services

The College of Health and Human Services is the “health central” at George Mason University. It is where health research meets health practice and service delivery. By integrating our educational programs, our clinical and community-based research, and our community engagement efforts, the college strives to provide a rigorous and innovative learning experience for our students, be a major provider of the health care workforce in Northern Virginia, and produce new knowledge to address critical health and social issues in policy and practice. Graduates practice in a variety of roles in settings that are complex, multicultural, and international.

The College of Health and Human Services embodies a learning community where faculty and students share the responsibility for learning, and education occurs in student and faculty interaction within and beyond the walls of the college. The faculty actively engages in research and scholarship, linking the academy and the world through interdisciplinary activities.

Graduate Programs

We offer a variety of graduate degrees and certificates in public health, global health, health administration, health informatics, nursing, health services research, social work, health and medical policy, rehabilitation science, and nutrition. Faculty and students engage in research and scholarly activities to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Our graduates enjoy meaningful careers as clinicians, educators, social workers, researchers, administrators, and policy makers.

Graduate Admissions

Admission to the college’s graduate programs is competitive. Selection criteria differ by program and are established by program faculty. Deadlines and requirements vary by program. To be successful in the application process, please review the information provided at chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate/requirements.cfm before applying.

College of Health and Human Services

Graduate Admissions

4400 University Drive, MS 5A8

Fairfax, VA 22030

Website: chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate

Contact

Office: 703-993-1736

Fax: 703-993-3606

Email: chhsgrad@gmu.edu

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences offers a small college experience with the resources of a large research university. The college’s 18 master’s, 11 doctoral, and 13 certificate programs provide opportunities for career development and advancement, professional education, participation in research, and personal fulfillment.

The college’s students are intellectually engaged by a distinguished faculty while learning to think critically, adapt to the changing conditions of society, and provide informed leadership to future generations. All programs encourage the exploration of contemporary issues through a dynamic curriculum that fosters an informed understanding of real-world problems. Students are also able to leverage faculty and university relationships with leading cultural, political, nonprofit, and economic institutions in the national capital region. In doing so, they engage in additional opportunities to network and gain valuable professional experience.

Master’s Degree Program in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) program is designed for students who seek a degree that integrates knowledge from several disciplines. It addresses a rapidly evolving demand for specialized and individualized graduate study. Students choose one of 11 structured concentrations or devise an individualized program of study. The degree requires course work from a home department and selected courses from other disciplines. Students complete their degrees with a project or thesis.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Graduate Admissions

4400 University Drive, MS 2D2

Fairfax, VA 22030

Website: chss.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-3699

Fax: 703-993-8714

Email: chssgrad@gmu.edu



College of Science

Make your dream of a career in science a reality. Whether you've been out of school since last December or the last decade, the College of Science provides graduate degrees and programs you won't find at other universities. Experience. Understanding. Depth of knowledge. These are hallmarks of successful scientists, and ideals the college's faculty illustrate daily. As leaders in the international scientific community, our educators work in cutting-edge scientific frontiers in demanding fields. Our professors' real-world experience brings global ideas and perspectives to Mason classrooms and labs. Facilities feature the latest in classroom technologies, state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, and ample space for student-faculty interaction and study.

Graduate Programs

Study with some of the world's leading researchers, and put your skills to work right here in the national capital region, home to strategic national and international scientific communities, federal agencies, technology research centers, and medical centers. Graduate science education at the College of Science has a strong research focus. Students can choose from degrees in biology, biomedical science, chemistry, forensic science, geoinformatics and geospatial intelligence, neuroscience, and much more.

Professional Certificates

The college has 10 professional certificates, perfect for professionals who want to advance their careers but who may not have the time or need to pursue a complete degree program. Most courses are held during the late afternoon and evening to accommodate your busy schedule. By combining real-world experience with up-to-the-minute information, our certificates help you stay ahead of the competition.

College of Science

Graduate Admissions
4400 University Drive, MS 6A3
Fairfax, VA 22030
Website: cos.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-3430
Fax: 703-993-9034
Email: cosgrad@gmu.edu

College of Visual and Performing Arts

The College of Visual and Performing Arts offers graduate programs in art and visual technology (MFA), dance (MFA), film and video studies (MAIS), graphic design (MA), music (artist certificates, MM, DMA, PhD), theater (graduate certificate), arts management (MA), art education (MAT), and computer game design (MA). These programs are designed to prepare students for careers as creators, performers, instructors, scholars, arts leaders, and arts entrepreneurs, while enriching the cultural life of the Mason community.

Why a Graduate Degree in the Arts?

The college's faculty and administrators work with students to explore the arts disciplines and apply their knowledge to be creative, critical, and innovative leaders in their chosen professions. Gallery installations, production designs, production management, and arts internships encourage students to understand the true meaning of the work ethic and professional practices through communicating with their colleagues and the leaders of the artistic mission.

About Us

The college is home to the Center for the Arts (Fairfax Campus) and the Hylton Performing Arts Center (Prince William Campus), Mason's professional performance settings. Other college venues include Harris Theater, Theater Space, dance studios, and three visual arts galleries. Faculty and graduate students share their creative expertise with the community, locally and globally. They recognize the demands of public dissemination of creative research, knowledge, and expertise. Together, the college's academic programs, performance centers, and galleries offer students an environment rich with opportunity where they will grow, learn, and enrich their education.

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Graduate Admissions
4400 University Drive, MS 1H4
Fairfax, VA 22030
Website: cvpa.gmu.edu

Contact

Stevie Otto
Office: 703-993-5576
Fax: 703-993-9037
Email: artsgrad@gmu.edu

Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study

Krasnow investigators use the complexity science tool kit to conduct research in neuroscience, computer sciences, social systems, and human diseases, especially those involving the brain. The institute houses the Department of Molecular Neuroscience, which manages Mason's joint Neuroscience PhD program (see the College of Science), and the Department of Computational Social Science, which offers a PhD, a certificate program, and a track in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Study program.

Computational social science is the interdisciplinary study of social science questions investigated with advanced computational tools. Computational social scientists build models of complex social phenomenon, such as economic markets, traffic control, and political systems, by simulating the interactions of the many actors in such systems. The goal is to gain insight that will lead to greater understanding and, in some cases, better management of the behavior of complex social systems, such as prevention of market crashes, smoothed traffic flow, or maintenance of political stability. The intractability of many social problems calls for new approaches provided by computational social science.

During each semester, the department hosts a Friday afternoon seminar. Speakers present their latest research. These events are great for discovering the world of computational social science and networking with faculty and students. Visit www.css.gmu.edu for a list of upcoming seminars.

Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study

Department of Computational Social Science
Graduate Admissions
4400 University Drive, MS 6B2
Fairfax, VA 22030
Website: css.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-9298
Fax: 703-993-9290
Email: cssgrad@gmu.edu

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution is the preeminent academic and practice organization in its field and is committed to the development of theory, research, and practice that interrupt cycles of violence and promote peace building. In addition to traditional undergraduate and graduate degrees, the school administers a dual-degree program with Mason's Master of Social Work in the College of Health and Human Services and a dual degree program with the University of Malta, which allows students to receive Mason's MS in conflict analysis and resolution and an MA in Mediterranean security through an intensive 14-month program in Valletta, Malta. With more than 550 active students, Mason's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution is not only the largest conflict resolution program in the world, but the only program offering all levels of higher education degrees.

Program Mission

At the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, the whole community of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and partners is committed to the development of theory, research, and practice that interrupts cycles of violence. It is an innovative academic resource for people and institutions worldwide. It comprises a community of scholars, graduate and undergraduate students, alumni, practitioners, and organizations in the field of peace making and conflict resolution.

The school is committed to

- Advancing the understanding of deeply rooted conflicts between individuals, groups, organizations, and communities in the United States and all over the world through research, teaching, practice, and outreach
- Carrying on a systematic and ongoing study of the nature, origins, and types of social conflicts
- Developing the requisite processes and conditions for the productive resolution of conflicts
- Addressing underlying conditions that produce structural violence and asymmetry

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Graduate Admissions
3351 Fairfax Drive, MS 4D3
Arlington, VA 22201
Website: scar.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-1300
Fax: 703-993-1302
Email: scarinfo@gmu.edu



School of Business

The mission of the School of Business is to prepare a diverse student body to succeed in a global business environment. Through the faculty's creation and dissemination of business knowledge, practice, and pedagogy, we enable our students to develop analytical and communication skills and practice ethical business behavior.

Accreditation and Rankings

The school is one of only 10 percent of business schools worldwide accredited in both business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the hallmark of excellence in management education.

Mason is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Accreditation is important to higher education institutions because it permits students to have access to federally subsidized financial aid, allows our faculty to compete for federal research grants, and ensures that the courses and degrees our students earn will be recognized by other institutions.

U.S. News & World Report

- Mason's MBA program is ranked #68 in the 2014 Best Part-Time MBA list.
- Mason's online Executive MBA program is ranked #75 on the 2014 Best Online Graduate Business Program list.

School of Business

Graduate Admissions

4400 University Drive, MS 5A2

Fairfax, VA 22030

Website: business.gmu.edu

Email Contacts

Professional MBA: mba@gmu.edu

Executive MBA: emba@gmu.edu

MS in Management: msmgt@gmu.edu

MS in Accounting: msa@gmu.edu

MS in Management of Secure Information Systems:
cyber@gmu.edu

MS in Real Estate Development: mred@gmu.edu

MS in Technology Management: techman@gmu.edu

Forensic Accounting Graduate Certificate:

msa@gmu.edu

School of Law

Recognizing the rapid changes occurring in legal practice, the profession, and the economy, Mason has pioneered three core competencies—often neglected at more traditional institutions—for its students: specialized substantive preparation for practice, intensive development of legal writing and research skills, and the legal application of economic tools and methods. Our demanding curriculum offers students unique advantages in today's competitive employment market.

A High Value Investment

Mason's School of Law is the only public university law school located inside the Capital Beltway. It offers the highest value proposition of any law school in the national capital region, especially for Virginia residents.

A Rigorous Program

We're proud of having a tough program with no soft spots. We offer full-time day and part-time evening study. Unlike many other law school programs, the day and evening programs stand on equal footing; the courses taught in the day and evening divisions are identical.

A Commitment to Each Other

Mason's law school community also is distinctive in that the students are truly committed to one another. It is a small law school with an atmosphere that feels more like a closely knit family than a competitive professional institution.

George Mason University has pioneered three core competencies for its students: specialized substantive preparation for practice, intensive development of legal writing and research skills, and the legal application of economic tools and methods.

School of Law

Admissions Office
3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3
Arlington, VA 22201
Website: www.law.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-8010
Fax: 703-993-8088
Email: lawadmit@gmu.edu

School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs

Having earned national distinction, the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs attracts talented students from traditional disciplines, such as political science, economics, sociology, geography, history, mathematics, and the sciences. The school also draws students from professional fields such as public administration, education, law, journalism, engineering, and medicine. Our graduates join a growing worldwide network of more than 13,000 School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs alumni and are doing consequential work at leading companies, consulting firms, nonprofits, and NGOs, as well as local, state, and federal agencies across Washington, D.C., and the region.

Graduate Programs

Located in one of the world's centers for policy making, the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs offers students and working professionals a comprehensive and diverse set of studies. Programs include three doctoral programs, 10 master's programs, a joint MPP/JD, and a variety of graduate certificates.

We offer master's programs in

- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- Biodefense
- Health and Medical Policy
- International Commerce and Policy
- International Security
- Organization Development and Knowledge Management
- Peace Operations
- Political Science
- Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics
- MPP/JD, Joint Degree

Information Sessions

The best way to learn about the culture of our school and programs is to attend a PhD Information Session or Master's Open House. These events provide an excellent opportunity to learn about our academic programs and admissions processes, mingle with faculty, and meet current students. Visit our website for our next Admissions event.

School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs

Graduate Admissions
3351 Fairfax Drive, MS 3B1
Arlington, VA 22201
Website: spgia.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-8099
Fax: 703-993-4876
Email: spgia@gmu.edu

Volgenau School of Engineering

The Volgenau School of Engineering graduate programs cover a wide array of disciplines, including electrical and computer engineering, computer science, systems engineering, operations research, civil engineering, statistics, and bioengineering.

The master's and PhD programs offer students opportunities to build on undergraduate and career experiences. Students engage in cutting-edge research and work on real-world projects with internationally recognized faculty members who are well connected in the national capital region and around the globe.

Over the years, we have developed strong partnerships with industry and these partners are eager to hire our graduates. The school is nationally recognized for its high return on investment. Our graduates transition seamlessly to careers in high-demand engineering fields.

The Volgenau School hosts information sessions for prospective students, in person and online, throughout the academic year. Attendance at information sessions is optional; however, we encourage prospective students to attend. The sessions allow you to meet faculty and staff who can address specific questions or concerns regarding the application process and admissions.

Volgenau School of Engineering

Graduate Admissions

4400 University Drive, MS 3D5

Fairfax, VA 22030

Website: volgenau.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-1512

Fax: 703-993-1242

Email: vsegadm@gmu.edu



Office of Military Services

Our Mission

The mission of the Office of Military Services at George Mason University is to assist veterans, active duty service members, guardsmen, reservists, and dependents in making a successful transition into the Mason community. Our goal is to help these students in a number of capacities, including counseling and advising on benefits, academic and admissions advising, and career transition. Few schools have a dedicated staff to help transition from a military environment to college life, and we are proud to assist our students in any way. Below are some of the services we offer. Please use us as your first point of contact at Mason for any of the following:

- Advising on benefits
- GI Bill
- Tuition assistance
- Tutorial assistance
- Processes for using benefits
- Verification of enrollment
- Academic advising
- Career resources
- Psychological counseling
- Student advocacy
- Veteran orientations
- Disability services
- Battle Buddies Program
- UNIV 300 for veterans
- MAP staff and faculty training (Military Alliance Program)

Office of Military Services

George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MS 3A4
Fairfax, VA 22030
Website: military.gmu.edu

Contact

Office: 703-993-1316
Fax: 703-993-2392
Email: military@gmu.edu





Office of Graduate Student Life

The Office of Graduate Student Life is dedicated to supporting the success of Mason graduate students by

- Providing community building, professional development, and personal development programs
- Connecting graduate students to campus resources
- Identifying and advocating for graduate student needs

Our programs and services include

- Graduate Student Life website (gradlife.gmu.edu), which gathers information about campus resources, events, and academic policies and timelines in one easily accessible spot for graduate students
- Graduate Student Center, located on the third floor of the Johnson Center and featuring lounge space and a quiet study room
- Ongoing suite of social events and workshops focusing on professional development and personal wellness, such as trivia nights, career preparation, workshops, and meditation sessions

Website: gradlife.gmu.edu

Office of Continuing Professional Education

The Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) is ready to serve Mason's graduate students, alumni, and working professionals with an extensive portfolio of classroom and online programs that complement the academic degrees offered by Mason. Many OCPE programs prepare students for industry certifications, such as

- Project management
- Information technology
- Geographic information systems
- Human resource management
- Management and leadership development
- Coaching and more

Current Mason students and alumni receive a 10 percent discount on all our certificate programs, seminars, and workshops. Organizations can leverage our on-site training to deliver tailored and cost-effective programs to employees.

Website: ocpe.gmu.edu

Office of Distance Education

Mason offers degree programs, graduate certificates, and consortia programs that can be completed through Mason Online. Mason's online programs and courses maintain the same academic rigor and integrity as their campus-based counterparts. Using a variety of instructional technologies, they provide students with an active and collaborative learning environment that enhances learning. Our online courses will provide you with the greater flexibility you seek to set an academic schedule conducive to your life.

Website: masononline.gmu.edu

Graduate Student Organizations

With more than two dozen graduate student organizations at Mason, we offer a wide range of opportunities for students to get involved! Our registered student organizations provide learning environments for students, preparing them to live in a multicultural society and work in a global community. These organizations host many programs and events each year, including social events, lectures, special events, cultural events, and conferences. Our student groups create a welcoming, vibrant campus environment, and most important, they offer you an opportunity to get involved and help you find your niche at Mason. For more information, please visit si.gmu.edu.

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Anthropology Graduate Student Society
Applied Development Psychology Student Group
Art History Graduate Student Association
Association of Energy Engineers
Chemistry and Biochemistry Graduate Student Association
Chess Club
Chi Sigma Iota Gamma Mu Upsilon
Communication Graduate Student Association
Criminology, Law and Society Student Association
Cultural Studies Student Organization Committee
Environmental Science and Policy Graduate Student Association
Exercise Promotion Student Society
Folklore Roundtable
Global Health Students Beyond Borders
Grad Pride
Graduate and Professional Student Association
Graduate Arts Management Society
Graduate Political Science Society
Graduate Student Sociological Association
Indian Graduate Student Association
Korean Graduate Student Association
Mason Association for Global Affairs
Master of Social Work Student Association
MBA Student Association
Neuroscience Graduate Student Organization
Printmakers Guild
Public Administration Student Organization
The Student Association at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
School of Nursing Doctoral Student Organization
School of Public Policy Student Association
School of Systems Biology Graduate Student Organization
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Veterans' Society



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