



Where Innovation Is Tradition

Discover Mason

A Guide to University Resources



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Welcome to George Mason University!

George Mason University reaches far beyond the boundaries of its distributed campus to serve the needs of the commonwealth and the world. A critical part of that global environment is right at our doorstep: the communities of Northern Virginia that fought to establish this institution and have supported George Mason as it has grown and prospered.

This booklet provides a useful guide to all the services and resources available to you at your university.

You are an important member of the Mason community. Please visit the campuses in Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William counties, or our site in Loudoun County, and make use of these services. We look forward to welcoming you to Mason.

Sincerely,
Traci Claar
Director, Community and Local Government Relations



Mason at a Glance

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S short history is one of an enterprising and innovative pioneer, creating a major teaching and research university from a small, eight-room schoolhouse in just 50 years. George Mason began as the Northern Virginia branch of the University of Virginia in 1957. In 1972, Mason became an independent member of the commonwealth's system of colleges and universities. Mason is now recognized as an innovative, entrepreneurial institution with global distinction in a range of academic fields, being named the number one national up-and-coming university by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2012.

In fact, the university's key characteristics are defined in the Mason *idea*: innovative, diverse, entrepreneurial, and accessible.

With strong undergraduate and graduate degree programs in engineering and information technology, dance, organizational psychology, and health care, Mason students are routinely recognized with national and international scholarships. Enrollment is more than 32,000, with students studying in 198 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional levels.

Mason professors conduct groundbreaking research in areas such as cancer, climate change, information technology, and the biosciences, and Mason's Center for the Arts and the Hylton Performing Arts Center bring world-renowned artists, musicians, and actors to the area.

Mason has campuses in Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties. In addition, Mason operates a site in Loudoun County and has partnered with the Smithsonian Institution to create the

Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation in Front Royal, Virginia. The university also offers programs online and at the Center for Innovative Technology in Herndon.

Did You Know?

- Mason offers 198 degree programs.
- Mason's student population is more than 32,000, 27,000 of whom are educated at the Fairfax Campus.
- Approximately two-thirds of our total student population are undergraduates, and one-third is graduate level or law school students.
- Eighty-one percent of our students come from Virginia, and 19 percent are from out of state.
- Our students come from 130 countries as well as the United States, forming a global community right on campus.
- Sixty percent of our students attend full time, and 40 percent attend part time.
- More than 6,000 students reside on the Fairfax Campus.
- Mason has more than 150,000 alumni.



General Information

University Switchboard

Phone: 703-993-1000

TTY (teletype writer): 703-993-1002

Mason Home Page

Web: www.gmu.edu

People Finder

Specific department, faculty, staff, and student information can be accessed through this website.

Web: peoplefinder.gmu.edu

Operating Hours

Web: www.gmu.edu/welcome/hours.html

Directions and Campus Maps

Directions to Mason's campuses, other sites, and campus maps

Web: www.gmu.edu/resources/visitors

INFORMATION CENTERS

Arlington Campus

Phone: 703-993-8999

A walk-up information center is located in the lobby of Founders Hall.

Fairfax Campus

Walk-up Indoor Centers

Johnson Center (Atrium): 703-993-9000

Student Union Building I (Second Floor, Patriots Lounge):
703-993-2855

The Hub (Third Floor): 703-993-2859

University Hall (First Floor): 703-993-5600

Walk-up Outdoor Center

Outside the third level of the Mason Pond Parking Deck

Drive-up Center

Finley Circle (On George Mason Boulevard in front of the Finley Building)

Prince William Campus

Phone: 703-993-8350, 703-993-9440

Walk-up information centers are located in the lobby of the Occoquan Building and Bull Run Hall.

PARKING INFORMATION (GUESTS AND VISITORS)

Motorist Assistance Program (All campuses)

Phone: 703-993-HELP (4357)

Arlington Campus

Phone: 703-993-8146

Web: info.gmu.edu/maps/ArlingtonMap12.pdf

Visitor parking is available in the Founders Hall garage, located in the alley behind the Founders Hall building.

Fairfax Campus

Phone: 703-993-2710

Web: info.gmu.edu/Maps/FairfaxMap13_Parking.pdf

Guests and visitors to the Fairfax Campus are strongly encouraged to park in a Visitor Parking area at the Mason Pond, Shenandoah, or Rappahannock River Parking Decks at the prevailing rates. Guests and visitors may also park at Pay by Space and Pay and Display parking areas or purchase a daily parking permit at the Fairfax Parking Services office located adjacent to the Shenandoah Parking Deck. If you are an annual

member of the fitness facilities, then a General area parking permit is included with your membership. If you become a member for a few months (e.g., summer), then a General area parking permit can be obtained for \$15 with your membership.

Prince William Campus

Phone: 703-993-4808

Web: info.gmu.edu/Maps/PWMap2012.pdf

Guests and visitors to the Prince William Campus may park in numbered parking spaces in the Occoquan and Discovery lots at the prevailing rates (Pay by Space machines are located in the Occoquan parking lot). Daily parking permits can be purchased at the Prince William Parking Services office located on the first floor of the Occoquan Building. Parking in the Freedom Center parking lot is restricted to Freedom Center patrons only.



Academic Programs and Admissions

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Students can choose from 75 undergraduate, 85 master's, 37 doctoral, and 1 professional degree programs through the university's academic divisions and institutes. Some of the academic departments without graduate degree programs offer graduate courses for elective credit and personal or professional enrichment.

All Academic Programs

Web: academics.gmu.edu

Arlington Campus Programs of Study

Web: www.gmu.edu/arlington/programs.html

Mason in Loudoun Programs of Study

Web: loudoun.gmu.edu/programs.html

Prince William Campus Programs of Study

Web: princewilliam.gmu.edu/courses.html

ADMISSIONS

Undergraduate Admissions

Phone: 703-993-2400

Web: admissions.gmu.edu

For undergraduate admissions information about degree and nondegree studies, call or visit the website.

Graduate School Admissions

Web: admissions.gmu.edu/grad

For graduate school applications and information, contact the individual school or college of interest, or visit the website.

College of Education and Human Development 703-993-2010

College of Health and Human Services..... 703-993-1736

College of Humanities and Social Sciences703-993-3699

College of Science.....703-993-3430

College of Visual and Performing Arts703-993-9773

Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study703-993-9298

New Professional Studies: Teaching MA703-993-8320
(Initiatives in Educational Transformation)

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution703-993-3655

School of Law703-993-8010

School of Management703-993-2136

School of Public Policy703-993-8099

Volgenau School of Engineering.....703-993-1512

Transfer Students

Phone: 703-993-2400

Web: admissions.gmu.edu/transfer

Potential transfer students should refer to the website for transfer requirements. Transfer information sessions are generally held monthly.

CAMPUS TOURS

Campus tours offer prospective freshmen and transfer students a look at campus life at Mason.

Arlington Campus: Call 703-993-8999.

Fairfax Campus:

Web: admissions.gmu.edu/common/VisitMason.asp

Tours are offered Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

An information session is conducted by an admissions counselor before the tour. Saturday tours are offered at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Campus tours are not offered during exam periods and holidays.

Tour participants are requested to park in the parking deck on Mason Pond Drive. To arrange a tour, visitors should make a reservation online.

Prince William Campus: Call 703-993-8350.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Phone: 703-993-3120

Web: eip.gmu.edu; **Twitter:** @masonEIP; **Facebook search:** EIP

The Early Identification Program (EIP) is a free college preparation program, focusing on students who would be the first in their family to attend college. The program prides itself on educating the whole student, developing students academically, professionally, and personally. Through academic enrichment programs, mentoring, parental involvement, and leadership workshops, students are equipped with the appropriate resources to succeed in college. Students who successfully complete the program and meet specific academic criteria are guaranteed admission to Mason. Several school districts in Northern Virginia, including Fairfax County, Prince William County, Alexandria City, Arlington County, Falls Church City, Manassas City, and Manassas Park City, are in partnership with EIP. The program is held at the Fairfax and Prince William Campuses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Phone: 703-993-3660

Web: eli.gmu.edu

The English Language Institute (ELI) offers a number of customized, job-related English language programs for professionals, employees of area businesses, and embassy personnel whose first

language is not English. Whether you desire one-on-one tutoring or a course for a group of employees, ELI has a program to meet your needs. Courses can be conducted at your location or the Arlington, Fairfax, or Prince William Campus. Class size is limited to 15 students.

SENIOR TUITION WAIVER

Phone: 703-993-2441

Web: registrar.gmu.edu/forms/swbrochure.pdf

Under the terms of the Senior Citizens Higher Education Act of 1974, eligible Virginia residents, 60 years or older with a taxable income not exceeding \$15,000 for Virginia income tax purposes, may enroll for credit in university courses through the Nondegree Studies Program without paying tuition. Senior citizens at least 60 years of age may register to audit courses for free regardless of income level.

SUMMER TERM

Phone: 703-993-2300

Web: summer.gmu.edu

Summer enrollment provides an opportunity for eligible undergraduate, graduate, and nondegree/transfer students to begin or continue the pursuit of their academic goals. The summer term comprises three standard sessions offered in abbreviated formats, as daytime and evening classes and as distance education courses.

Summer registration for current Mason students begins mid-March, while registration for nondegree students begins in late March to early April. Students who are new to Mason are required to apply and be evaluated for admission. Prospective students should apply online at admissions.gmu.edu/applynow.

Arts, Sports, and Events

ONLINE EVENT CALENDARS

Today@Mason

Web: today.gmu.edu

The university's master calendar of events.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts

Phone: 703-993-ARTS

Web: cfa.gmu.edu

Event calendars are published semiannually and can be requested by phone.

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Web: www.hyltoncenter.org/calendar



Patriot Center

Web: www.patriotcenter.com

Sports, concerts, and other events hosted at the Patriot Center.

ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Galleries

Phone: 703-993-8823

The Professional Center Gallery on the Arlington Campus offers professional shows.

FAIRFAX CAMPUS

Faculty and Student Companies and Ensembles

Faculty and student companies and ensembles from the College of Visual and Performing Arts bring the community a wide assortment of fine and performing arts events and opportunities to audition for some productions.

George Mason University Dance Company

Phone: 703-993-1376 (*performance information*)

Tickets: 888-945-2468

Web: dance.gmu.edu

The George Mason University Dance Company presents performances throughout the academic year, including its highly anticipated annual Gala Concert.

Mason Players

Phone: 703-993-1120 (*performance information*)

Tickets: 888-945-2468

Web: theater.gmu.edu

The Mason Players produce plays and musicals throughout the academic year through their Mainstage and Studio Series.

Mason's School of Music Performance Groups**Phone:** 703-993-1380 (*performance information*)**Tickets:** 888-945-2468**Web:** music.gmu.edu

School of Music performance groups are the Symphony Orchestra, Repertory Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Athletic Bands, Jazz Ensembles, Chamber Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble, University Singers, University Chorale, Vocal Jazz, Opera Theater, Women's Chorale, and Guitar Ensemble.

Galleries**Phone:** 703-993-8898

The university galleries frequently present exhibitions of painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, video art, computer imaging, and animation by students, faculty, and guest artists.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts**Box Office:** 703-993-8888; **Tickets (direct):** 888-945-2468**Web:** cfa.gmu.edu

George Mason University's Center for the Arts presents the Great Performances at Mason series, featuring more than 50 performances in classical music, opera, dance, theater, global music and dance, and popular music by world-renowned artists and ensembles, as well as performances by ensembles from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, in its spacious 1,935-seat Concert Hall.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Mason, a Division I member of the NCAA, sponsors intercollegiate teams in baseball, golf, wrestling, softball, lacrosse, rowing,

basketball, cross-country, indoor and outdoor track and field, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, and volleyball.

Tickets

Intercollegiate Athletics Ticket Office (Field House)

Phone: 703-993-3270**Web:** GoMason.com

Open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door one hour before game time.

For Men's and Women's Basketball Only

Patriot Center Box Office:

TicketMaster Phone: 1-800-745-3000**Web:** PatriotCenter.com

Open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Summer hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**Brown & Brown Distinguished Speaker Series****Web:** som.gmu.edu/bbspeakerseries

This community-based academic initiative brings a diverse group of corporate leaders and government officials to Mason to discuss the strategic and operational issues critical to the nation's ability to sustain and enhance its competitive edge in a global economy. All events are open to the public and most events are free.

Johnson Center Cinema: Films@Mason**Phone:** 703-993-4675**E-mail:** weekends@gmu.edu**Web:** weekends.gmu.edu

Recently released blockbusters, contemporary favorites, independent films, and much-loved classics are shown in the 300-seat Johnson Center Cinema Theater Thursday through Sunday. Admission is \$3 for general public; \$2 for faculty, staff, and alumni with Mason ID/Alumni Discount Card; and free for students with current Mason student ID. Visit the website for film schedule and special events.

The Patriot Center

Main Number: 703-993-3000

Phone Charge: 202-432-SEAT and 703-573-SEAT

Web: PatriotCenter.com

The Patriot Center, Mason's 10,000-seat sports and entertainment arena, located on the Fairfax Campus, is the venue for more than 140 sports, music, and family entertainment events each year, including the Mason Patriots basketball games.

The Patriot Center Box Office, open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is located in the Patriot Center, on the building's west side. Tickets for Patriot Center events are available at all TicketMaster outlets.

Vision Series

Phone: 703-993-8870

Web: visionseries.gmu.edu

The Vision Series is a series of free lectures held during the academic year by top researchers, artists, and scholars from diverse disciplines. Lectures are held on the Fairfax, Prince William, and Arlington Campuses and followed by an informal reception with the speaker.

Women in Business Affinity

Web: som.gmu.edu/wib

This event series promotes the excellence in and achievements of School of Management alumnae and the business community and enhances the experience for our female business students through engagement with alumni and business women from a variety of industries.

PRINCE WILLIAM CAMPUS

The Hylton Performing Arts Center

Phone: 703-993-7550; Tickets: 888-945-2468

Web: hyltoncenter.org

The Hylton Performing Arts Center boasts two elegant, state-of-the-art performance spaces, the 1,123-seat Merchant Hall and the 240-seat Gregory Family Theater, along with support facilities to showcase music, dance, theater, and choral productions from across the community and around the world. The Hylton Center also features the Didlake Grand Foyer, the spacious two-story lobby, and on the second floor, the Buchanan Partners Art Gallery, featuring the work of local and regional visual artists.



Business Assistance

ADVERTISING

Athletics Program Ads

Phone: 703-993-3740

Tap into the passion and loyalty of the Mason Nation with an advertisement in the Mason basketball game day program, distributed at all men's and women's basketball games.

Bike and Bus Shelter Advertising

MSSmedia Phone: 571-425-5329

E-mail: ads@mssmedia.com

Four-foot by six-foot full-color panels in high-traffic locations available.

Center for the Arts Program Book

Phone: 571-425-5329

Web: cfa.gmu.edu/advertising

An advertisement in the Center for the Arts program book offers your business direct and repeat exposure to more than 100,000 people in the affluent and sophisticated communities of Northern Virginia.

Connect2Mason Online News

Web: connect2mason.com/advertising

Connect2Mason is the university's online source for news about the Mason community, with 36,000 in the target customer base. Advertising rates are available on the website.

Flyers, Kiosks, LCD Screens, Leafletting, Posters, and Table Tents (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-9000

Web: studentcenters.gmu.edu/advertising.html

On the Fairfax Campus, a variety of advertising opportunities exist in the Student Centers, including flyers, kiosks, LCD screens, leafletting, posters, and table tents. A limited number of flyers and posters from non-Mason organizations may be displayed. Flyers must be approved by the Johnson Center Information Desk before posting. Rules, regulations, and registration forms can be found online for all Student Center advertising opportunities.

Flyers, Posters, Solicitors, and Kiosks (Prince William Campus)

Flyers and posters. Phone: 703-993-8350. A limited number of flyers and posters from non-Mason organizations may be displayed at specified bulletin boards on campus. Materials must be approved and hung by University Information Desk personnel. All flyers and posters will be date stamped and removed after two weeks.

Solicitors. Phone: 703-993-8334. Approval must be obtained from the Office of Administration before entering campus.

Table Kiosk Reservations. Phone: 703-993-8334. Vendors with a valid vending license may use the facilities and table kiosks on campus for a fee. Call for rate structure and to reserve a space.

Hylton Performing Arts Center Program Book

Phone: 571-425-5329

Web: www.hyltoncenter.org/advertising/index.html

An advertisement in the Hylton Performing Arts Center program book offers your business direct and repeat exposure to more than 25,000 people in the affluent and sophisticated communities of Northern Virginia.

Mailbox Stuffing**Phone:** 703-993-2691

Flyers and postcards can be stuffed into student mailboxes for a fee.

Mason Cable Network**Phone:** 703-993-3996**Web:** www.masoncablenetwork.com

Student-run Mason Cable Network (MCN), channel 89 on the campus-only cable television system, carries entertainment, news, talk shows, sports, and syndicated programming on a 24-hour schedule, reaching the residential population of more than 5,000 students. Call for advertising information.

Student Newspaper**Phone:** 703-993-3004**Web:** www.broadsideonline.com

The Fourth Estate (Broadside), the student-run newspaper, has a circulation of 6,000. *The Fourth Estate* is published weekly, both online and in print on Mondays during the university's fall and spring semesters. It is distributed at all three campuses, local businesses, and at several locations around the Fairfax community.

Weekends at Mason**Phone:** 703-993-4673**E-mail:** weekends@gmu.edu**Web:** weekends.gmu.edu

Promotes events happening off campus Thursday through Sunday in Local Happenings Calendar. Complete the Submit an Event form, and your event will be included in the calendar.

WGMU Radio**Phone:** 703-993-2940**Web:** wgmuradio.com

WGMU, the student-run radio station, broadcasts through the Internet at wgmuradio.com. The 24-hour station broadcasts news programs, talk shows, music, and Mason men's and women's basketball games. Call for rate cards, advertising information, or public service announcement requests.

APPROVED CATERERS**Phone:** 703-993-2840**Web:** approvedcatering.gmu.edu/forms.html

All food vendors interested in becoming an approved university caterer must register with Auxiliary Enterprises.

COMMERCIAL VENDORS AND SUPPLIERS**Phone:** 703-993-2580**Web:** www.eva.virginia.gov

Commercial vendors interested in doing business with the university must first join eVA and then send an information packet to the Office of Purchasing and Accounts Payable outlining their products and services.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**Phone:** 703-993-8761**Web:** communityrelations.gmu.edu/community_connections.html

Community Connections is designed to help organizations connect with the 38,000 students, faculty, and staff and the nearly 150,000 alumni located near you, through advertising opportuni-

ties and event participation or by becoming an approved caterer or commercial vendor.

THE EDGE

Phone: 703-993-4313

Web: www.edgeatmason.com

The EDGE at the Mason Center for Team and Organizational Learning, located on Mason's Prince William Campus in Manassas, Virginia, includes hands-on experiential learning programs that offer thought-provoking, yet fun, team development activities and workshops grounded in cutting-edge team and organizational development theory. Learning will take place on high- and low-challenge course elements. Programs are designed to meet the specific needs of groups.



THE MASON ENTERPRISE CENTER

Phone: 703-277-7700

Web: www.masonenterprisecenter.org

The Mason Enterprise Center (MEC) is focused on providing direct business assistance services while working to accelerate the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation within the region.

The following programs are offered:

Mason Enterprise Center-Fairfax

Phone: 703-277-7700

Web: www.fairfaxinnovationcenter.org

The center is a business incubator for small businesses. Companies, as tenants of the incubator, receive extensive assistance from MEC advisors.

Mason Enterprise Center-Leesburg/Loudoun County

Phone: 703-466-0466

Web: www.MEC-Leesburg.org

Mason Enterprise Center, Leesburg/Loudoun County is located in historic downtown Leesburg at 202 Church Street, SE. The small business incubator fosters the evolution of existing companies that are scalable and want to grow. The MEC provides office space and business services in a shared-cost, peer-to-peer, entrepreneurial environment. In addition, companies are connected to expertise, resources, business coaching, and the assistance they need to set goals and be held accountable to them. We want to accelerate business growth and improve long-term success.

Mason Enterprise Center-Prince William**Phone:** 703-993-9415**Web:** www.mecpw.com

This center is a small business incubator/accelerator. Companies, as clients of the incubator, receive extensive assistance from MEC advisors.

Mentor-Protégé Program**Phone:** 703-277-7700**Web:** mentorprotege.gmu.edu

This program assists large federal prime contractors in providing business and organizational development assistance to selected small disadvantaged businesses.

International Business Accelerator**Web:** www.masonenterprisecenter.org/intl

This program offers a selection of targeted programs to assist U.S. and international small and medium-size information technology (IT) enterprises in developing international business. Its three-stage program of consultation, international market planning, and business partnerships is customized to prepare and promote companies to achieve practical business results in key IT marketplaces around the world.

Community Business Partnership**Web:** www.cbponline.org

Created in 1995, this nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization provides an array of programs that constitutes a complete resource center for training and support to those seeking to build successful small businesses. Targeted toward women, minorities, and low- to

moderate-income individuals, the Community Business Partnership offers a one-stop shop for small businesses.

Virginia Small Business Development Centers**Phone:** 703-277-7700**Web:** www.virginiasbdc.org

This network of 29 local Small Business Development Centers across Virginia includes four locations that serve small businesses in Northern Virginia: Mason SBDC (Fairfax), Loudoun SBDC, Alexandria SBDC, and SBDC of Community Business Partnership (Springfield).

Procurement Technical Assistance Program**Phone:** 703-277-7700**Web:** www.vaptap.org

This program provides government procurement assistance by offering marketing, counseling, and educational programs to small businesses.

Business Mentoring Program**Phone:** 703-277-7700

This program provides customized services for early and seed-stage companies, from planning to identifying and solving critical business functions.

Telework and Flex Office Program**Phone:** 703-279-3300**Web:** mec-flex-office.org

With locations in Fairfax and Springfield, Mason's Prince William Campus in Manassas and Leesburg, and at Mason's Loudoun

facility in Sterling, the centers offer advanced equipment and technical support for today's mobile workforce. Telework fosters greater employee productivity and reduced overhead for employers. Call for information about the 17 Telework Centers in Northern Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Maryland.

MASON NEXT STEPS FOR ENTREPRENEURS

Web: som.gmu.edu/nextsteps

This program provides you the opportunity to receive expert feedback and insight on your business from Mason faculty, research experts, and alumni. Designed especially for faculty developing new intellectual property, this program is open to students, alumni, and any aspiring entrepreneur in the Mason business community.

UNIVERSITY CAREER SERVICES

Employer Relations Manager: 703-993-4149/2370

Web: careers.gmu.edu/employers

Looking for employees? University Career Services provides you access to qualified Mason students and alumni.

To recruit Mason students and alumni

- Create an account on HireMason (gmucsm.symplicity.com/employers).
- Post positions (full-time, part-time, and internships) on HireMason.
- Track applications on-line.
- Sign up for career fairs and other recruiting events.
- Schedule on-campus interviews.

For more information, visit Mason's University Career Services website or contact the employer relations manager.

Conference and Meeting Facilities and Services

ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Phone: 703-993-2095

Web: events.gmu.edu/arlington-request.html

The Office of Events Management is the point of contact when planning a meeting, conference, or other activity at Mason's Arlington Campus. Event managers are available to assist clients with every aspect of their activities by offering expert advice during the planning phase, coordinating logistical and audio-visual support, and providing professional on-site management. Space reservations for meetings, conferences, and other events on the Arlington Campus are made through this office.

FAIRFAX CAMPUS

Phone: 703-993-2853

Web: events.gmu.edu

The Office of Events Management (OEM) is the point of contact when planning a meeting, conference, or other activity at Mason's Fairfax Campus. OEM provides scheduling and event coordination services, and manages traditional university events, conferences, community events, races, and other activities. Event managers are available to assist clients with every aspect of their activities by offering expert advice during the planning phase, coordinating logistical support, and providing professional on-site management. Space reservations for meetings, conferences, and other events on the Fairfax Campus are made through this office.

The Center for the Arts and Harris Theater

Phone: 703-993-8874

Web: www.gmu.edu/cfa

George Mason University offers performance, conference, and reception rental venues within the Center for the Arts and Harris Theater. The Center for the Arts Concert Hall (1,935 seats) is an adaptable venue, able to serve many types of events from conferences to orchestral concerts to large-scale productions. The center features an expansive glass-walled lobby suitable for formal and informal receptions, dinners, and presentations. Harris Theater (460 seats) is a modified proscenium/thrust theater and is ideal for smaller-scale concerts, recitals, lectures, and theatrical events. For additional venue information, visit the website. Please call to book space.

The Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel

Phone: 703-865-5707

Web: www.themasoninnva.com

This facility features 150 rooms, a restaurant, and 20,000 square feet of flexible meeting and banquet space.



The Patriot Center

Phone: 703-993-3009

The Patriot Center, a facility that can be configured to seat up to 10,000, is available for rent.

PRINCE WILLIAM CAMPUS

Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center

Phone: 703-993-8510

Web: www.freedom-center.com

The Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center offers meeting rooms, classrooms, and state-of-the-art activity areas during and after operating hours for parties, meetings, and other gatherings.

General Conference Space

Phone: 703-993-8334 or 703-993-8585

Web: princewilliam.gmu.edu/eventschd.html

The events coordinator at the Prince William Campus is the point of contact when planning a meeting, conference, or other activity there. The coordinator assists clients with every aspect of their activities by offering expert advice during the planning phase, coordinating logistical support, and providing professional on-site management. Conference and meeting rooms, in addition to the 300-seat Verizon auditorium, are available.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center

Phone: 703-993-9344

Web: www.hyltoncenter.org/rentals

Book the Hylton Performing Arts Center for your next event and experience our artistic setting, professional staff, and exemplary customer service.



Fitness and Recreation

FAIRFAX CAMPUS

Recreation Sports Facilities

Phone: 703-993-3939

Web: recreation.gmu.edu

A division of University Life, Mason Recreation offers state-of-the-art facilities for the university and surrounding community. Fitness memberships that include access to all three recreation facilities—Aquatic and Fitness Center (AFC), the Recreation and Athletic Complex (RAC), and Skyline Fitness Center—are available to both university-affiliated and nonaffiliated individuals. Call to schedule a tour.

- **The Aquatic and Fitness Center (AFC)**

Web: recreation.gmu.edu/afc

The AFC offers a two-story fitness gallery with 3,000 square feet of cardio and 5,000 square feet of weight-training equipment. Several group exercise classes and indoor cycling classes are offered at no additional cost to students or Mason Recreation members. The AFC features a recreational pool, an Olympic-size competition pool and diving well, a 14-person hot tub, and a dry sauna. Private swim lesson packages are available for children and adults, as well as lifeguard certification, water safety instructor, and lifeguard instructor certification.

- **The Recreation and Athletic Complex (RAC)**

Web: recreation.gmu.edu/rac

The RAC is a 120,000-square-foot facility that boasts three gymnasiums, two racquetball courts, two squash courts, a



two-story fitness gallery that spans more than 15,000 square feet, and a refreshment center. An equipment checkout desk is available during normal operating hours and offers a wide variety of equipment for members, including camping gear. Semester-based passes may also be purchased for additional access to martial arts or yoga and Pilates classes.

- **Skyline Fitness Center**

Web: recreation.gmu.edu/skyline-fitness

Centrally located on the Fairfax Campus, Skyline Fitness Center offers a variety of cardio and strength machines, as well as free weight equipment during the fall and spring semesters. The center also has a gymnasium with a full-size basketball court.

Game Room

Phone: 703-993-2921

Web: gamerooms.gmu.edu

The Corner Pocket in the Hub offers a variety of activities including billiards, table tennis, foosball, air hockey, electronic gaming booth, and video games. The game room can be rented for private birthday parties and events.

PRINCE WILLIAM CAMPUS

Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center Facility

Phone: 703-993-8444

Web: www.freedom-center.com

The Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center is the region's premier site for year-round recreational, educational, social, and cultural

programs and activities. The state-of-the-art 110,000 square-foot facility serves both university and community needs and offers a 50-meter competition pool; leisure pool with slide, vortex, and specialty features, including a whirlpool and saunas; two-court gymnasium; indoor track; fitness complex with aerobics studio and expansive strength and cardiovascular training rooms; drop-in child care service; racquetball/wallyball courts; locker facilities and family locker rooms; Mason's SMART Lab; classrooms and other meeting space; and a full range of adult and youth programming, including summer and holiday break camps. The Freedom Center is the result of an innovative partnership between George Mason University, Prince William County, and the City of Manassas.



Professional Development

Conflict Resolution Certificate Program

Phone: 703-993-1300

E-mail: scarcert@gmu.edu

The Graduate Certificate Program offers five 15-credit programs specifically tailored to provide students with practical knowledge of conflict analysis and resolution relevant to their focused areas of work. The program is designed for midcareer professionals and offers the following options for specification: Environmental Conflict Resolution and Collaboration; Conflict Analysis and Resolution Advanced Skills; Conflict Analysis and Resolution Collaborative Leadership in Community Planning; Conflict Analysis and Resolution for Prevention, Reconstruction, and Stabilization; and World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution.

Human Resources Job Site

Web: jobs.gmu.edu

Looking for a career at Mason? The university has a vibrant culture, meaningful work, and exciting opportunities for every stage of your professional life. Mason is consistently recognized nationally as a great place to work. Why? No one describes why better than our tremendous faculty and staff. "...I look forward to coming to work every day because of the culture, people, and opportunities...." "...working here enriches my life." Come join our amazing team and celebrate the Mason in you!

Office of Academic Outreach, College of Health and Human Services

Phone: 703-993-1910

Web: chhs.gmu.edu/academic-outreach/index

The Office of Academic Outreach in the College of Health and

Human Services provides adult educational services that support the continued professional development and competency of practicing health professionals. This is accomplished through collaborative relationships with expert health and instructional resources both internal and external to the university. Sponsored activities are based on the interests and needs of individual learners and contracting organizations. The office welcomes the opportunity to partner with other offices and agencies, affiliated or not affiliated with the university, that have compatible interests and goals in support of continued professional development for health professionals.

Office of Continuing Professional Education

Web: ocpe.gmu.edu

The Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) promotes lifelong learning through the design and delivery of continuing professional education and training programs for individuals and organizations. Supported program activities include contracted academic programs, noncredit public programs and seminars, professional certificate programs, online certificate courses, and on-site contract credit and noncredit training programs. OCPE is certified to award CEUs and provides the service to all Mason academic groups delivering noncredit professional development programs.

OCPE has three strategic locations:

Fairfax Campus, 703-993-2109

Prince William Campus, 703-993-8335

The Herndon Training Center at the Center for Innovative Technology, 703-993-4800

Office of Education Services

Phone: 703-993-3674

Web: cehd.gmu.edu/oes

The Office of Education Services (OES) collaborates with the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) faculty, school divisions, and local, state, and national agencies. It provides credit and noncredit courses, educational services, resources, and professional development to enhance the quality of education for students, to further develop highly qualified teachers, outstanding school leaders, and other school personnel, and contribute to the overall improvement of PK–12 education. OES serves as a clearinghouse and portal for individual requests for research assistance, consultation, and collaboration, and provides support to CEHD academic programs to enhance their outreach efforts.

School of Management Executive Education

Phone: 703-993-9801

Web: som.gmu.edu/executiveeducation

The School of Management's Executive Education programs provide dynamic learning experiences to equip business leaders to meet the demands of today's complex economy. Designed for mid- to senior-level managers, business owners, and executives in Northern Virginia, the greater Washington, D.C., area, and international markets, our Executive Education programs accelerate careers and strengthen your organization through strategic workforce development.



Programs and Opportunities

ALL AGES

Observatory (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-9558

Web: physics.gmu.edu/~hgeller/observing.html

The Observatory at the Fairfax Campus building Research Hall offers a number of informal night sky observing sessions throughout the academic year and is open to the interested public. There is a 32-inch diameter Ritchey-Chretien telescope in the observatory atop the pier, a 12-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope used on the patio, and a 6-inch refractor originally built by Mason students in 1974. Observing sessions will be canceled if the sky is more than half overcast one hour before the session is scheduled to begin or it is too windy (>20 mph) to open the observatory dome. Please check the website for the observing schedule and/or cancellation information. Observing sessions last approximately 1.5 hours weather permitting.

Potomac Arts Academy (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-9889

Web: www.potomacacademy.org

Mason's Potomac Arts Academy, part of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, offers the highest caliber of arts instruction in an accessible and nurturing environment for community members of all ages, skill levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Classes, summer programs and workshops are available in music, theater, visual arts, computer game design, and film and video studies, as well as private music instruction.

YOUTH

Summer Camps and Programs (Fairfax and Prince William Campuses)

Phone: 703-993-1005

Web: summercamps.gmu.edu

A wide variety of summer camps and programs are offered to youth in the areas of art, technology, academics, sports, recreation, and radio.

George Mason Institute of Forensics (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-4119

Web: gmif.gmuforensics.org

Hosted in the summer, the Institute of Forensics is open to any high school student who desires to learn more about forensics.

High School Debate Tournament and Institute (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-1093; E-mail: wdecker@gmu.edu

The George Mason University Debate Union sponsors the following:

The High School Debate Tournament

This January tournament is open to all regularly enrolled high school students throughout the United States. The tournament includes four divisions of debate: open and junior varsity, policy debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, and Public Forum debate. We also offer student Congress.

The Patriot Classic High School Debate Institute

Hosted in the summer, the institute is open to any area high school student and offers instruction in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum debate.

Northern Virginia Writing Project Student Summer Institute

Phone: 703-993-1168

E-mail: youngwriters.nvwp@gmail.com

Web: www.nvwp.org (click on “Young Writers”)

An enrichment program designed for students in grades 5 through 12 who have a serious interest in the creative writing process. Applications deadline: May 1.

ADULTS**Alumni Association of George Mason University**

Phone: 703-993-8696

Web: alumni.gmu.edu

The Alumni Association offers programs and services that engage alumni in supporting the mission of the university. Many programs are open to the broader community. Visit the website for more information.

Campus Tours—Patriots: Traditions and Today

Phone: 703-993-1005

Web: info.gmu.edu/tours

Patriots: Traditions and Today, a university tour, highlights the history and showcases the growth of George Mason University. The historical tour welcomes Mason faculty, staff, students, alumni;

local community members and leaders; VIPs; and current and potential donors. Prospective students should contact the Admissions Office for a campus tour. Guests will have the opportunity to see George Mason University’s innovative and diverse campus with rich and growing traditions. The walking tour, led by a volunteer docent, is approximately 90 minutes long and a one-half mile walk. Attendees will receive a map or brochure of the campus and informational items. Registration is required at least three business days in advance and requires a minimum of six attendees. Special request tours are required at least five to seven business days in advance. To register, please call or visit the website above.

Center for Global Education

Phone: 703-993-2154; **E-mail:** cge@gmu.edu

Web: globaled.gmu.edu

The Center for Global Education (CGE) is the university’s study-abroad office and provides a wide array of opportunities for Mason students and the general public. CGE services include advising, issuing International Student ID Cards, a travel and study-abroad resource library, as well as study-abroad information sessions. The center’s various educational opportunities are open to students and the general public for credit and audit.

Short-Term Study Abroad Programs. CGE’s short-term programs are offered during the spring, summer, and winter academic breaks, offering 1 to 9 credits depending on the program’s length and type. Many programs are led by Mason faculty and cover a variety of topics, including business, communications, conflict, culture, environmental science, global affairs, history,

theater, tourism, and trade in more than 30 countries. Short-term programs also include intensive language programs in Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian, and Spanish.

International Internships. CGE offers internships for academic credit. Our interns gain international and professional experience that is directly related to their goals. Internships are open to students as well as the general public and are now available in Beijing and Shanghai, China; Budapest, Hungary; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Curitiba, Brazil; Israel and Palestine; London, England; and Rabat, Morocco.

Friends of the Center for the Arts (Fairfax Campus)

Phone: 703-993-4188

Web: cfa.gmu.edu/friends

The Friends of the Center for the Arts (FCFA) offers the opportunity to support the season of Great Performances at Mason at the Center for the Arts. FCFA provides a number of volunteer opportunities available to members only, including hosting the Friends Information Table in the lobby during performances, photographing special events, writing for the newsletter, or hosting an Artists in Conversation.

George Mason University Foundation Inc.

Phone: 703-993-8850

Web: gmu.edu/depts/development/guide-to-giving/foundation.html
The George Mason University Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation and private corporation, was established in 1966 to advance and further the aims and purposes of George Mason Uni-

versity. The foundation assists the university in generating private support and manages, invests, and administers private gifts, including endowments and real property. Gifts to the George Mason University Foundation provide support for facility improvements, faculty recruitment and research, student scholarships, library resources, laboratory equipment, and operating support for academic departments. Please call to learn more or make a donation.

Office of International Programs and Services

Phone: 703-993-2970

E-mail: oips@gmu.edu

Web: oips.gmu.edu

Mason's global diversity is one of the institution's signature strengths, with international students representing 130 countries from all regions of the world. The Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) brings members of the campus and local community together for shared learning and cultural exchange through a variety of services, resources, and events. Many OIPS programs, such as monthly iCafe and the annual International Week celebration in April, are open to the public. Visit the website for a complete calendar of events, or "Like" the International Events at Mason Facebook page. If you would like to invite an international student or faculty member to visit a school or community group to share information about his or her culture, please contact the associate director at 703-993-3316.

Patriot Club

Phone: 703-993-3215

Web: GoMason.com

The Patriot Club is the fund-raising arm of Mason's athletic department. With the mission of all Mason student-athletes at hand, the Patriot Club garners support for student-athlete scholarships, athletic facilities, and sport-specific operating funds through direct donations and special events.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Encore Learning (Arlington)

Phone: 703-228-2144

E-mail: info@encorelearning.net

Web: www.encorelearning.net

Encore Learning is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that offers daytime college-level noncredit courses, special events, and clubs to help meet the continuing education and social interests of anyone over age 50 in the metropolitan area. Encore Learning is

affiliated with Mason, Arlington County, and Arlington County Public Schools. Four- to 10-week courses meet weekly in convenient Arlington locations during fall and spring semesters. Register online.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Fairfax, Loudoun, Reston)

Phone: 703-503-3384; E-mail: olli@gmu.edu

Web: www.lli.gmu.edu

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a nonprofit organization affiliated with Mason, offers a variety of daytime courses, special events, and cultural activities for older adults. Annual membership dues cover participation in an unlimited number of courses and activities, as space is available and members participate actively in organizing the program. Programs are offered at the Tallwood site adjacent to Mason's Fairfax Campus; Lake Anne in Reston, Virginia; and the Mason at Loudoun site in Sterling, Virginia.



Services and Resources

A University Engaged

Web: communityrelations.gmu.edu/engaged

A University Engaged is a web repository where one can search and review the multitude of programs and partnerships the university provides or is engaged in throughout the community.

Campus Bookstores

Campus bookstores sell textbooks and other course materials, reference books, and discounted bestsellers. The bookstores also stock a selection of Mason gifts, sportswear, and school supplies.

The Arlington Campus Bookstore

Phone: 703-993-8170

Web: gmuarlington.bncollege.com

The Fairfax Campus Bookstore

Phone: 703-993-2666

Web: gmu.bncollege.com

The Prince William Campus Bookstore

Phone: 703-993-8495

Web: gmuprincewilliam.bncollege.com

Capitol Connection

Phone: 703-993-3100

Web: www.capitolconnection.org

The Capitol Connection is a leading provider of cable TV to Washington, D.C., area businesses and organizations that are interested in news and public affairs programming. Clients include government agencies, law firms, news organizations, embassies, and corporate offices. In addition, Capitol Connection provides a full array of webcasting services for government,

businesses, and organizations, and offers TV studio and on-site video production services.

Center for Leadership and Community Engagement

Phone: 703-993-2900

Web: clce.gmu.edu

The Center for Leadership and Community Engagement (CLCE) is Mason's resource for leadership education and community service-learning programs. CLCE provides training for professionals in nonprofit organizations who want to host Mason students as service learners. In addition, CLCE provides general information regarding volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff, as well as a leadership and service-learning resource library. To post your volunteer opportunity or engage student volunteers, contact CLCE.

Center for Psychological Services

Phone: 703-993-1370

Web: psyclinic.gmu.edu

The George Mason University Center for Psychological Services is a nonprofit outpatient mental health clinic and a part of the Department of Psychology. Services are provided by graduate students under faculty supervision. Fees are set, but financial aid is available for those who demonstrate need. There is a waiting list for some services. The center offers consultation concerning mental health-related issues, counseling and psychotherapy, individual intellectual testing for school placement, and psychological assessment for children and adults for social-emotional, developmental, and learning problems.

Community Forums

Phone: 703-993-8846

Web: communityrelations.gmu.edu/fairfax.html

On a quarterly basis, the university cohosts community information forums with the Braddock District of Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. A listing of meeting dates and/or online presentations of previous meetings can be found on the website.

George Mason University Dining and Catering

Phone: 703-993-3314

Web: masondining.com

Facebook: facebook.com/masondining

George Mason University Dining Services provides 34 retail locations on campus open to the public, including food courts; a 55-seat Starbucks; the Mason Rathskeller, a popular spot to watch sporting events on big screen TVs that offers a variety of beer and wine; and Southside, a state-of-the-art resident dining facility. Anyone in the area is welcome to stop by and enjoy a meal.

Boxwoods at the Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel

Phone: 703-865-4638;

Web: www.themasoninnva.com/dining-en.html

Boxwoods is a full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The chef's innovative menu includes regional and American favorites prepared with the freshest ingredients. In addition to an a la carte menu, a buffet selection is available. The chef partners with area farms and vineyards to provide healthy and delicious local choices.

Special Occasions Catering

Phone: 703-993-2371

Web: catering.gmu.edu

Available to the general public for on- or off-campus events, offers the professionalism, artistry, and cuisine to make any occasion truly special.

GMU-TV

Web: www.gmutv.gmu.edu

GMU-TV supports excellence in learning and teaching by producing and providing a wide array of award-winning educational, informational, and research-focused programming for the



Mason community and beyond. To view our programming and to see a listing of channels and broadcast hours in your area, please visit the website.

Mason 101

Phone: 703-993-1005; **Web:** info.gmu.edu/mason101.html

Mason 101 offers an overview of Mason's history, organizational structure, and academic and administrative departments. Via a slide show presentation, take a virtual tour of Mason's campuses. Mason 101 is offered once a month by University Information. Call to register.

Mason Speakers

Phone: 703-993-8761

Web: communityrelations.gmu.edu/speakersbureau

Mason Speakers, the university's speakers bureau, provides a registry of topics that can be delivered to community organizations free of charge by Mason faculty, staff, and alumni. Organizations can request three speakers annually, and requests must be made three weeks in advance via the online form. To view the registry of topics and schedule a speaker, visit the website.

Office of Community and Local Government Relations

Phone: 703-993-8846

Web: communityrelations.gmu.edu

The Office of Community and Local Government Relations is the primary contact for individuals, business and community

organizations, and local municipalities that seek involvement with Mason. Through a variety of community outreach programs and services, the office shares the university's many resources with individuals and groups in the Northern Virginia region and beyond.

School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Web: scar.gmu.edu/events-roster

The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) offers conflict resolution through problem-solving processes, where trained facilitators assist parties by analyzing and resolving disputes, as well as high-quality training and education in conflict resolution practical and theoretical skills. Visit the website for professional speakers and events.

The Northern Virginia Mediation Service (NVMS)

Phone: 703-865-7272

Web: www.nvms.us

NVMS is an independent nonprofit corporation affiliated with S-CAR. It provides mediation services across a wide range of disputes, including neighborhood, family and domestic, parenting and divorce, landlord and tenant, parent and teen, consumer and merchant, and businesses. In accordance with its mission to provide dispute resolution and public education, the program offers several other services, such as mediator training and certification, education, and facilitation.

Test Preparation Courses

Phone: 703-993-2122

E-mail: oempre@gmu.edu

Web: events.gmu.edu/testprep.html

The Office of Events Management offers test preparation classes for both the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

University Libraries and School of Law Library

Web: library.gmu.edu

George Mason University has five libraries: the Fenwick and Johnson Center Libraries on the Fairfax Campus, the Arlington Campus Library, the Mercer Library on the Prince William Campus, and the School of Law Library at the Arlington Campus. Combined holdings include approximately 2.4 million volumes; more than 875,000 electronic books; access to more than 100,000 print and electronic periodicals; 50,000 multimedia titles; 3.3

million microforms; and a broad array of nearly 700 digital databases. In addition, the libraries are U.S. Government, Commonwealth of Virginia, and European Union document depositories, holding 215,000 cartographic materials, and possess approximately 300 unique or distinct special collections and archives. Library research materials and other resources are available to the public for use onsite; however, some online legal resources are restricted to university users at the School of Law Library. Circulating books may be borrowed by the public through the Library Passport Program, which requires a paid membership; this program does not include the Law Library.

Arlington Campus Library Reference Desk: 703-993-8230

Fenwick Library Reference Desk: 703-993-2210

Johnson Center Library Reference Desk: 703-993-9070

Law Library Reference Desk: 703-993-8076

Mercer Library Reference Desk: 703-993-8342



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