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How to Speed the Processing of Your Application

- Apply online at admissions.gmu.edu.
- Submit your application prior to any of your supporting documents.
- Be sure to send your documents to the correct processing office using the appropriate mailing address, including mail stop (MS) number (see pages 6–8).
- Submit **all** documents prior to the published deadlines.
- If applying on paper, use the enclosed envelope and the correct MS number.

Enrollment

Total	29,889
Undergraduate	17,812
Graduate	9,323
Law	762

Data taken from Mason's 2006–07 Factbook.

Degrees Offered

Total	160
Undergraduate	64
Master's	70
Doctoral	25
Professional (Law)	1

George Mason University is an equal opportunity (EO) and affirmative action (AA) institution committed to the principle that access to study or employment opportunities afforded by the university, including all benefits and privileges, be accorded to each person—student, faculty member, staff member, or applicant for employment or admission—on the basis of individual merit and without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification).

Students and employees should bring problems or questions regarding EO, AA, or sexual harassment policies to the attention of a supervisor, department chair, academic dean, university ombudsperson, vice president of University Life, director of Human Resources, the Women's Studies Resource and Research Center, a trusted staff or faculty member, or the university equity officer, Mason Hall, Room D105, 703-993-8730. Students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services, Student Union Building I, Room 304, 703-993-2474 or 703-993-2476 (TTY).

As required by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended), the university is committed to the broad application of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

Consistent with these principles and in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the university publishes an annual security report on October 1 of each year. To obtain a copy of the security report, contact the University Police at 703-993-2810 or visit www.gmu.edu/police/annualsecurity.htm.

In compliance with the Graduation Rates Disclosure Act and the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, the university publishes annual reports on March 1 and October 1, respectively. To obtain a copy of the reports, contact Intercollegiate Athletics at 703-993-3220.

General Information

Self-Managed Application Process

Thank you for choosing to apply for graduate studies at George Mason University. To prevent delays in processing your graduate application, please carefully read and follow the instructions provided.

Students are strongly encouraged to apply online at **admissions.gmu.edu** to save time and money. The online application requires that the fee be paid via credit card. In choosing to apply online or through this paper application, you should manage the documents that are part of your application using the attached envelope and sending your application to the correct graduate admissions office. The addresses for the admissions offices are listed on pages 6–8 of this application.

The self-managed application process is, by far, the best method by which you can submit application materials. This process requires applicants to submit supporting documents (e.g., official transcripts, recommendation letters in sealed envelopes) and the paper application (when not applying online) at the same time in one 9-by-12-inch envelope whenever possible. **Failure to follow this procedure will result in processing delays.** Please use the correct mail stop number for the program(s) to which you are applying.

This booklet contains the Application for Graduate Study, the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates, Transcript Request Forms, and one Letter of Recommendation for Graduate Study form. (The Letter of Recommendation form may be duplicated.) In addition, the Form for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Student Visas is included.

A return envelope, located at the center of this application, is also included. Please be sure to check the instructions on the back of the envelope before mailing. **It is important to indicate the correct address and mail stop (MS) number** in the address section where indicated on the front of the enclosed envelope. The correct MS number for your graduate program can be found on pages 6–8 in the Graduate Application Mailing Instructions.

In the event that a supporting document must be submitted separately, please be certain that the correct MS number for your graduate program is included in the address.

Graduate Application Requirements

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

- A completed Application for Graduate Study
- The nonrefundable application fee (\$60 for the online application; \$75 for the paper application)
- Two official transcripts from each institution attended
- Letters of recommendation
- Official test scores for GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MAT, etc., sent directly from testing agency
- Other materials specified by program such as department form, portfolio, or interview

International students may also need to provide the following:

- Official test scores for the IELTS Academic exam or TOEFL
- Transcripts in original language and translation
- Transcript evaluation (which may be performed by Mason staff)
- Financial documentation as required

Further information for international students can be found on page 10.

Program-Specific Application Requirements

Before filling out the application form, it is critical that you read the application requirements for your specific graduate program. Graduate Program Requirements can be found online at **www.gmu.edu/grad/gradreq** and include program deadline information, terms of entrance, program codes (for use when filling out the application), and any additional program application requirements (e.g., departmental form, writing sample, portfolio). Applicants are responsible for contacting the academic program for additional forms (if indicated) and submitting them with the application in the envelope provided.





Application Deadlines

Please refer to the Graduate Program Requirements (www.gmu.edu/grad/gradreq) for application, assistantship, and fellowship deadlines.

Please note: To prevent delays, it is strongly recommended that applicants submitting international credentials and/or seeking F-1 or J-1 visas send their completed application 60 days **prior** to the domestic application deadline.

Application Document Ownership

Once submitted, all application materials become property of the university and cannot be copied or returned to you. It is recommended that you make copies of the documents you submit for your own records. Remember, however, not to open letters of recommendation, transcripts, test scores, and other materials that must be submitted to Mason in a sealed envelope or directly from the testing agency.

Receipt of Final Transcripts and Degrees

All admissions decisions are conditional until final transcripts showing all completed course work and degrees are received. No student may be fully admitted and, therefore, cannot graduate without submitting these and all other required documents.

Offer of Admission and Deferrals

The written offer of admission specifies the effective date of admission, category of admission offered, and often the name of the faculty advisor assigned to the student. This offer is good only for the semester for which the student applied. The offer must be accepted by returning the Intent to Enroll Form and a deposit, if required, or by accepting the offer of admission via e-mail, as directed by the admissions office. Those candidates whose offer of admission has lapsed must submit a new application and fee to be considered for a different term. In some cases, a school or college may offer a deferral of admission upon the request of the student; however, this request must be made in writing prior to the start of the original semester of admission in order to be evaluated. Deferrals are not guaranteed and are the decision of the admitting department.

Checking the Status of Your Application

You may check your admissions status online at admissions.gmu.edu/apps/appstatus.htm. Please allow two to three weeks before checking the status of your application.

Applying to More Than One Program

An applicant may apply simultaneously to more than one graduate program but must submit a complete application for graduate study for each program, as well as complete sets of requirements for each application. If offered admission to more than one graduate program, the student may accept only one offer and pursue only one degree at a time. This policy does not apply to programs that admit students simultaneously into a master's and doctoral program.

Applying for Certificate Programs

Individuals interested in applying for a certificate program alone should use the Application for Graduate Admission. Those interested in pursuing a certificate program simultaneously with their degree program (master's or doctoral) should contact the university graduate admissions office.

Applying for Nondegree Status

Applicants seeking to take graduate-level courses or graduate prerequisite courses must meet the regular graduate admissions standards. Individual graduate units may have additional requirements for nondegree status at the graduate level. Students interested in applying for nondegree study should visit admissions.gmu.edu/nondegree for information on deadlines and procedures.

A separate application to nondegree study is required to receive consideration. Admission to nondegree study is competitive, and enrollment is not guaranteed. You can apply online at admissions.gmu.edu. Students should contact the graduate admissions area in which they are interested in studying (listed on pages 6–8) to determine whether nondegree study is appropriate.

Application Instructions

Application Fees

The reduced fee to apply online is \$60 and can only be paid using a credit card. To apply using a paper application, the fee is \$75. These fees are **nonrefundable**. We strongly encourage you to apply online to save time and money. **Please note:** If you are applying using the paper application, you may opt to pay by Visa or MasterCard. (A credit card authorization form can be found on page 19.) **No application will be considered complete until the application fee has been received.**

Honor Code and Other Required Information

George Mason University shares the tradition of an honor system that has existed in Virginia since 1842. The Honor Code is an integral part of university life, and students are responsible for understanding the provisions of the code. The complete Honor Code can be found in the *University Catalog* and also online at www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies.

Please sign and date this section. Your signature indicates that you will accept the responsibility of the Honor Code if admitted to Mason.

Applying for Virginia In-State Tuition

If you are claiming entitlement to Virginia in-state tuition rates pursuant to Section 23.7.4, *Code of Virginia*, you must complete the **Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates on page 16**. **Please note:** All questions on the form must be answered. Be sure to sign and date this form, and submit it with the rest of your application materials. The Domicile Office is located in the Registrar's Office (registrar.gmu.edu/domicile).

International Students

Please see pages 10–14 for application information in addition to what is listed here.

Transcripts

Request two official transcripts from each college and graduate institution attended. **Official transcripts must remain in the sealed envelopes with the registrar's signature intact.** If you are still in school, the most recent transcript is acceptable; however, a final transcript confirming the degree awarded must be sent to the appropriate graduate admissions office when it becomes available. Current or previously enrolled degree-seeking Mason students need not submit additional transcripts with their graduate applications. Most registrar offices have an online transcript request process available.

Academic Background/Self-Calculated GPA

In addition to your overall GPA, graduate applicants are asked to report a GPA for the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.

The following instructions will help you accurately compute the required last-60-hour GPA.

Starting with the last semester before graduation, count back approximately 60 semester (90 quarter) hours. All hours earned during the semester (quarter) in which the 60th (90th) hour appears should be counted. Using the scale of A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and E or F=0, multiply the hours by the points (e.g., 3 hours x A [4 points]=12 quality points). Total the number of quality points, and total the number of hours. Divide the number of quality points by the number of hours to obtain the GPA. Do not average the separate semester (quarter) GPAs because the result will not give you an accurate GPA. Do not count such grades as P, HP, S, W, or IN, and do not count the hours. If you repeat a course, count both courses and count both hours. Do not give credit for pluses or minuses. If hours are not shown on the transcript, a GPA cannot be calculated. (In a few cases, the credits are in single units. Check the transcript key for the value of credit [e.g., 1 unit=3½ semesters or 5 quarter hours].)

Standardized Test Data

Please refer to the Graduate Program Requirements (www.gmu.edu/grad/gradreq) to determine whether your program requires a standardized test. Have official score reports sent by the appropriate testing service directly. Note: departmental codes are not necessary. **Mason can only accept official scores sent directly from the testing agency to the university. Please remember to use the appropriate code for Mason for each of the various tests. Most test scores remain valid for 5 years, while TOEFL scores are valid for 2 years; PRAXIS scores are valid for 10 years. Mason graduate admissions offices retain test scores for no more than two years.**

Information and registration bulletins are available on Mason's Fairfax Campus at the Admissions Office in the Johnson Center. You also may obtain information regarding exam registration and information bulletins by contacting the following office(s):

Graduate Record Examination (GRE)

Educational Testing Service

Registration: 800-473-2255

Information: 866-473-4373

Fax: 609-771-7906

E-mail: gre-info@ets.org

Web: www.gre.org

The institution code for Mason is 5827.

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

Educational Testing Service

Registration: 1-800-GMAT-NOW

E-mail: gmat@ets.org

Web: www.mba.com

Miller Analogies Test

Information: 800-622-3231

Web: www.milleranalogies.com

The MAT institution code for Mason is 1768.

Praxis Series

The Praxis Series: Professional Assessments
for Beginning Teachers
Teaching and Learning Division
Educational Testing Service
Registration: 800-853-6773
Information: 800-772-9476 (or 609-771-7395 outside the
United States and Canada)
Fax: 609-530-0581 (or 609-771-7906 outside the United States
and Canada)
E-mail: praxis@ets.org
Web: www.ets.org/praxis
The institution code for Mason is 5827.

English Proficiency

Proficiency in English (via the IELTS Academic exam or TOEFL) is required for all nonnative English speakers regardless of current residence. Students who may request exemption from such a test include nonnative English speakers who have completed a degree (bachelor's or higher) from a university or college in native English-speaking countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Exemptions are very rare and are the final decision of the Admissions Office.

On the IELTS Academic exam, Mason requires a minimum score of 6.5 for admission. On the TOEFL, the following minimum scores have been established: 230 on the computer-based test, 88 on the Internet-based test (with a minimum of 20 in each section), and 575 on the paper-based test.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic)

For testing information and a list of IELTS testing centers by country, please visit www.ielts.org.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

TOEFL Program
Educational Testing Service
Registration: 800-468-6335
Information: 609-771-7100
Fax: 609-771-7500
E-mail: toefl@ets.org
Web: www.toefl.org
The institution code for Mason is 5827.

Please note: Mason offers the English Language Institute (ELI) program to graduate applicants with outstanding credentials who are below (yet close to meeting) the minimum English proficiency requirement. In these cases, the graduate admissions office may recommend ELI to the student to help him or her build English proficiency.

Employment Background

Many of our graduate programs require the applicant to submit a résumé. If your program does not require a résumé, list your past two employers in this section if your professional experience is relevant to your application.



Departmental Forms

Some departments may require a supplemental form. **The applicant is responsible for contacting the academic department for the appropriate form and submitting it with the application to the appropriate graduate admissions office.** An application will not be considered complete if it is missing an academic department requirement.

Letters of Recommendation

Please list the contact information of those people who will be writing recommendations for you in the space provided. Refer to the online Graduate Program Requirements (www.gmu.edu/grad/gradreq) for the number of letters of recommendation required. Request recommendations from individuals qualified to write about your potential for success as a graduate student. For current students or recent graduates, at least one recommendation from a college instructor is suggested. For employed applicants, at least one recommendation from a supervisor is required. For doctoral applicants, the letter writer should be qualified to comment on your ability to perform research at the doctoral level. If three references are required, at least two should be current.

Copy the enclosed Recommendation for Graduate Study Form (page 21) as needed. Be sure to complete the applicant portion of the form **before** forwarding it to the person providing your recommendation(s). Instructions for the letter writer are included on the form. Recommendations must remain in a sealed envelope with the signature of the letter writer across the seal.

Financial Aid, Assistantships, and Military/Student Benefits

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for financial aid, students must be U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens, and enrolled in an eligible degree-seeking program for a minimum of half-time status. To maintain financial aid eligibility, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Applying

You must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year as soon as possible after January 1. The FAFSA can be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Mason's federal school code is 003749.** To receive priority consideration for available funds, your FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before March 1. Types of financial aid available include Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, privately sponsored education loans, and federal work-study programs. Summer financial aid is available on a limited basis; students must file the George Mason University Summer Financial Aid Application by April 1. If you have questions, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid online at financialaid.gmu.edu, or schedule an appointment to meet with your financial aid counselor.

Hours

Located in the South Chesapeake Module, the Office of Student Financial Aid is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Tuesdays when it is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 703-993-2353.

Graduate Scholarship Opportunities

All externally funded scholarship opportunities for graduate students are listed on the Scholarship Bulletin Board at financialaid.gmu.edu. This web site is updated frequently throughout the year, so students should review scholarship opportunities regularly.

Graduate Programs and Tuition and Fees*

In-state	\$337 per credit
Out-of-state	\$845 per credit

**Figures are based on fall 2007 tuition and fee rates and are subject to change. Current rates are available online at studentaccounts.gmu.edu. All new graduate students are also assessed a new student fee.*

Tuition and other fees vary for some graduate programs. Please visit the web site above for current amounts.

Graduate Program Aid

George Mason University annually awards a limited number of three-year fellowships for beginning doctoral students. These fellowships carry stipends of \$10,000 and tuition waivers of up to 9 hours per regular semester. The university also offers assistantships, some in research and some in instruction, which are awarded without regard to financial need. A student holding an assistantship must have degree status and take a minimum of 6 graduate hours per semester. Limited tuition waivers are also available for graduate assistants. All fellowship awards, assistantships, and tuition waivers are made by the individual graduate programs.

Fellowships

In some graduate programs, newly admitted degree-seeking graduate students may be considered for fellowship opportunities if a complete application is submitted by the application deadline. The university offers a number of master's and doctoral fellowships. Stipends vary and often include additional tuition benefits. To be considered for a fellowship, new graduate students must have been offered admission to a graduate program and must carry a minimum of 6 hours per semester. Awards are offered through individual academic departments. Please contact the academic department to determine whether an additional fellowship application is required.

Fellowship recipients are selected primarily on the basis of academic merit. In making awards, departments consider all materials submitted for the student's admission file, including undergraduate and graduate transcripts; scores for standardized tests, if taken; honors and awards; writing samples; and recommendation letters.

Assistantships

Graduate students may apply for teaching or research assistantships. Teaching assistants conduct classes under the supervision of a professor or participate in support activities such as grading exams, conducting laboratory sections, or setting up experiment apparatus. Research assistants work with a faculty member up to 20 hours per week and are directly involved in faculty research and research support. To apply for a teaching or research assistantship, check the appropriate box on the graduate application and contact the academic department directly to determine whether an additional department application is required.

Graduate Application Mailing Instructions and Departmental Contact Information

Several offices process graduate applications at Mason. To ensure that all application materials, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, are returned to the appropriate graduate admissions office, **please print the correct address and mail stop (MS) number on the front of the application return envelope**. Ideally, all your application materials will be submitted together in the return envelope. If any piece is sent independently, **please make sure that the correct address and MS number are used in the mailing address**. A complete list of graduate admissions offices (campus locations, phone numbers, fax numbers, and MS numbers) appears below. Under each graduate admissions office is a list of the programs that it serves.

Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Institute for

Graduate Admissions—MS 5E9

Truland Building, Room 500

3401 Fairfax Drive

Arlington, VA 22201

703-993-1300 (Office); 703-993-1302 (Fax)

icarinfo@gmu.edu

Conflict Analysis and Resolution MS, PhD: 703-993-1300;

Certificates:

Conflict Analysis and Resolution Advanced Skills

Conflict Analysis and Resolution for Collaborative Leadership
in Community Planning

Conflict Analysis and Resolution for Prevention, Reconstruction,
and Stabilization Contexts

World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution

Education and Human Development, College of

Graduate Admissions—MS 4D1

Robinson Hall A, Room 103

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-993-2010 (Office); 703-993-2020 (Fax)

gseadmit@gmu.edu

Unless otherwise noted, contact above office for program information.

Counseling and Development

Community Agency Counseling MEd

School Counseling MEd

Post-master's Counseling Licensure Certificate

Curriculum and Instruction

Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning

Alternative Education MEd, Certificate

Early Childhood Education MEd, Certificate

Elementary Math Education MEd

Foreign Languages Education MEd, Certificate

Gifted Childhood Education MEd, Certificate

History Education MEd, Certificate

Individualized Concentration MEd

Instructional Technology MEd, Certificate

Literacy MEd, Certificate

Middle and Secondary Math Education MEd, Certificate

NBTS Core Certificate

Physical Education MEd

Science Education MEd, Certificate

Special Education MEd

Teacher Leadership MEd, Certificate

Early Childhood Education (UTEEM) MEd

Educational Psychology MEd

Assessment, Evaluation, and Testing

Learning, Cognition, and Motivation

Teacher Preparation

Elementary Education MEd

English as a Second Language MEd, Certificate

English as a Second Language/Special Education Certificate

Foreign Language and Latin MEd, Certificate

Instructional Technology

Assistive/Special Education Technology MEd
and Certificate

Instructional Design and Development MEd

E-Learning Certificate

Immersion Design and Development MEd

Online Teacher Academy

Integration of Technology in Schools MEd, Certificate
Technology Innovations in Education, MEd

Fast Train Elementary, PK–6, MEd

Fast Train ESL MEd

Fast Train Special Education Certificate

Multilingual/Multicultural Education MEd

Secondary Education MEd, Certificate

Early Childhood Education, PK–3, MEd

Education Leadership MEd

Educational Leadership: Math Education

Educational Leadership: Science Education

Educational Leadership: Math Specialist

Special Education

Special Education MEd

Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate

Early Childhood Special Education Licensure Certificate

Emotional Disturbances/Learning Disabilities Licensure
Certificate

Emotional Disturbances/Learning Disabilities/Mental
Retardation Licensure Certificate

Mental Retardation Licensure Certificate

Severe Disabilities Licensure Certificate

Education PhD: 703-993-2011; jholmes@gmu.edu

Exercise, Fitness, and Health Promotion MS: 703-993-2060

New Professional Studies—Teaching MA: 703-993-8321;

703-993-8360 (Fax); www.gmu.edu/departments/iet or

Initiatives in Educational Transformation—MS 4E4

10900 University Boulevard

Manassas, VA 20110

Health and Human Services, College of

Graduate Admissions—MS 5A8

Robinson Hall B, Room 401

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-993-1736 (Office); 703-993-3606 (Fax)

nursgrad@gmu.edu

Epidemiology and Biostatistics MS: 703-993-1736; chhsgrad@gmu.edu

Health Science MS: 703-993-1736; chhsgrad@gmu.edu

Track:

Biostatistics

Gerontology

Global Health

Certificates:

Conflict Resolution for Health Professionals

Gerontology

Global Health Care

Health Systems Management MS: 703-993-1736; chhs@gmu.edu

Concentrations:

Assisted Living Administration
Executive Management
Health Care Security and Privacy
Health Information Systems
Health Policy Analysis

Certificates:

Assisted Living Administration
Health Care Security and Privacy
Health Information Systems
Quality Improvement Outcomes Management

Nursing MSN, MSN/MBA, PhD: 703-993-1947; nursgrad@gmu.edu

MSN Tracks:

Advanced Clinical Nursing
Clinical Nurse Leader
Nursing Administration
Nurse Educator
Nurse Practitioner (*Family, Adult, Gerontological*)
RN-MSN

Certificates:

Nursing Administration
Nursing Education

Social Work MSW: 703-993-4247; socwork@gmu.edu

Humanities and Social Sciences, College of

Graduate Admissions—MS 2D2

College Hall, Room 119

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-993-3699 (Office); 703-993-8714 (Fax)

chssgrad@gmu.edu

Art History MA: 703-993-1248; arthistorygrad@gmu.edu

Anthropology MA: 703-993-1440; anthrograd@gmu.edu

Biodefense MS, PhD: 703-993-9626; biodefense@gmu.edu

Communication MA, PhD: 703-993-3552; commgrad@gmu.edu

Community College Education DA: 703-993-2310; hep@gmu.edu

Community College Education Certificate

Community College Teaching, MAIS Concentration

Creative Writing MFA: 703-993-1180; writing@gmu.edu

Cultural Studies PhD: 703-993-2851; cultural@gmu.edu

Economics MA, PhD: 703-993-1135; econgrad@gmu.edu

Economic Systems Design Certificate

English MA: 703-993-1180; englgrad@gmu.edu

Linguistics MA and TESL Certificate

Literature MA

Professional Writing and Editing MA, Certificate

Teaching of Writing and Literature MA

Folklore, MAIS Concentration: 703-993-8762; mais@gmu.edu

Foreign Languages MA: 703-993-1230; language@gmu.edu

Higher Education Administration, MAIS Concentration

(Administration or Student Affairs): 703-993-8762;

mais@gmu.edu

History MA, PhD: 703-993-1248; historygrad@gmu.edu

Individualized Study, MAIS Concentration: 703-993-8762;

mais@gmu.edu

Interdisciplinary Studies MAIS: 703-993-8762; mais@gmu.edu

Community College Teaching

Folklore

Higher Education (Administration or Student Affairs)

Individualized Studies

Religion, Culture, and Values

Video-based Production

Women's Studies

Zoo and Aquarium Leadership

Justice, Law, and Crime Policy MA, PhD: 703-993-9417;

jlcp@gmu.edu

Philosophy MA: 703-993-1294; philosophy@gmu.edu

Professional Ethics Certificate

Political Science MA, PhD: 703-993-9466; politics@gmu.edu

Psychology MA, PhD: 703-993-1342; psycgrad@gmu.edu

Applied Developmental MA, PhD

Biopsychology MA, PhD

Clinical PhD

Human Factors/Applied Cognition MA, PhD

Certificates:

Aviation Psychology

Cognitive Neuroscience

Usability

Industrial/Organizational MA, PhD

School MA

Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology

Post-master's Certificate

Public Administration MPA: 703-993-9466; mpa@gmu.edu

Administration of Justice*

Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Environmental Science and Public Policy

Human Resources Management

International Management

Nonprofit Management*

Policy Studies

Public and Nonprofit Finance

Public Management

State and Local Government

Third-Party Governance

Certificates:

Association Management

*Noted areas above also offer certificates.

Sociology MA: 703-993-1440; socgrad@gmu.edu

Video-based Production, MAIS Concentration: 703-993-8762;

mais@gmu.edu

Women's Studies Certificate: 703-993-2896; wmst@gmu.edu

Women's Studies, MAIS Concentration: 703-993-4167;

mais@gmu.edu

Zoo and Aquarium Leadership, MAIS Concentration: 703-993-8762;

zal@gmu.edu

Information Technology and Engineering, The Volgenau School of

Graduate Admissions—MS 3D5

Science and Technology II, Room 133

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-993-1512 (Office); 703-993-1633 (Fax)

itegadm@gmu.edu

For PhD applicants ONLY

Graduate Admissions—MS 5C8

Special PhD Processing Center

Science and Technology II, Room 160

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-993-1512 (Office); 703-993-1242 (Fax)

itegadm@gmu.edu

Civil and Infrastructure Engineering MS: 703-993-1675; civil@gmu.edu

Discovery, Design, and Innovation Certificate

Civil Infrastructure and Security Engineering Certificate

Computer Engineering MS: 703-993-1569; ece@gmu.edu

Computer Science MS, PhD: 703-993-1530; ms@cs.gmu.edu;

phd@csadmin.gmu.edu

Biometrics Certificate

Computer Games Technology Certificate

Computer Networking Certificate

Intelligent Agents Certificate

E-Commerce MS: 703-993-1673; ms-ecomm@ite.gmu.edu
E-Commerce Certificate
Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD: 703-993-1569; ece@gmu.edu
Electrical Engineering MS: 703-993-1659; ece@gmu.edu
Communications and Networking Certificate
Signal Processing Certificate
VLSI Design/Manufacturing Certificate
Engineer Degree, Post-master's: 703-993-1499; itegrad@gmu.edu
Information Security and Assurance MS: 703-993-1640; ise@gmu.edu
Information Systems MS: 703-993-1640; ise@gmu.edu
Database Management Certificate
Data Mining Certificate
Information Engineering Certificate
Information Security and Assurance Certificate
Software Engineering Certificate
Web-based Software Engineer Certificate
Information Technology PhD: 703-993-1499; itegrad@gmu.edu
Information Technology PhD: Concentration in Information Security and Assurance: 703-996-1643; ise@gmu.edu
Information Technology PhD: Concentration in Operations Research or Systems Engineering: 703-993-1670; seor@gmu.edu
Operations Research and Statistical Science MS-Dual Degree: 703-993-1670; seor@gmu.edu; 703-993-3645; statistics@gmu.edu
Computational Modeling Certificate
Discovery, Design, and Innovation Certificate
Military Operations Research Certificate
Software Engineering MS and Certificate: 703-993-1640; ise@gmu.edu
Software Engineering Certificate
Web-based Software Engineering Certificate
Statistical Science MS, PhD: 703-993-3645; statistics@gmu.edu
Biostatistics Certificate
Federal Statistics Certificate
Systems Engineering MS: 703-993-1670; seor@gmu.edu
Architecture-based Systems Integration Certificate
Command, Control, Communication, Computing, and Intelligence (C4I) Certificate
Computer, Information, and Software-Intensive Systems Certificate
Telecommunications MS: 703-993-3810; ece@gmu.edu
Advanced Network Protocols for Telecommunications Certificate
Network Technologies and Applications Certificate
Wireless Communications Certificate
Telecommunications Forensics and Security Certificate
Telecommunications Systems Modeling Certificate

Management, School of

Graduate Admissions—MS 5A2
Enterprise Hall, ground level, Room 038
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-993-2136 (Office); 703-993-1778 (Fax)
somgrad@gmu.edu

Accounting MS
Executive MBA
MBA
Technology Management MS

Public Policy, School of

Graduate Admissions—MS 3B1
3401 Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22201
703-993-8099 (Office); 703-993-4876 (Fax)
spp@gmu.edu

Public Policy PhD
Public Policy MPP
International Commerce and Policy MA
Knowledge Management, New Professional Studies MA
Organization Development and Knowledge Management, New Professional Studies MS
Peace Operations, New Professional Studies MS
Transportation Policy, Operations, and Logistics MA
Graduate Certificates

Science, College of

Applications for the following programs should be mailed to Graduate Admissions—MS 6A3
College of Science
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-993-3430 (Office); 703-993-9034 (Fax)
cosgrad@gmu.edu

Biodefense MS, PhD: 703-993-4263; biodefense@gmu.edu
Microbial Biodefense Certificate
Biological Threat and Defense Certificate
Bioinformatics MS, PhD, and Certificate
Biology MS: 703-993-4263; biologygrad@gmu.edu
Biosciences PhD: 703-993-4292; biosciphd@gmu.edu
Chemistry MS: 703-993-4171; chemgrad@gmu.edu
Climate Dynamics PhD
Computational Sciences and Informatics PhD
Computational Science MS
Computational Techniques and Applications Certificate
Computational Neuroscience PhD
Computational Social Science PhD
Earth Systems and Geoinformation Sciences PhD
Earth Systems Science MS
Remote Sensing and Earth Image Processing Certificate
Environmental Science and Public Policy PhD: 703-993-3187; esp@gmu.edu
Environmental Science and Policy MS
Environmental Management Certificate
Geographic and Cartographic Sciences MS: 703-993-1210; geog@gmu.edu
Geographic Information Science Certificate
Mathematics MS, PhD: 703-993-1460; mathgrad@gmu.edu
Actuarial Mathematics Certificate
Nanotechnology and Nanoscience Certificate
Neuroscience PhD
Physical Sciences PhD: 703-993-1208; physicalsciences@gmu.edu
Applied and Engineering Physics MS

Visual and Performing Arts, College of

Graduate Admissions—MS 1C9
Johnson Center, Room 213
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-993-1158 (Office); 703-993-4622 (Fax)
cvpagrad@gmu.edu

Art and Visual Technology MA, MFA: 703-993-8898; avt@gmu.edu
Art Education MAT: 703-993-8898; avt@gmu.edu
Arts Management MA: 703-993-8926; artsmanagment@gmu.edu
Dance MFA: 703-993-1114; dance@gmu.edu
Music MM, Artist Certificate in Performance: 703-993-1380; music@gmu.edu

Campus Resources

Orientation Programs

Graduate departmental orientation programs are conducted by the academic units and are held in the fall and the spring prior to the start of the term or within the first few weeks of classes. Contact your academic department for dates, times, and locations.

Catalog

The *University Catalog* is available online at www.gmu.edu/catalog or may be purchased at the George Mason University Bookstore for \$2. The Bookstore is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday. For additional information, call 703-993-2666.

If you wish to have a copy mailed to you, please send your name, address, and a check or money order for \$6.95 for each catalog (\$11.09 overseas) made payable to *George Mason University Bookstore* to the following address:

George Mason University Bookstore
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MS 3A6
Fairfax, VA 22030

Please note: This mailing address is for catalogs only.



University Information Resources

Admissions

703-993-9700
888-MASON12 (toll free)

Graduate admissions applications are available on the web at admissions.gmu.edu.

Childcare Services

703-993-3750
www.gmu.edu/service/ccc

Dining Services, Meal Plans

703-993-2870
www.gmu.edu/univ_ctr/services/dining

Directory Assistance at Mason

703-993-1000
www.gmu.edu

Disability Services

703-993-2474
703-993-2476 (TTY)
www.gmu.edu/student/drc

Domicile Office

703-993-2464
registrar.gmu.edu/domicile

Financial Aid

703-993-2353
financialaid.gmu.edu

Housing and Residence Life

703-993-2720/2721
housing.gmu.edu

International Programs and Services

703-993-2970
oips.gmu.edu

Off-campus Housing

877-895-1234 (toll free)
och.gmu.edu

Student Records—Registrar

703-993-2441
registrar.gmu.edu

International Transcript Submission Guidelines

Important Information for Students with International (non-U.S.) Credentials

If you earned a degree at a university outside the United States, you must follow our specific guidelines on how to submit your transcripts for evaluation. Please visit Mason Worldwide at admissions.gmu.edu/global/StudentRequirements.asp for more information.

These guidelines will help applicants who submit international transcripts determine what needs to be submitted with the graduate application. **Please note:** George Mason University reserves the right to withhold making a decision on your application until all requested documents have been received.

Mason requires graduate applicants to hold a credential that the university determines to be comparable to a four-year bachelor's degree. Comparability is evaluated through a review of your grades, the rigor and content of your curriculum, and other factors as required by your graduate program or department.

All applicants must submit a complete credential package by the appropriate deadline. Failure to do so may result in a late review of your application or denial of admission because of insufficient academic credentials. Complete credentials include course transcripts for each semester completed in your degree program and the degree certificate or diploma if a graduation date, with the name of your degree, is not listed on the transcript.

You must submit all credentials in **the original language and English.** The English translation must be literal, or word for word. For information on qualified translators in your area, visit the American Translator's Association web site at www.atanet.org. Self-translated copies are not acceptable. All transcripts and diplomas must be issued by the degree-granting university.

Notice to Students from India

Students who attended university in India must submit transcripts from the university that awarded the degree. Transcripts and degree certificates that are issued by the affiliated college cannot be accepted. If you are still enrolled and have not graduated, you must submit semester marks statements for all semesters completed to date. You **must** provide final university transcripts and the university degree certificate or diploma as soon as they are available.

Notice to Students from China

Students who hold degrees from Chinese institutions must submit copies of the graduation diploma **and** the degree certificate along with their transcripts. Students who have not yet graduated should submit a transcript for courses completed to date and then provide a final transcript as well as the graduation diploma and degree certificate as soon as they are available.

Credentials Mason Requires

Official transcripts are expected. These are documents that are sent directly to Mason from your home university. You should follow your home university's policies for such requests. Universities may charge a small fee for this service.

Transcripts you may already have in your possession are also considered official if they are still in their original sealed and signed university envelopes. We will accept these sealed transcripts as official documents.

Transcripts submitted by any other method (even if they are on original paper) are considered unofficial and must be verified (attested) by the issuing university, your embassy or consulate, or another official body such as EducationUSA, Fulbright, or AMIDEAST. We will only accept copies that bear the **original** attestation stamp and signature.

Credentials Mason Will Not Accept

George Mason University cannot accept unattested photocopies or copied documents. Please note that we cannot accept transcripts attested by local notaries public nor English translations prepared by a nonrecognized translator.

Please note that all official credentials, such as transcripts, marks statements, or degree certificates, become the property of George Mason University once you submit them with your application.

International Transcript Evaluations

George Mason University requires all applicants who have completed degrees outside the United States to submit their transcripts for degree validation before they may be considered for admission to a graduate degree program.

Applicants may send their credentials to an approved evaluation agency or organization. Each evaluation agency has its own procedures, but you should authorize them to forward completed evaluations directly to Mason. We will accept only **original** evaluations sent directly from the evaluation agency. Agencies charge fees for their services and may have document requirements that are different from Mason's. You are responsible for payment of all fees charged by external evaluation agencies. For a list of approved evaluators, please visit www.naces.org/members.htm.

You may choose to have your credentials evaluated at Mason. This service is free. Because of the high volume, you should submit all required documents at least four to six weeks before the stated deadline to ensure a timely evaluation of your application.

Instructions for Applicants with International Credentials and Those Seeking F-1 or J-1 Visas

The instructions on this page are for applicants presenting academic credentials from institutions of higher learning located outside the United States. Only those applicants seeking F-1 or J-1 visas must complete the **Form for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Student Visas** and the Application for Graduate Studies. Please note that immigration documents (I-20/DS-2019) required for F-1 and J-1 visas will not be issued until you complete and sign the form (pages 13–14).

Deadlines for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Visas

Application deadlines for applicants seeking F-1 or J-1 visas are one month prior to the deadlines printed in the Graduate Program Requirements web site (available online at www.gmu.edu/grad/gradreq).

English Language Proficiency

To study at Mason, you are required to demonstrate proficiency in English through the IELTS Academic exam or TOEFL. Please refer to page 4 of this application to view requirements for each.

Financial Documents Required

Applicants seeking an immigration document from George Mason University must complete and return the Form for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Student Visas, along with original bank statements and sponsorship letters. The student must show that sufficient financial resources are available to cover the cost of the first year of study and that adequate funding will be available from dependable sources for subsequent years. Bank statements must be current; documents older than six months are not acceptable. Stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, and salary statements are also not acceptable as proof of funding. **Please be aware that Mason will not bill sponsors located outside the United States.** Instructions concerning third-party billing are available at the Student Accounts Office, in the *Schedule of Classes*, and on the web at registrar.gmu.edu/calendars.html.

Issuance of Nonimmigrant Student Visa Documents

Once a student has been approved for admission to Mason and has submitted acceptable proof of funding, the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS) will review each case and mail the proper immigration document (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange for Nonimmigrant [F-1] Student, Form I-20, or Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor [J-1] Status, DS-2019) directly to the student or a designated contact person.

Mailing of Immigration Documents

OIPS sends immigration documents and international student orientation information via regular U.S. airmail. If you would like your documents sent via Express Mail, please contact OIPS by e-mail or fax with mailing instructions and a credit card number and credit card expiration date.

Contact Information

Office of International Programs and Services
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MS 4C3
Fairfax, VA 22030
U.S.A.

Phone: 703-993-2970
Fax: 703-993-2966
E-mail: oips@gmu.edu
Web: oips.gmu.edu

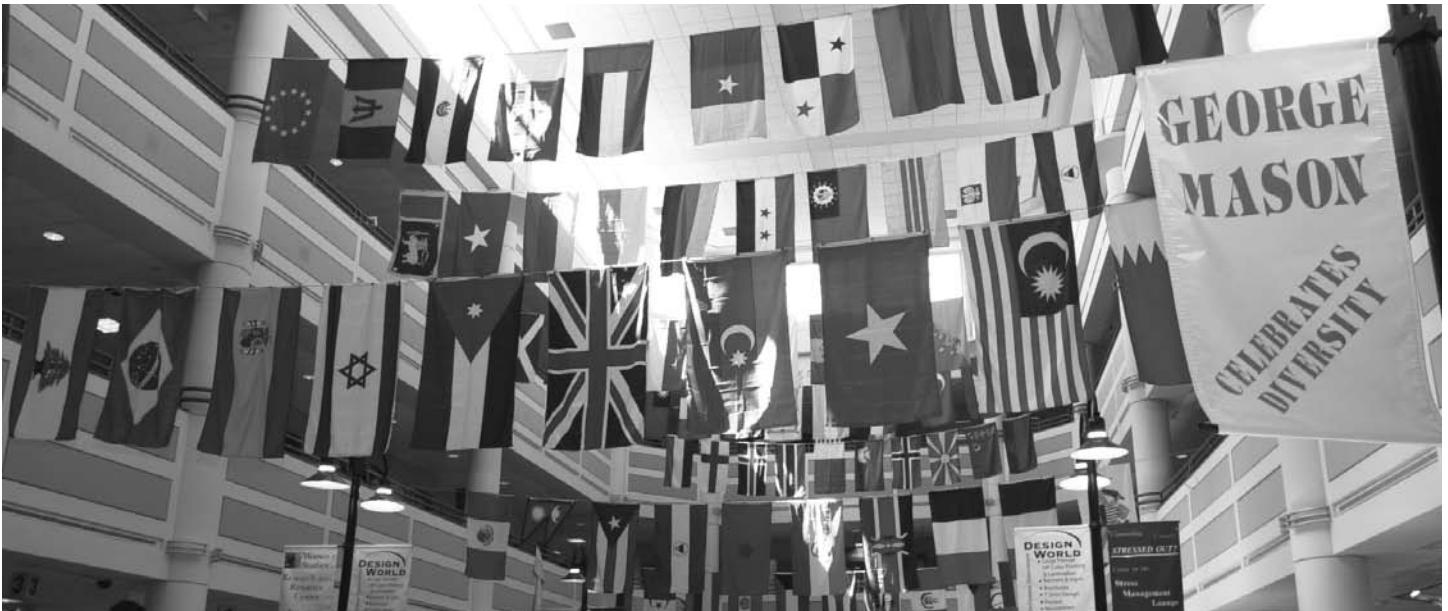
International Students Outside the United States

To apply for a visa, students should be prepared to show the following documents at the U.S. embassy or consulate overseas: I-20 or DS-2019, passport, letter of admission to Mason, proof of financial support, proof of payment of the \$100 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee, and strong evidence of intent to return to their home country after completion of studies. For more specific information, students should contact the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate to find out about application requirements, procedures, hours, fees, and processing times, or go to www.travel.state.gov. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the terms and conditions of his or her admission and authorized stay in the United States. A full list of U.S. embassies worldwide is also available at usembassy.state.gov.

International Students with F-1 or J-1 Status Transferring to Mason from Another School in the United States

Students who wish to attend Mason after attending another school in the United States must have maintained their F-1 or J-1 status to be eligible for an immigration transfer. Along with the **Form for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Student Visas**, they must submit copies of their current Form I-20 or DS-2019, passport, visa, and I-94 card.

For F-1 visa holders, OIPS will prepare an I-20 for the student and send instructions for completing an immigration transfer. A transfer of F-1 status from one school to another may be accomplished by providing evidence that the student maintained full-time enrollment and was "in status" the previous semester. OIPS has a School Transfer Form that may be used



for this purpose. The form is available online at oips.gmu.edu/forms. Admitted transfer students should complete the first page of the form and submit it to their previous college. The school must complete the second page, return the form to OIPS at Mason, and release the student record for transfer in SEVIS. Students must also be registered full time for classes and must physically report to OIPS for their transfer to be complete.

Please note: The school transfer procedure must be completed within the drop/add period of the student's first semester at Mason.

The procedure for J-1 students is somewhat different. **Transfers of J-1 sponsorship from another university to Mason must be completed before the current DS-2019 expires.** Once a J-1 student has been approved for admission and acceptable financial documents have been submitted, the current international student office must be contacted to release the student's SEVIS record to Mason. Only then will OIPS be able to prepare the DS-2019 Form and give it to the student.

International Students in the United States on a Visa Other Than F-1 or J-1

International students already in the United States with an immigration status other than F-1 or J-1 are asked to complete and return the **Form for Applicants Seeking F-1 or J-1 Student Visas**. Please call OIPS at 703-993-2970 to determine whether a change of status is necessary and possible.

Please note: Those who enter the United States on a tourist visa (either B-1 visitor for business or B-2 visitor for pleasure) are now prohibited from enrolling in school and beginning classes until Citizenship and Immigration Services has approved a change to student status. F-2 dependents are also prohibited from studying full time or in degree programs.

Those who have entered on the visa waiver program must return to their home country to obtain a student visa before they can start their studies at Mason.

Applicants Living Abroad

If you live outside the United States, you may give permission to another individual living in the United States to act on your behalf during the admissions process. Submit a letter with your application listing the name, address, and telephone number of your designee. Please sign and date the letter. Without formal written permission, Mason may not disclose information regarding your application to another individual or agency.

International Student Orientation

All new F-1 and J-1 international students (including transfers and those who have recently changed from another nonimmigrant status to F-1 or J-1 status) must attend International Student Orientation. Held the week before the beginning of each semester, the orientation covers immigration regulations, employment options and limitations, health issues, health insurance information, academic policies, cultural adjustment to life in the United States, practical tips, and more. Visit the OIPS web site at oips.gmu.edu for the time and the location of orientation.

For Additional Information

Office of International Programs and Services
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, MS 4C3
Fairfax, VA 22030
U.S.A.

Phone: 703-993-2970
Fax: 703-993-2966
E-mail: oips@gmu.edu
Web: oips.gmu.edu

Personal Information

Please print your full name exactly as it appears on your passport or birth certificate. Immigration documents (I-20/DS-2019) required for F-1 and J-1 visas will not be issued until you complete this form (front and back) and return it along with supporting documents with your application.

Applicant's Name* _____ Male
Last (family name) First Middle Female

Date of Birth* _____ City and Country of Birth* _____
Month/Day/Year

Country of Citizenship* _____

Country of Legal Permanent Residence* _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

Foreign Residence Address* (**Please note: It is MANDATORY that you provide this address so that we can issue your I-20/DS-2019.**) _____

U.S. Address (if applicable) _____

Where would you like your I-20/DS-2019 mailed? _____

Previous or current Mason identification number (if known) _____

**Mandatory information*

Immigration Information

What type of immigration document are you requesting from Mason?

I-20 (F-1 status) DS-2019 (J-1 status)

All students must attach a copy of the identification page of their passport, or if passport is unavailable, a copy of their birth certificate.

Are you currently in the United States? Yes* No

**Please attach a copy of your current immigration document (Form I-20, DS-2019, or other) and I-94 card.*

If yes:

1. What is your current immigration status? F-1 J-1 Other: _____

2. If currently in F-1 or J-1 status, please list school or university you are attending. _____

3. Are you planning to leave the United States before coming to Mason? Yes No

4. If yes, when? _____

Information about Dependents Who Will Accompany You

If your family will accompany you, you must show evidence of an additional U.S. \$5,000 per year for your spouse and U.S. \$2,500 for each child. **For each dependent, please attach a copy of passport identification page or birth certificate.**

Please complete: I plan to come alone.
 I plan to bring the following dependents who will enter the United States with me. (Complete below.)
 The following dependents are currently with me in the United States and will remain with me.

Name _____
Last (family name) First Middle

Date of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____

City and Country of Birth _____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____

(Please continue on separate sheet if needed.)

Funding

- You must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and living expenses.
- You or your sponsor will be responsible for all payments according to scheduled Mason payment dates for each semester.

The estimated costs for the 2008–09 academic year (12 months)

	Undergraduate	Graduate (9 credits)¹	Graduate w/ Assistantship²
Tuition and Fees	\$19,728	\$15,210	\$6,096
Books and Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Housing (shared)	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600
Food	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800
Transportation	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Personal Expenses	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Insurance (mandatory)	\$1,345	\$1,345	\$1,345
Estimated Total Costs	\$34,673	\$30,155	\$21,041

¹F-1 and J-1 students are required to study full time during the fall and spring semester but are not required to attend the summer term. Tuition costs are based on full-time minimum enrollment for fall and spring and do not include tuition for optional summer term.

²Tuition may vary for students holding assistantships. In-state tuition benefits (as shown at left) may be provided for master’s and PhD-level students with assistantships. Full or partial tuition waivers may be granted to students with teaching or research assistantships. Stipends and benefits are determined by each academic department. You may use your stipend as partial proof of financial support.

Source of Funding

Please complete the chart below and attach all financial verification documents for each funding category that you use. **Acceptable** financial support documents include checking, savings, certificate of deposit, and money market accounts. **Unacceptable** financial support documents include stocks, bonds, and statements of company assets. Documents must be original bank statements or an original letter on bank letterhead signed by a bank official. **Documents must be less than six months old.**

Source of Funds	Year 1 (amount pledged)	Years 2–4 (amount pledged)
1. Self-support	\$	\$
You must enclose an original bank statement or letter on the bank’s stationery to verify the amount you indicate.		
2. Parents or Individual Sponsor	\$	\$
Your parents or sponsor must sign the certification portion below and enclose an original bank statement or letter on their bank’s stationery to verify their ability to provide you with the indicated funds.		
3. Your Government	\$	\$
Enclose a signed copy of award letter with current date, amount in U.S. dollars, and beginning and ending date of award period.		
4. George Mason University	\$	\$
Enclose a copy of George Mason University award letter for assistantship, scholarship, grant, and tuition waiver.		
5. Other (please specify)	\$	\$
Enclose signed affidavit from an authorized person to certify the accuracy of this entry.		

Undergraduate students must show a total of \$34,673. Graduate students must show a total of \$30,155. Please refer to the table above.

Please Note

- Students holding F-1 or J-1 visas should not anticipate employment as a means of support while at Mason. Employment for students with F-1 and J-1 visas is restricted.
- The payment schedule is printed in the *Schedule of Classes* and can be found online at registrar.gmu.edu.

APPLICANT: I certify that the information provided here is correct and complete. I will be responsible for adhering to all university tuition, fees, room and board, and health insurance payment schedules.

Signature of applicant Date and place signed Print name Last (family name) First

PARENT/SPONSOR: This is to certify that I have read the information provided by the applicant on this form; it is true, accurate, and complete; and the funds are available and will be provided as stated.

Signature of parent/sponsor Print name Last (family name) First

Relationship to applicant Address

Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates

This form must be completed if you are claiming entitlement to Virginia in-state tuition rates pursuant to section 23-7.4, *Code of Virginia*. All questions must be answered. Section A must be completed by the applicant. If you are dependent upon a parent, spouse, or legal guardian, Section B of this form also must be completed by that person. Supporting documents and additional information may be requested.

SECTION A—APPLICANT

- Name of Applicant _____
- Social Security No. _____ (Optional)
- Date of Birth _____
- Citizenship Status U.S. Permanent Resident
 Non-U.S. Citizen, Nonpermanent Resident
Do you have a pending Permanent Resident status? Yes No
If yes, please indicate your previous visa status _____
Indicate the type of visa you currently hold: _____
Award Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____
- How long have you lived in Virginia? _____
- Do you consider yourself to be a Virginia resident though you currently live outside Virginia? Yes No
- Where have you lived for the past two years? List current address first:
From (mo./yr.) To (mo./yr.) Street Address City State Zip

Students under the age of 24 are presumed to be dependent on a parent, spouse, or legal guardian unless one of the following factors apply:

- Are you age 24 or older (as of the first day of the term in which you intend to enroll)? Yes No
 - Are you a veteran or active duty member of the U.S. armed forces? Yes No
 - Are you a ward of the court or were you a ward of the court until age 18? Yes No
 - Are both of your parents deceased and you have no adoptive or legal parents? Yes No
 - Are you a graduate/professional student? Yes No
 - Do you have a legal dependent(s) other than your spouse (e.g., child)? Yes No
 - Are you married? Yes No
- If you are currently enrolled in a public college or university, please list the school: _____
Are you paying in-state tuition rates? Yes No
- Do your parents, spouse, or legal guardian(s) provide more than half of your financial support or claim you as a dependent? Yes No

If yes, Section B must also be completed by parent, spouse, or legal guardian.

- For the 12 months prior to the term in which you will enroll, will you have you filed a Virginia income tax return or paid income tax on all earned income? Yes No
 - Are you exempt from filing an income tax return? Yes No
If no, where did you file a tax return or pay income taxes? _____
- For the 12 months prior to the term in which you will enroll, have you:
 - been a registered voter in Virginia? Yes No
 - held a valid Virginia driver's license? Yes No
 - had your motor vehicle registered in Virginia? Yes No
- Are you an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces? Yes No
If no, skip to Question 14.
 - Are Virginia income taxes currently paid on all military income?.. Yes No
If yes, provide the Office of Admissions with copies of your military orders and an LES or State of Legal Residence Certificate showing Virginia as your state of legal residence for income tax purposes. If no, provide a copy of your military orders, ID card, and lease/deed.
- Are you the dependent of a military parent, spouse, or legal guardian with military orders to VA who also resides in VA? Yes No
If yes, have the military member complete Part B (questions 1, 5, 9, and signature) and provide the Office of Admissions with copies of the following documentation: military member's ID card, military dependent ID card, lease/deed, and military orders. Deadline for submissions: Last day of Add Period.
- Are you currently not living in Virginia or any of the states that have reciprocal tax provisions with Virginia: MD, DC, PA, WV, or KY? Yes No
If yes, will you have worked in Virginia and earned at least \$11,200 and paid Virginia income taxes for the past 12 months? Yes No
If yes, provide the Office of Admissions with copies of the following documentation: state and federal income taxes and current pay stub.

I certify under penalty of disciplinary action that the information I have provided is true.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

SECTION B—PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SPOUSE

- Name of Parent Legal Guardian or Spouse _____
- Citizenship Status U.S. Permanent Resident
 Non-U.S. Citizen, Nonpermanent Resident
Do you have a pending Permanent Resident status? Yes No
If yes, please indicate your previous visa status _____
Indicate the type of visa you currently hold: _____
Award Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____
- How long have you lived in Virginia? _____
- Do you consider yourself to be a Virginia resident though you currently live outside Virginia? Yes No
- Where have you lived for the past two years? List current address first:
From (mo./yr.) To (mo./yr.) Street Address City State Zip

- Do you provide more than half of the financial support for the applicant or claim the applicant as a dependent on your federal and Virginia income tax returns? Yes No
- For the 12 months prior to the term in which your dependent will enroll, will you have filed a Virginia income tax return or paid income tax on all earned income? Yes No
 - Are you exempt from filing an income tax return? Yes No
 - If no, where did you file a tax return or pay income taxes?
- For the 12 months prior to the term in which your dependent will enroll, will you have:
 - been a registered voter in Virginia? Yes No
 - held a valid Virginia driver's license? Yes No
 - had your motor vehicle registered in Virginia? Yes No
- Are you an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces? Yes No
If no, skip to Question 10.
 - Are Virginia income taxes currently paid on all military income?.. Yes No
If yes, provide the Office of Admissions with copies of your military orders and LES or State of Legal Residence Certificate showing Virginia as your state of legal residence for income tax purposes, current Virginia driver's license, and vehicle registration.
 - Is the person who completed Part A of this form your dependent? Yes No
 - Are you residing in Virginia with orders to a military base/ installation/post in Virginia or a contiguous state? Yes No
If yes to questions 9b and 9c, provide the Office of Admissions with copies of military orders, the dependent ID card, and lease/deed. Deadline: End of Add Period.
- Are you currently not living in Virginia or any of the states that have reciprocal tax provisions with Virginia: MD, DC, PA, WV, or KY? Yes No
If yes, will you have worked in Virginia and earned at least \$11,200 and paid Virginia income taxes for the past 12 months? Yes No
If yes, provide the Office of Admissions with copies of the following documentation: state and federal income taxes, current pay stub, and a copy of this form.

I certify that the information I have provided is true.

Signature of Parent, Spouse, or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Additional Comments: _____

Note: The Office of Admissions makes an initial domicile decision based on the information provided on this form. All students classified by the Office of Admissions as out of state for tuition purposes have the right to appeal. Review the following guidelines before beginning your appeal: registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile/appeal.html.

Academic Background

Last or Family Name _____

First _____

MI _____

Other _____

Social Security Number (optional) _____

Program _____

Degree/Certificate _____

Concentration or Track _____

With the most recent first, list all colleges, universities, and professional and graduate schools attended, and any school in which you are currently enrolled, including George Mason University nondegree study programs (also list any proprietary schools).

Institution Code*	Name and Location of Institution (undergraduate and graduate)	Dates Attended		Major/Degree	Credits/Quality Points	Overall GPA
		From	To			

*Insert Institution Code from GMAT or GRE bulletin, if known. Otherwise leave blank.

Calculate your GPA below. Compute your undergraduate GPA on a 4.00 system, using A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0. Refer to the application instructions on page 3 for further information on calculating GPAs.

Undergraduate GPA				Last 60 hours of bachelor's degree				GPA for all postbaccalaureate work			
Grade	Total # of Credits	Multiply by	Grade Points	Grade	Total # of Credits	Multiply by	Grade Points	Grade	Total # of Credits	Multiply by	Grade Points
A		x 4 =		A		x 4 =		A		x 4 =	
B		x 3 =		B		x 3 =		B		x 3 =	
C		x 2 =		C		x 2 =		C		x 2 =	
D		x 1 =		D		x 1 =		D		x 1 =	
F		x 0 =	0	F		x 0 =	0	F		x 0 =	0
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Test Data

Please complete the information requested below. Include the month and year of the test you have taken or plan to take.

GRE Aptitude _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Date V Q A/W

GRE Subject _____
Date Score

LSAT _____
Date Score Percentile Rank

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Date V Q A

MAT _____
Date Score

IELTS Academic _____
Date Score

TOEFL _____ / _____ / _____
Date Score Essay Score

Praxis _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
Date R W M

Certification or License

Please list current certification(s) or license(s) held.

Teaching _____ Endorsement _____ State _____

License _____ State _____

Other _____

Financial Aid, Assistantships, and Military/Student Benefits

Check the appropriate boxes. Are you applying for

- [Y] Financial Aid—Please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1 for the upcoming academic year. (You must submit financial aid transcripts for all previous schools attended to the Office of Student Financial Aid.)
- [T] Teaching Assistantship (6 credits per term)
- [R] Research Assistantship (6 credits per term)

Military/Student Benefits

- Veteran with benefits [1]
- Veteran with no benefits [2]
- Not applicable [3]
- Veteran dependent with benefits [4]
- Active duty with benefits [5]
- Active duty with no benefits [6]
- Selective reserve with benefits [7]
- Eligible for Virginia War Orphans benefits [8]
- Veteran's Education Assistance Program [9]

**Honors,
Awards, and
Publications**

Please list scholarships, fellowships, academic awards, honors, special recognitions, or publications.

**Employment
Background**

Please refer to the Graduate Program Requirements Chart to find the programs requiring résumés. If one is required of your program, please submit a résumé indicating company or organization, location and type of business, title of position, dates of employment, and your responsibilities.

If your program does not require a résumé, please list below your last two professional experiences if they are relevant to your application.

Name and Location of Employer	Position	Nature of Work	Dates

Will your employer sponsor your attendance? Yes No

**Goals
Statement**

Statements should be 750 to 1,000 words. Please print or type your name and G number on all additional sheets of your application. Return the goals statement to the appropriate graduate admissions office with the application.

Master's and Doctoral Applicants

On a separate sheet, state your professional plans and career objectives. Please include your personal qualities and development and how they have influenced your career choice; your reasons for this particular degree in relation to your academic background, professional work experience, and career goals; and your reason for selecting your program at George Mason University.

Doctoral Applicants Only

In addition to the goals statement above, the Admissions Committee is interested in which fields you expect to do doctoral study and research; how these interests have been influenced by your prior education, research, or work experience; why you are considering a career in an academic, research, or clinical setting; and any information relevant for evaluating your motivation to study and conduct research at the doctoral level.

Confidential letters of recommendation have been submitted by the following people:

**Letters of
Recommendation**

Name	Position/Organization	Telephone	E-mail Address	
Address		City	State (or Country)	Zip Code
Name	Position/Organization	Telephone	E-mail Address	
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Please note: Information contained in this application will be provided to Virginia state agencies as required by law.

I certify all information given on the application is complete, true, and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

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(Please detach and staple to the first page of the Application for Graduate Admission.)

MasterCard or Visa Authorization for \$75 Graduate Application Fee

Cardholder's Name _____ MasterCard Visa
(print name of cardholder)

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Amount to be charged: \$75

Applicant's Name _____

Applicant's G Number _____ Applicant's SSN _____

(optional)

Signature of Cardholder _____



Recommendation for Graduate Study

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**To Be
Completed
by the
Applicant**

Name _____

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Social Security Number (optional)

Admission Term Fall Spring Summer 20__

Intended Graduate Program _____

Public Law 93.390 allows the applicant a choice regarding access to letters requested after January 1, 1975. Because the university believes that letters submitted in confidence carry greater weight, it is suggested that the right to access be waived. ***It is essential that the applicant complete the following statement.***

I hereby waive do **not** waive access to this letter.

Signature _____

**To Be
Completed
by the
Recommender
and Returned
to the Applicant**

The graduate admissions procedure requires the applicant to gather individual letters of recommendation, as well as other documents, and submit a complete set of documents with the application. An advantage of this system is that the student knows the application is complete when submitted. After completing this form, please place it in an envelope addressed to the applicant, seal the envelope, and sign and date it across the seal. ***Return it to the applicant***, who will forward it to the university, unopened, with the application materials. The student has indicated above whether access to this recommendation has been waived. ***If you prefer to mail your recommendation directly to Graduate Admissions at the mail stop (MS) listed above, please inform the candidate and respond promptly to avoid delays in processing the application.*** We appreciate your cooperation. If additional space is needed, please feel free to attach a separate sheet. If you prefer, you may type your entire statement on your organization's official stationery and attach it to this form.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please evaluate the applicant by placing a check in the column that most nearly represents your opinion. If you lack the knowledge to make a definite rating, please check "Inadequate Opportunity to Observe."

Area of Evaluation	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe	Below Average	Average	Above Average (Upper 25%)	Superior (Top 10%)
Intellectual Ability					
Ability to Communicate					
Self-Reliance/Independence of Thought					
Motivation					
Professional Interest					

Recommendation based on applicant's ability to pursue graduate study (check one):

Strongly recommend Recommend Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Please add any comments that might assist the department in making a judgment about the applicant's admission to graduate school.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print clearly below:

Name _____

Position _____

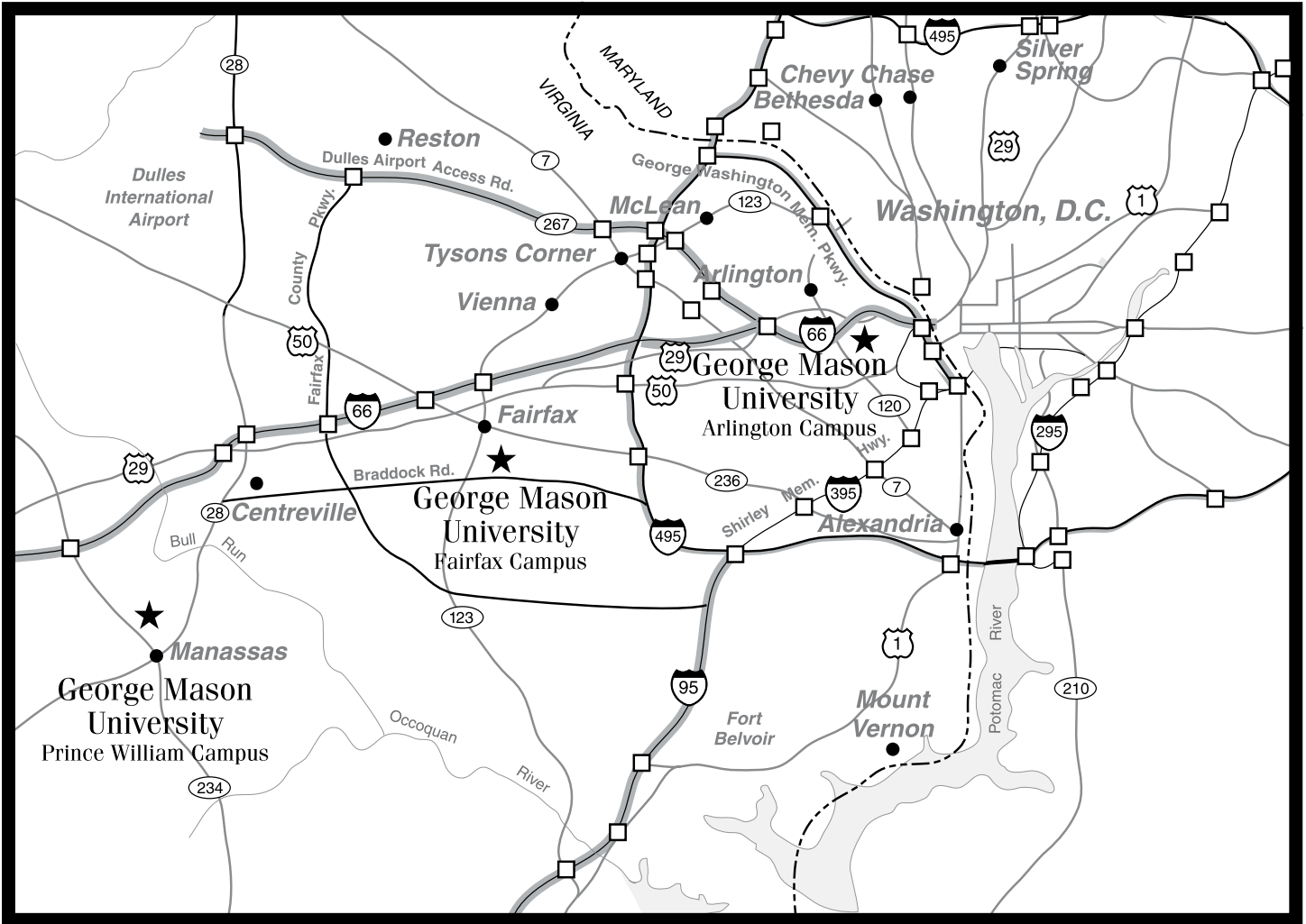
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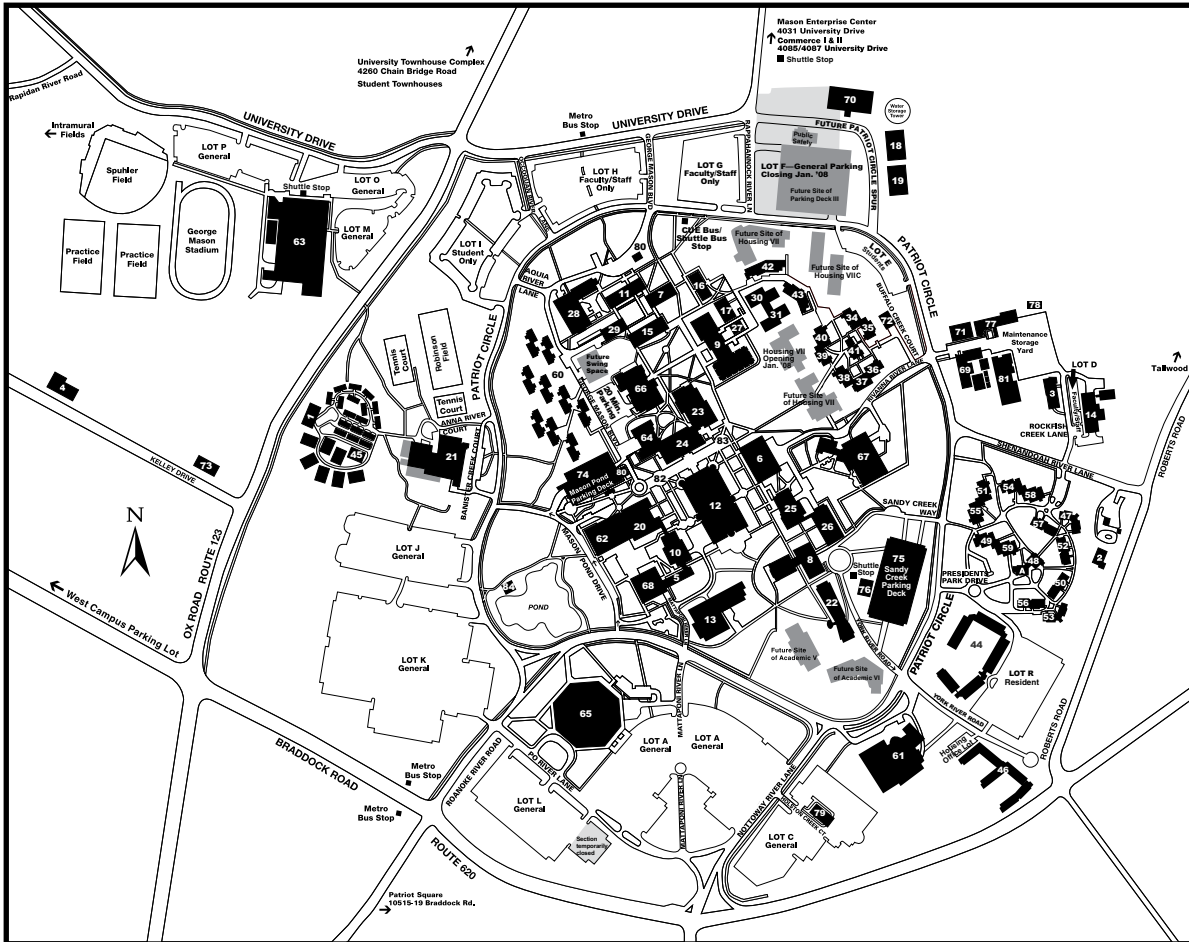
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General Location Map of Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William Campuses



Fairfax Campus



Surface lot parking by decal or permit only. Strictly enforced.
 Monday–Friday
 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Saturday
 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Visitor parking in the Deck. See #74.

Campus Escort Service
 available 6:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. every day during fall and spring semesters.

Motorist Assistance Program
 available 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week during fall and spring semesters.

Summer Hours:
 Monday–Friday
 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday–Sunday
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 703-993-HELP (4357).

ACADEMIC

- 1 Athletic Academic Module
- 2 Buchanan House
- 3 Carow Hall
- 4 Carty House
- 5 College Hall
- 6 David King Hall
- 7 East Building
- 8 Enterprise Hall
- 9 Fenwick Library
- 10 Fine Arts Building
- 11 Finley Building
- 12 George W. Johnson Center
- 13 Innovation Hall
- 14 Krasnow Institute
- 15 Krug Hall
- 16 Lecture Hall
- 17 North Chesapeake Module
- 18 Northeast Module
- 19 Northeast Module II
- 20 Performing Arts Building
- 21 Physical Ed. Building
- 22 Research I
- 23 Robinson Hall A
- 24 Robinson Hall B
- 25 Science and Tech I
- 26 Science and Tech II
- 27 South Chesapeake Module
- 28 Thompson Hall
- 29 West Building

RESIDENTIAL

- Chesapeake**
- 30 Blue Ridge
 - 31 Shenandoah
- Commons**
- 34 Amherst Hall
 - 35 Brunswick Hall
 - 36 Carroll Hall
 - 37 Dickenson Hall
 - 38 Essex Hall
 - 39 Franklin Hall
 - 40 Grayson Hall
 - 41 Hanover Hall
 - 42 Commonwealth Hall
 - 43 Dominion Hall
 - 44 Liberty Square
 - 45 Patriots Village
 - 46 Potomac Heights/Housing Office
- Presidents Park**
- 47 Adams Hall
 - 48 Eisenhower Hall
 - 48A Eisenhower Extension
 - 49 Harrison Hall
 - 50 Jackson Hall
 - 51 Jefferson Hall
 - 52 Kennedy Hall
 - 53 Lincoln Hall
 - 54 Madison Hall
 - 55 Monroe Hall

- 56 Roosevelt Hall
- 57 Truman Hall
- 58 Washington Hall
- 59 Wilson Hall
- 60 Student Apartments

CULTURAL and RECREATIONAL

- 61 Aquatic and Fitness Center
- 62 Center for the Arts Concert Hall
- 63 Field House/Module
- 64 Harris Theater
- 65 Patriot Center
- 20 TheaterSpace/Black Box Theater

STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES

- 12 George W. Johnson Center
- 66 Student Union I
- 67 Student Union II

ADMINISTRATION

- 68 Mason Hall

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- 69 Central Heating and Cooling Plant
- 70 Child Development Center
- 71 Facilities Administration
- 72 Rivanna Module
- 73 Kelley II
- 74 Parking Deck, Mason Pond
- 75 Parking Deck, Sandy Creek

- 76 Parking Services
- 77 Facilities Management/ Customer Service Center
- 78 Recycling Center
- 79 University Police
- 80 Visitor Information
- 81 Warehouse

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- 82 George Mason Statue
- 83 Clock
- 84 Cross Cottage

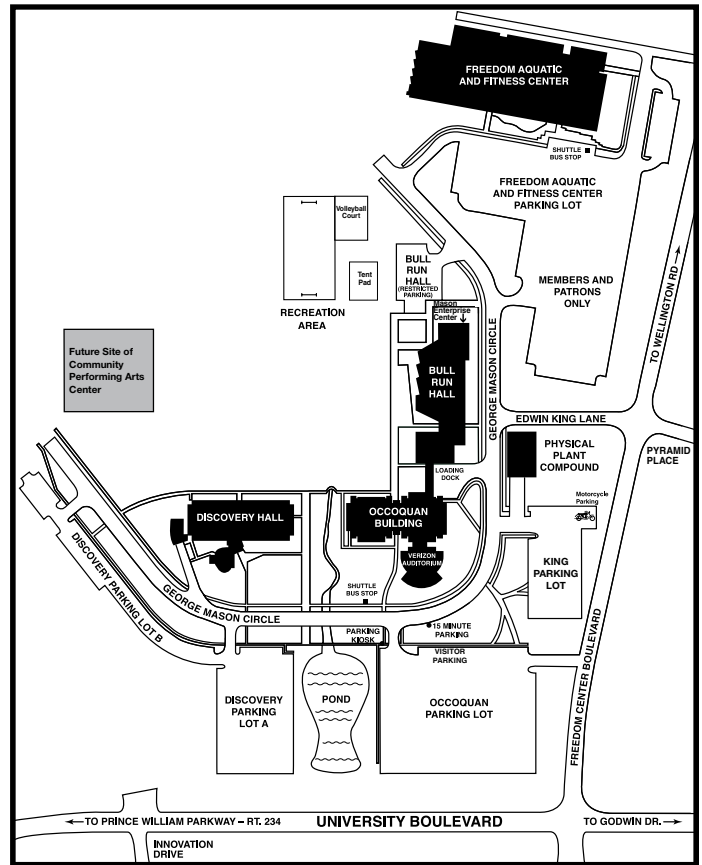
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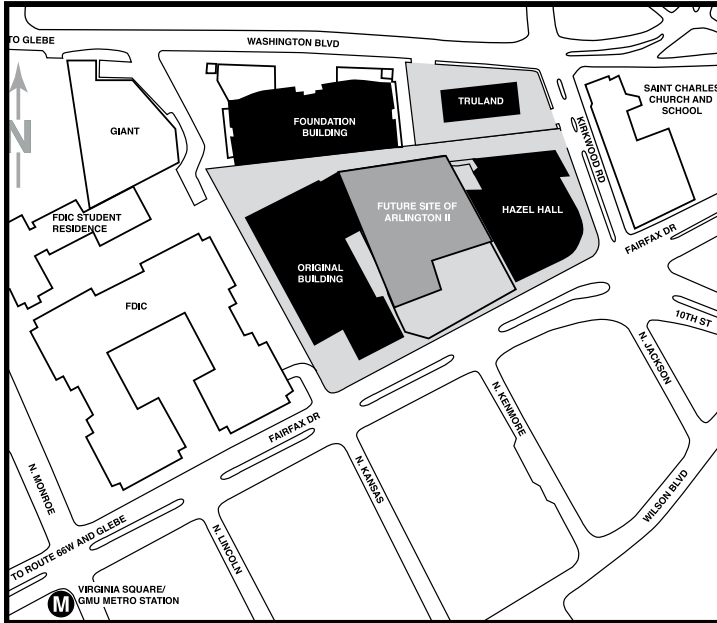
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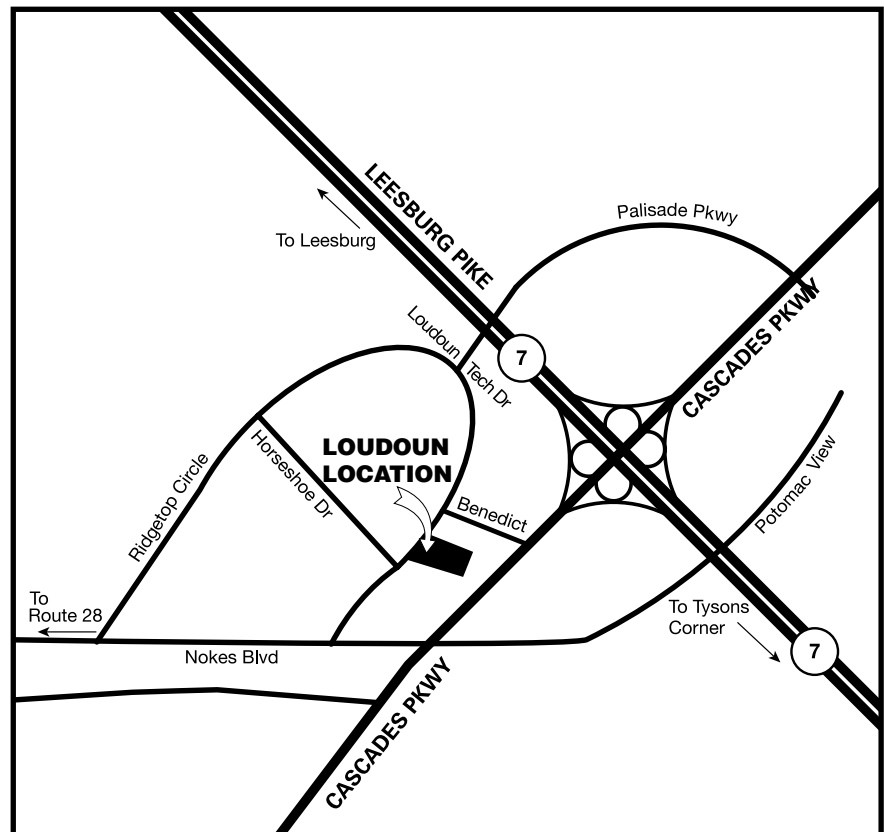
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