Thank you for tuning in to our family webinar on academic advising and academic success!

The webinar will begin at 7 p.m. (EST).

A recording of this webinar will be available at masonfamily.gmu.edu.
A Road Map for Student Success...
Your Presenters For Today

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What We Will Address Today

1. What makes professors happy and not happy
2. Academic success tips
3. Structure of a bachelor’s degree
4. Inside and outside the classroom opportunities
5. Important dates and deadlines
6. Important academic policies
7. Advising at Mason
8. Minors – important?
9. Resources at Mason
10. Pop quizzes all throughout
What Makes Professors Happy!

- Be prepared for class
- Ask thoughtful questions
- Turn work in on time
- Seek help outside of class when struggling
- Discuss career goals
- Willing to try new experiences in class
What Annoys Faculty the Most???

ANNOYING KID IN CLASS

Y U NO REALIZE PROFESSOR IS ANNOYED TOO?
The Most Annoying Behaviors

Cell phone use and texting during class

Packing up before class is over

Side conversations during a lecture

Leaving early or coming late to class

Not attending class at all
Some Other Annoying Behaviors

Not being familiar with the syllabus
Not following directions for an assignment/paper
Informal email communication
Excessive or off-track questions
Unnecessary use of a laptop in class
I can only send e-mails to Mason entities through my Masonlive e-mail account.
Academic Success Tips

Being early is on time!

Be engaged and participate in class. Ask questions!

Don’t sit in the back of the room.

Be mindful of proper email communication.

Meet with your academic advisor every semester!
The allowed 18 credits isn’t much more work than 15 credits (it’s just one more class).
Structure of a Bachelor’s Degree

• General Education
• College Requirements (BA students)
• Major Requirements
• Courses Supporting the Major
• Minors, electives and other

120 credits total; 45 of which must be upper-level (300+) credits
Be Part of the Mason Nation!

- Over 250 registered student organizations
- Intramurals & recreation
- 22 Division I Teams (A-10!)
- Student Leadership
  - Mason Ambassadors
  - Patriot Leaders
  - Student Government
MYTHBUSTERS

If I never attend a course that I registered for I will be automatically dropped from it.
Important Spring 2014 Dates

- Classes start: January 21st
- Last Day to Add: January 29th (revised)
- Drop Course Dates:
- Last Day to Drop: February 21st
- Adding and Dropping Classes- Double Check!
  - Financial Implications of Dropping
- Selective Withdrawal: Feb. 25 – March 21
Important Fall 2014 Dates

- **Classes start:** August 25
- **Last Day to Add:** September 2
- **Drop Course Dates:**
  - **Last Day to Drop:** Sept. 26
- **Adding and Dropping Classes- Double Check!**
  - **Financial Implications of Dropping**
- **Selective Withdrawal:** Sept. 29 – Oct. 24
I can take a class at the community college near my hometown during the summer and transfer it back to Mason.
Summer 2014

Some things to know about the summer session...

Structure of the three sessions
Structure of the courses during the summer
Online classes vs. in person classes at home
Financial Aid concerns for summer sessions
The pace of summer
Classes offered online by Mason
If I fail a course and repeat it, my previous grade will be excluded from my academic record.
Additional Important Policies

• Course Catalog is Online <catalog.gmu.edu>
• Repeat Course Policy
• Prerequisites and Corequisites
• Course Scheduling Advice
• Are you actually enrolled in the course?
• Immunization Record – March 1st or October 1st
If I follow my degree evaluation I don’t need to see an advisor.
Advising is Key to Progress!

Good Academic Advising Includes:

• Selecting Classes
• Reviewing Academic Performance
• Developing Learning and Career goals
• Finding Internship and Career opportunities
• Tracking Degree Progress
  – Reviewing Degree Evaluation during final two years at Mason

Can also provide other support
Advising at Mason - Structure

- First and foremost…
  the students are always the #1 priority
- Faculty advisors – Professional advisors
- When should students seek advising?
- Who should students seek out if they require additional information?
Contacts in every school and college

College of Education & Human Development askCEHD@gmu.edu

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College of Visual & Performing Arts awatts@gmu.edu

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Every Mason student MUST have a minor in order to graduate.
All universities ought to do a better job of encouraging students to take courses outside of their major. Dreams come from broadening your horizons and rubbing elbows with different kinds of people.

-Dr. Randy Pausch
IF I DROP TO PART TIME
(BELOW 12 CREDITS)
THERE WON’T BE ANY
CONSEQUENCES.
University Retention Table

GPA of 2.0 or Above is considered “Good Standing”

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New Federal regulations require Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy changes:

Students receiving Federal Financial Aid MUST meet 3 standards of progress

- Qualitative (min cumulative GPA)
- Quantitative (min completion rate)
- Max credits (funds ONLY up to 150% completion - 180 credit hours)

Students can APPEAL any decision of ineligibility via Fin Aid office: financialaid.gmu.edu
University Resources

- Counseling & Psychological Services
  - Learning Services
- Office of Disability Services
- University Career Services
- Libraries
Math Tutoring & Writing Centers

FREE services!!!

Math Tutoring
JC # 344
Get help with fresh/soph math classes
Tutors are math majors and grad students

Writing Center
Robinson A #114
Enterprise #076
Get help developing your writing & proofreading skills

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Thank you for tuning in today!

Our next webinar is scheduled for April 2 at 7 p.m. (EST) where Apple Federal Credit Union will discuss tools for financial independence.

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