



Orientation and Family
Programs and Services

**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...



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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

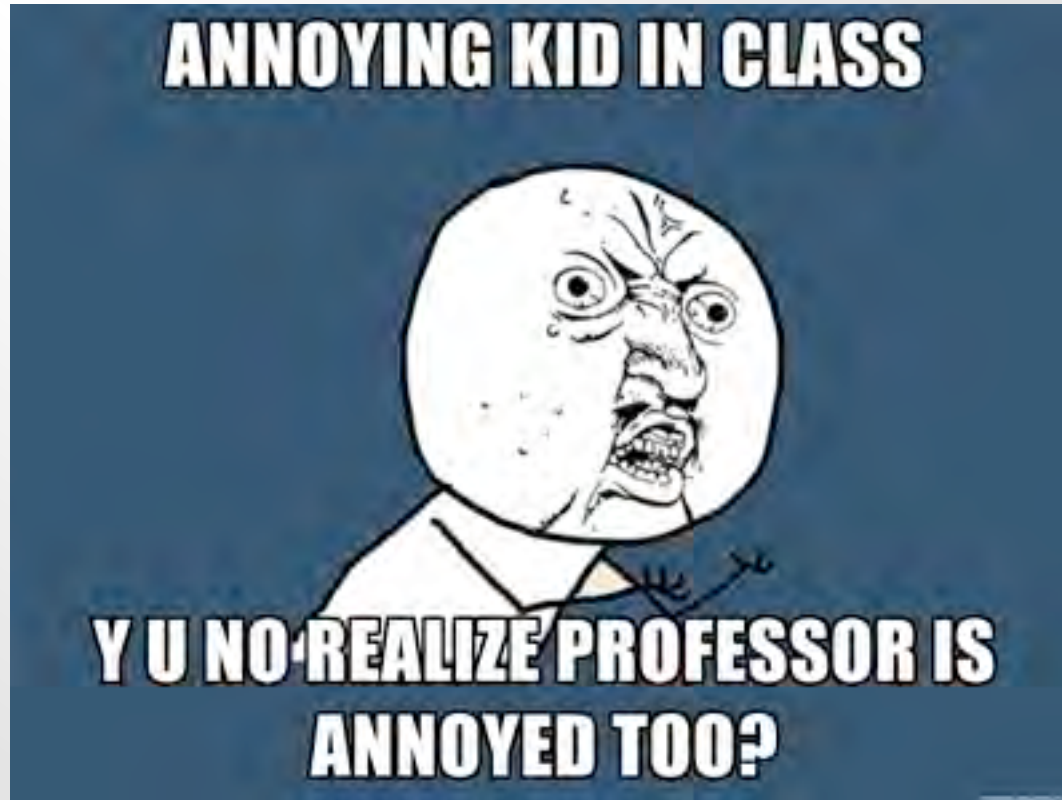
Willing to try new experiences in class



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What Annoys Faculty the Most???



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



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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



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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!

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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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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

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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”

Credit Level	Warning	Probation	Suspension
Attempted Credits	Cumulative GPA Range	Cumulative GPA Range	Cumulative GPA Range
7–16	0.00–1.99	–	–
17–29	1.75–1.99	1.00–1.74	0.00–0.99
30–59	1.85–1.99	1.25–1.84	0.00–1.24
60–89	1.95–1.99	1.55–1.94	0.00–1.54
90+	–	1.85–1.99	0.00–1.84

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

Writing Center

Robinson A #114

Enterprise #076

Get help with fresh/soph
math classes

Tutors are math majors
and grad students

Get help developing your
writing & proofreading
skills

Thank You!



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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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