As one of the best values in education, Mason provides an affordable and wise college choice, offering academic quality, opportunities for top tier internships, and applied knowledge and skills that will assist you beyond graduation. A college degree is one of the most valuable investments you can make, and your return on investment is demonstrated by the success of our alumni. Mason alumni have one of the lowest student loan default rates in the Commonwealth of Virginia. So invest wisely — invest in yourself.

Many Mason students receive some kind of financial aid, such as grants, scholarships, work-study...
TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- Gift Aid (grants/scholarships)
- Self Help Aid (student loans)
- Federal Work-Study
FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

• Aid for students that have completed all verification requirements and those that have registered for at least half time, aid has begun to pay to your account. Aid can pay to a student’s account up to 10 days before a semester begins.

• Once aid pays to your student account, if there is additional aid left over, the Student Accounts Office will process a refund the following business day for you.

• Note, there are no book vouchers at Mason. You will need to purchase textbooks and parking passes separately or wait for your refund to then purchase these other items.
WHY HAS MY AID NOT YET PAID TO MY BILL YET?

• Here are a couple reasons on why your aid may not yet have paid to your bill on your account:

  • Not yet registered for half time registration.
  • Requirements still remain for verification (PatriotWeb).
  • For loans, you may still need to complete a Master Promissory Note or Entrance Counseling.
  • When all else fails, email financial aid to review your account (student to email please).
• If a student changes their classes around for this fall at this point, they need to notify financial aid of any schedule changes, as this could very well impact not only their aid for the fall, but their balance that may be due.

• Ways to submit documents to our office:
  • Fax to our office 703-993-2353
  • Upload through the Secure Drop Off (Mason Student Services Website): MSSC.gmu.edu.
  • You can bring the documents in person (Monday through Thursday 9-5PM).

• Remember on October 1, this is when the new FAFSA will be available for your 2021-2022 year, and must be completed before January 15, 2021.
STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Student Accounts Office

Third Party Billing
Cashier's Office
Account & Loan Management
Bill+Payment PDF Guides
Payment Instructions
Payment Plan Setup
Authorized User Setup
Financial Responsibility Agreement

The mission of the Student Accounts Office is to provide excellent service for our students, staff, and faculty, while maintaining internal controls that ensure financial transactions are accurately processed and proper records are maintained.

Important Information: All semester bills will be provided electronically. Monitor your Masonlive email account for notices regarding eBills, which will be available through the Bill and Payment System. Students must check Patriot Web for balance due, verify registration, and pay through Bill+Payment or at the Cashier's Office by the due date listed.

Students are responsible for dropping classes that they do not plan to complete by the due date. Tuition liability may apply.

Click here for information on qualifying for in-state tuition.

Announcements:

2018 1099-T

2018 1099-T can be viewed at the Bill + Payment. Please log in to view your 1099-T. A PDF guide can be found here. By default, your authorized user cannot see your 1098-T. You can give them permission to view 1098-T in Bill + Payment. A PDF guide can be found here.
METHODS OF PAYMENT

• Financial Aid (Incoming)

• Payment Plans (Installment Plans)

• Cashier’s Office (Mail Check or Money Order Only)

• Online through the Bill & Payment System
  • Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express
  • Electronic Check (Preferred Method)
Mason payment plans are available online only. For Fall we are offering a 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 month installment plans.

Select a plan to set up automatic payments OR a plan to make manual payments.

The preferred payment method is the online/electronic check option, which does not charge a convenience fee.

All payment plans require a $25 contract fee, which is nonrefundable.

Visit studentaccounts.gmu.edu for deadline information and payment plan setup guides.

Note: Credit card payments are available online only and require a 2.85% convenience fee.
• For ease in submitting payments and staying up-to-date on financial information, students should set up their parents/family members as authorized users in the Bill and Payment System.

• Authorized users will receive e-bill notices and be able to access student accounts, but are not able to view academic information.

• For setup instructions, visit: studentaccounts.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/AuthorizedUserSetup.pdf
OFFICE INFORMATION

• Office of Student Financial Aid
  • Virtual Open Hours: M-F (9:00am-5:00pm)
  • Office Open Hours: M-R (9:00am-5:00pm)
  • Website: financialaid.gmu.edu
  • Phone: 703-993-2353
  • Email: finaid@gmu.edu

• Student Accounts Office: studentsaccounts.gmu.edu

• Our current Fall 2020 hours of operations are as follows:
  • Virtual: M-Th (9am-5:00pm)/F (9:30-5pm)
  • Phone: M-Th (9am-4:00pm)/F (9:30am-4pm)
  • In Person (by appointment only via MSSC check-in process): M-Th (10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm): https://mssccheckin.gmu.edu/
  • Phone: 703-993-2484
  • Email: saccount@gmu.edu or mssc@gmu.edu