

# WELCOME TO ORIENTATION!



## Your Mason Education

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# What Do You Want From Your Education?

What's your first priority when considering a college or university?



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NACE®

National Association of Colleges and Employers



## What Employers Want

AAC&U survey of employers shows liberal arts skills are valued and sought out in the workplace but raises questions about student preparation.

Employers say for career success, "a candidate's demonstrated capacity to **think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems** is *more important* than their undergraduate major." – AAC&U (2013)



INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE THE MOST  
INFLUENTIAL FACTOR IN TOUGH HIRING  
DECISIONS

# What Do We Want For Your Education?



An Engaged **Citizen** and  
Well-Rounded **Scholar**  
who is **Prepared to Act** in  
a Diverse, Global World

# The 2024-2025 Mason Core

## INTEGRATION

(9 credits)

- Adv Writing
- Writing Intensive
- Apex

## EXPLORATION

(22 credits)

- Arts
- Global Hist
- Global Contexts
- Literature
- Natural Science
- Soc/Beh Sci

## FOUNDATION

(12 credits)

- Written Comm
- Oral Comm
- Quant Reasoning
- IT & Computing



# MASON IMPACT



Research and  
Creative  
Inquiry



Career Readiness  
and  
Entrepreneurship



Civic  
Engagement

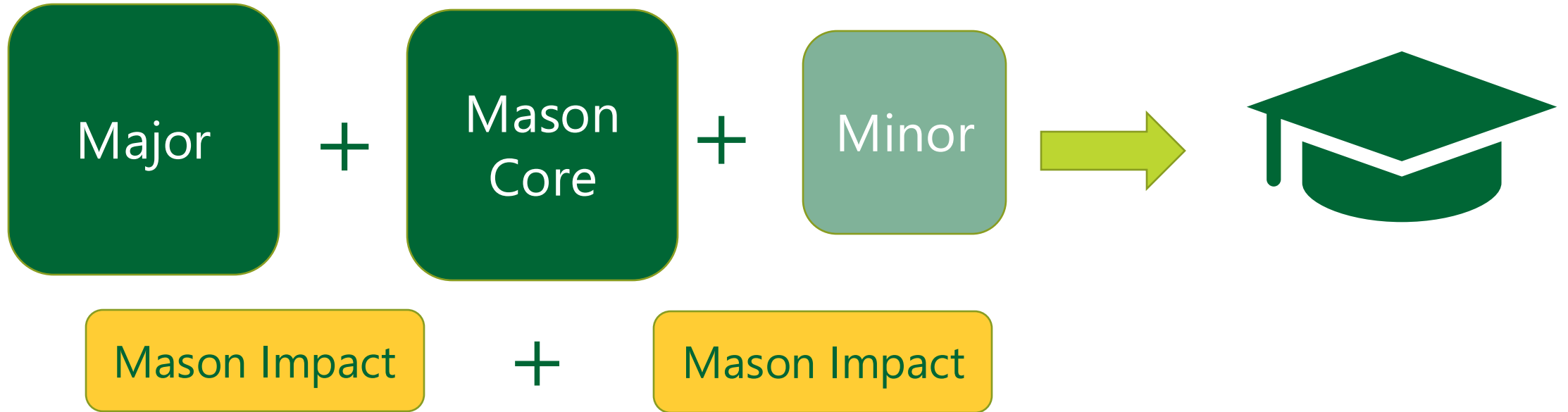


Global  
Experiences



Internships

# Building your Own Unique Program



There are more than **4.5 MILLION**  
unique combinations of majors, minors, and high impact  
experiences



# Tips for Success



# Keep track of your academic progress



Meet regularly  
with your  
academic advisor!

[advising.gmu.edu](https://advising.gmu.edu)



# Build an appropriate course schedule



Part-time?  
Full-time?  
Other  
obligations?

Remember this  
can change if  
needed!

# Take University Studies courses



Transition to,  
through and  
beyond Mason

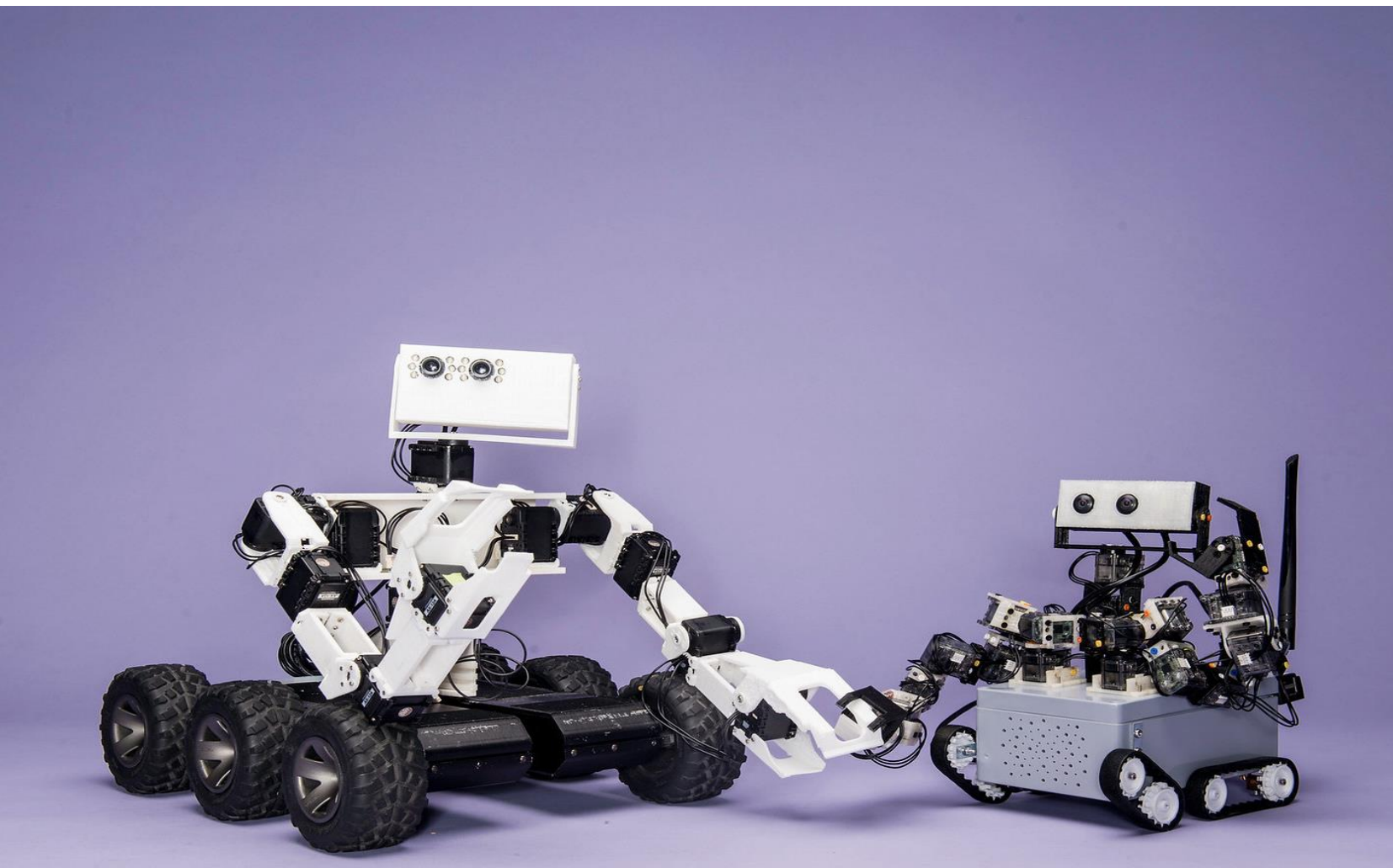


# Talk to your professors



# Balance!





Ask for help!



# Enjoy your Mason Experience



# Bonus tip for parents and supporters



"What are you going to do about that?"



# MASON IMPACT

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World



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