



FACTS & FIGURES
**GEORGE
MASON
UNIVERSITY**

**FOR INCOMING
EXCHANGE STUDENTS**



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RESEARCH INSTITUTION

CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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LARGEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA

WITH 39,000 STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

TOP 45

MOST DIVERSE UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

#30

BEST LAW SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

24 km

TO WASHINGTON, DC

FROM THE FAIRFAX CAMPUS

WELCOME TO MASON

Founded in **1972**, George Mason University is the largest public research university in Virginia with students from **130** countries.

Our diverse campus community encourages different points of view and the exchange of many ideas. Deemed a top research university, students choose Mason for the world-class education we offer.

Mason's Fairfax campus is in beautiful suburban Virginia, just 24 kilometers from Washington, DC. City buses are free with a Mason ID and take students to a wide variety of shopping and dining locations in Fairfax. You can go into DC on a weekend to see the cherry blossoms, monuments, museums, or the theater.

Mason by the Numbers

- 28,000 undergraduate students
- 11,000 graduate students
- 80 undergraduate degrees
- 130 graduate degrees
- 40 residence halls

ABOUT FAIRFAX

The historical City of Fairfax, Virginia is nestled in the suburban expanse of the Washington, DC metro region.

Just 20 minutes from the nation's capital, it combines the charm of a small town with the opportunities of a thriving urban area. With its hallmark landscaped and leafy street medians, Fairfax is an oasis, unique and brimming with vitality and recognized as one of the top places to live in the nation.

Fairfax is widely known for its outstanding cultural amenities. Every year the city sponsors world-class events such as *Fall for the Book*, *Spotlight on the Arts*, a weekend-long *Chocolate Lovers Festival*, and the *Fall Festival*, where Old Town Fairfax opens its streets to hundreds of renowned craft merchants and thousands of visitors.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

Students must first be nominated by their home university in early **March** or early **October**.

All students should have completed at least one year of study (*undergraduate*) or one semester of study (*master's*) in their degree program before applying.

GPA Requirements

Undergraduate	Graduate
2.5 <i>on a 4.0 scale</i>	3.0 <i>on a 4.0 scale</i>

TOEFL Requirements

Undergraduate	Graduate
80 minimum <i>18 in each section</i>	88 minimum <i>20 in each section</i>

IELTS Requirements

Undergraduate	Graduate
6.5 minimum <i>6.0 in each subsection</i>	7.0 minimum <i>6.5 in each subsection</i>

DATES & DEADLINES

Fall (Late-August to Mid-December)

Nominate by	Apply by
Mar 15	Apr 1

Spring (Late-January to Mid-May)

Nominate by	Apply by
Oct 1	Oct 15

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

After **nomination** by the home university students are sent a link to the online application.

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

After **acceptance**, non-U.S. citizens are required to obtain a J-1 visa (students with U.S. citizenship must travel on their U.S. passport).

MASON HOUSING

Our 40+ residence halls offer a variety of living arrangements, including suites and apartments. Housing is guaranteed for undergraduate exchange students. Residence halls offer:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Free laundry facilities
- New or recently renovated spaces
- Shared kitchens
- Lounge and study areas
- High-quality fitness centers



URL housing.gmu.edu

MASON DINING

Residential dining offers something for every taste, including vegan, gluten-free, Halal, and many other food options.

- Mason is home to **three dining halls**.
- Over **25 additional places** to grab a quick bite to eat.
- Students have the option to purchase a **pre-paid on-campus meal plan** based on their individual preference.
- Some on-campus housing options require a meal plan.



URL dining.gmu.edu

MASON TRANSPORTATION

Mason offers an array of transit and transportation choices.

- **Mason Shuttles:** Multiple routes to a variety of destinations. Free with Mason ID.
- **CUE Bus:** Local routes. Free with Mason ID.
- **WMATA** (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority): Metro and public buses in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC.



URL transportation.gmu.edu

MASON EXCHANGE

GEO and International Programs and Services (OIPS) work to connect international students with U.S. students on campus.

Each semester, Mason holds Welcome Week for international students that includes a full on-site orientation, optional trips to local destinations, and more. Throughout the semester, there are countless opportunities for international students to get involved on-campus.



URL mason360.gmu.edu

GLOBAL CAMPUS

INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS
IN SONGDO, SOUTH KOREA

GLOBAL NETWORK

MORE THAN 65
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

GLOBAL REACH

MORE THAN 200
STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

GLOBAL ACCESS

LOCATED IN THE
WASHINGTON METRO AREA

VIRGINIA USA



WASHINGTON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

VIRGINIA

FAIRFAX CAMPUS
FAIRFAX, VA

MASON SQUARE
ARLINGTON, VA

**SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS**
MANASSAS, VA

INTERNATIONAL

MASON KOREA
SONGDO, SOUTH KOREA

