Welcome Incoming Direct Exchange Students!

YOUR FIRST WEEK ON CAMPUS

Step-by-Step for Undergraduate Students

Before You Arrive

☐ 1. Please print out a campus map
   Figure out how you will get to campus. Directions from airports are available through the Exchange Student Checklist.
   Campus address

   Service Desks are open 24 hours a day.

☐ 2. Buy sheets and toiletries. George Mason University DOES NOT provide sheets, comforters, pillows, and other personal items. Please plan on making arrangements to go to the Campus Bookstore or to stores in the area to purchase bedding and toiletries.

   Campus Bookstore  http://goo.gl/pp7LkD
   Walmart
   Open 24 hours
   and CUE-bus accessible
   CUE Bus  http://goo.gl/v2rmWx

   If you want to order personal items online, you can have them delivered to this exact address:
   Your First Name Last Name
   PMB New Student / Incoming Freshman
   4450 Rivanna River Way
   Fairfax, VA 22030
   For pick-up, go to the Campus Mailroom, located on the bottom floor of The Hub. Mailroom hours:
   Mon-Thur 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm

Day 1 Check-in

August 22

☐ 1. The first thing to do when you arrive is check in at your Neighborhood/Service Desk and obtain access to your room.
   Service Desks are open 24 hours a day.

   ☑ Please have your passport ready. You will need your passport to check in.
   ☑ You will be given a temporary access card, good until approximately August 28.
   ☑ If you experience any problems at any time, please contact the Mason Study Abroad emergency number at 703-993-7500

Aquia

- Residents are upperclass students.
- Includes the Student Apartments, Townhouses, Rogers, and Whitetop.
- Located in the northwest corner of campus near the Recreational and Athletic Complex (RAC) and Student Union Building 1.
- Easy access to academic buildings, parking, Subway, a convenience store, and nearby food and shopping at the University Mall and Old Town Fairfax.
- A 24-hour service desk is located in Whitetop Hall.

Rappahannock

- Residents are a mix of upperclass and freshman students.
- Includes Blue Ridge, the Commons, Commonwealth, Dominion, Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads, Northern Neck, Piedmont, Tidewater, and Sandbridge.
- Located in the northeast corner of campus, stretching towards the center of campus.
- Easy access to academic buildings, The Hub, parking, Starbucks, a convenience store, Southside Dining, and Skyline Fitness.
- A 24-hour service desk is located in Piedmont Hall.

Shenandoah

- Residents are a mix of upperclass and freshman students.
- Includes Liberty Square, Potomac Heights, and Presidents Park.
- Located in the southeast corner of campus.
- Easy access to academic buildings, parking, and Ike's Diner.
- A 24-hour service desk is located in Eisenhower Hall, in Presidents Park.
Day 2 Attend New International Student Orientation

August 23

1. Morning: Mandatory New International Student Orientation (incl. breakfast and lunch)
   - Time: 8:30 am
   - Location: Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center

2. Afternoon: Get Your Mason ID
   - Get your Mason ID and talk to your Neighborhood Desk about gaining access to your residence with the Mason ID. Return your temporary key.
   - Location of Mason ID Office: SUB I, Room 1203
   - What to bring:
     - Passport
     - G number

Day 3 Check-in with OIPS

August 24

Mandatory Check-in with the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS)

Check-In with J-1 Advisor, Christine Bodziak: cbodziak@gmu.edu

Check-in location: Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS)
   - SUB I, Room 3311

Check-in hours

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What to bring:
- Passport
- DS-2019

Day 5 “Welcome2Mason” Exchange Student Gathering

August 26

“Welcome2Mason” Exchange Student Gathering

- Time: 2:30 pm - 4 pm
- Location: Johnson Center, Room 240A (Paul Robeson Room)

Day 2-5 Payments

You may also use August 23-26 to go to submit payment for insurance, housing, and meal plan.*

Cash payments
- Cash Office, SUB I, Room 1501
- Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Payment by credit/debit card
- Online only via PatriotWeb.

International Student Wire Transfer Payments
- Please email student_accounts@gmu.edu to obtain a copy of the international student wire transfer payment procedures

* The administrative fee is payable online via MasonAbroad by credit/debit card.

Day 6+7 Weekend

August 27-28

Day 9 Classes Start

August 29