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GEORGE MASON COLLEGE

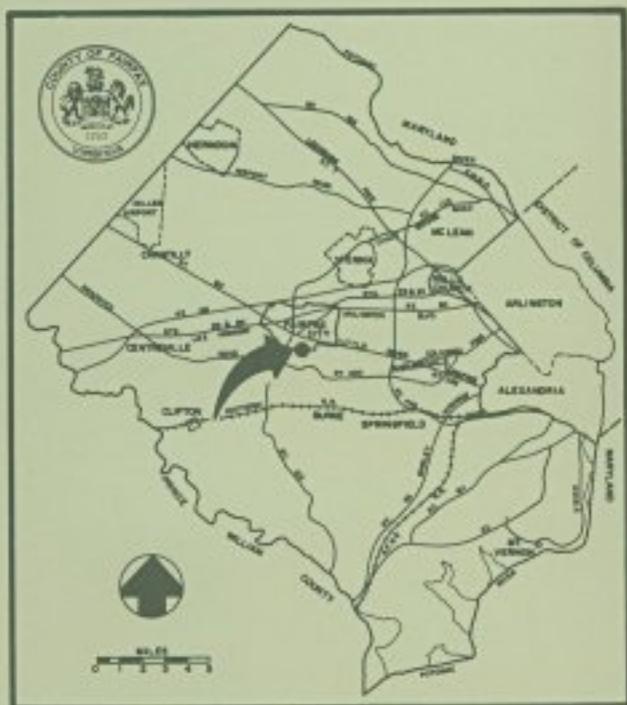
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

In Northern Virginia All Roads Lead to George Mason College

George Mason College is located on the south edge of the City of Fairfax and is bounded on three sides by Rt. 123 (Chain Bridge or Ox Road), Rt. 620 (Braddock Road) and Rt. 653 (Roberts Road). The campus can easily be reached from the following major arteries: Rt. 50, Rts. 29-211, Interstate 95 (Shirley Highway) and 495 (Capital Beltway).



George Mason is a fully accredited four-year college of the University of Virginia. It operates on the semester system. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are offered. Graduate work will be added in 1970-71.

Location

The college is roughly in the geographical center of Fairfax county, one of the fastest growing jurisdictions in Virginia. The county covers about 406 square miles and lies within the greater metropolitan area of Washington, D. C. The college is just 16 miles from downtown Washington.

History

George Mason College is the outgrowth of an extension center established some 20 years ago in Northern Virginia by the University of Virginia. The college was opened in 1957 to supplement ex-



tension offerings. It had 17 students and was housed in temporary quarters.

The college moved into the first four buildings on its present campus in 1964 with a faculty of 36 and a student body of 359. Two years later, the General Assembly of Virginia authorized George Mason to become a four-year degree-granting college and gave it the long-range mandate to expand into a major university.

Immediate and rapid growth followed. The original site of 147 acres was enlarged to 571 acres. Two additional buildings were completed and five more were funded. The faculty and student body were nearly tripled. The first senior class was graduated in 1968.

Faculty and Enrollment

In 1969, George Mason had a student enrollment of 1,470. There were 101 faculty members, 71 of them teaching on a full-time basis. Nearly half the faculty members (42) had the Ph.D. degree. Several were recipients of special research grants.

Future

A master plan for long-range development, approved by University and State officials, calls for George Mason's growth into a university enrolling 15,000 by 1985. The university will be divided into six semi-autonomous colleges with about 2,500 students each. Each college will have a particular academic emphasis. Each will contain classrooms, dormitories and a student center. Certain all-university facilities, such as the library, research labs, administrative and athletic centers, will be shared by all. It is expected that George Mason University will become a major center of learning in this part of the country.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

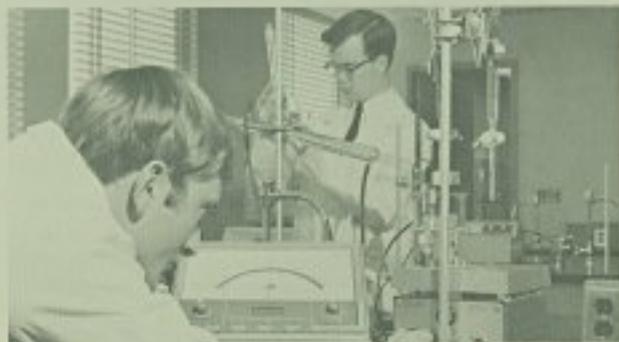
Majors

Courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree are available with majors in 11 areas: biology, business and public administration, chemistry, economics, English, French, history, mathematics, physics, psychology and Spanish. Courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Science degree with the major in biology and to a Bachelor of Science degree in education with the major in elementary education also are available.

Students desiring to go into engineering may obtain their first two years of study at George Mason. Those wishing to enter a nursing career can take numerous courses preparatory to further specialized training elsewhere.

Courses

The college presently offers courses in the following areas: education (elementary, secondary, physical education); history (North and South American, European, Eastern); humanities (art, music, philosophy, religion); languages (English, French, German, Spanish); mathematics (analysis, calculus, logic, probability, statistics, introduction to computers, topology); physical sciences (biology, chemistry, physics, engineering graphics, statics and dynamics); social sciences (anthropology, business administration, economics, geography, government, psychology, sociology).



Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Arts—120 semester hours are required, distributed as follows: arts and literature, 12-36 (including from 1 to 3 years of foreign languages); social and behavioral sciences, 12; mathematics and natural sciences, 11; non-western culture, 6; major field, 30-42.

Bachelor of Science—120 semester hours are required, distributed as follows: at least 12 semester hours in the major field beyond the minimum BA requirements, total major hours not to exceed 54; at least one upper level language course or one sophomore level language course plus one year of another language; at least 12 semester hours of electives, exclusive of the natural sciences and mathematics; at least 12 semester hours in English; semester hours in mathematics as specified by fields.

Bachelor of Science in Education—124 semester hours. Because this program is detailed in nature, those interested are advised to consult a college catalog for further information.

Two-Year Engineering Program—This program is designed for students planning to transfer. Students who begin their engineering studies at George Mason College should plan on an additional three years being required at the University of Virginia and possibly at other colleges. Details of the program are described in the catalog.

Residence Requirements

At least thirty of the total semester-hours presented on the degree application must be completed at George Mason College; and these shall include at least twelve hours of advanced-level courses in the major program. Moreover, except with special permission of the Dean of the College, the student's final thirty hours of college study must be completed here.

Academic Requirements

To qualify for a baccalaureate degree, a student must be in good standing, must have satisfied all requirements for his program and must have maintained a 2.000 (C) average in his major and a 2.000 (C) average on all courses presented for the degree.

How to Apply

Application is made to the Office of Admissions, George Mason College, on forms provided upon request. A \$10 non-refundable fee and photo must be attached. The necessary transcript of grades is forwarded to the college from the high school at the request of the applicant. All candidates are required to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Requirements for Freshmen

Applicants must be at least 16 and must be graduates of accredited high or preparatory schools with graduation based on no fewer than 15 entrance units. Applicants should rank in the upper half of their classes. A general character recommendation from the school is required.

There is no discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex.

For admission to the arts, sciences and elementary education programs, an applicant must present not less than 15 units of high school work in the following academic fields:

English	4 units
Mathematics	3 units ¹
Foreign Language	2 units ²
Social Studies	1 unit
Laboratory Science	
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	1 unit
Electives	4 units
Minimum Total	15 units



1. These units must be selected from Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, probability, and elementary calculus.
2. No credit is allowed for less than two units in a foreign language.

CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

For admission as a student in the two-year engineering program, an applicant must present 16 units from high school in the following fields:

English	4 units
Mathematics	3½ units ³
History	1 unit
Science	2 units ⁴
Electives	5½ units ⁵

Requirements for Transfer Students

An applicant who has attended other colleges should request each to send an official transcript to George Mason. A complete secondary school record and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores are additionally required. An applicant for transfer must have a C average from the college or university of transfer and be entitled to an honorable discharge without social or academic probation.

When to Apply

To be assured of consideration, applications should be submitted by June 1. Qualified applicants may request early admission decisions.

Admissions Decisions

Regular admission decisions will normally be made after the first semester senior grades and the necessary test scores reach the Admissions Office. Admission is contingent upon graduation from high school and completion of all requirements prior to registration.

Approved candidates must notify the college of their acceptance by May 15 or risk losing their reserved spaces.

3. These units must be two of algebra, one of plane geometry and ½ unit of advanced mathematics—trigonometry, solid geometry, or advanced algebra.
4. Chemistry and physics are recommended.
5. Not more than four units of vocational subjects relevant to engineering will be accepted.

The Campus

George Mason College is located on 57½ gently rolling, wooded acres just south of the City of Fairfax in Fairfax County, Virginia. The present six buildings are the nucleus of a planned six-college university. All are made of red brick with white linear accents and are air conditioned.

Four classroom buildings are linked by covered walkways and grouped around a quadrangle. These house classrooms, offices, modern laboratories for the physical sciences, a language laboratory, indoor



physical education facilities and a student activities center with a cafeteria, bookstore and student offices.

To the east of the quadrangle are a lecture hall that is equipped with closed circuit television and a new library that can seat 300 readers and house 60,000 volumes. The present collection includes over 29,000 books, 4,000 bound periodicals, 5,000 pamphlets, maps and microfilms and 137 current periodicals. An open-shelf arrangement encourages browsing and study.

An annex adjacent to the campus has facilities for art, engineering drawing and a continuing education center.

Before the incoming freshman class graduates, five additional buildings will be completed: a classroom building, a student union, a physical education building and two dormitories. The college has no dormitories at present. A file of locally available student housing is maintained in the Placement Office.

Meeting Accommodations

Lecture hall facilities, when not in use by classes, are available for meetings and conferences. There is a 325-seat auditorium and two 100-capacity seminar rooms. All are equipped with blackboards. The auditorium has facilities for slide presentations and for closed circuit TV projection to other parts of the building. Catering is available from the college dining services. Off campus requests for use of these facilities should be directed to the Dean of the College.

COSTS

Classification

A student is classified in-state if his father or legal guardian has lived in Virginia one full and continuous year prior to registration and has paid Virginia State income taxes for that year. Questions concerning residence status should be directed to the Business Office, George Mason College.

Schedule of Fees

	In-State Students	Out-of-State Students
Application Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Tuition, full-time (12 through 16 semester-hours) per semester ..	240.00	600.00
Tuition, in excess of 16 semester-hours per semester, per hour ..	16.00	40.00
Tuition, part-time (11 semester-hours or less) per semester, per hour	20.00	50.00
Comprehensive Fee, per semester	17.00*	17.00*
Laboratory Breakage Deposit/semester	5.00**	5.00**
Physical Education Deposit/semester	5.00	5.00
Physical Education Fee (Golf only)	10.00	10.00
Diploma Fee (Seniors only)	5.00	5.00

*Students enrolled for six semester-hours or less are required to pay one-half of the Comprehensive Fee.

**The balance existing in the student's account for laboratory breakage deposit will be refunded, by mail, to the student at the end of the second semester, provided application is made to the Business Office within one year from that time.

Other Fees

Transcript—A fee of \$1 is charged for each transcript of record requested.

Motor Vehicle Registration—All students who desire to park on college property must pay a \$1 parking decal fee.

Deadlines for Payment

Payment should be made on or before registration. After the final day of registration a late fee of \$5 a day (up to three days) will be charged.

There is a plan available whereby students may pay all fees and one-third of the tuition on or before registration day and pay the remaining tuition in two equal installments.

Financial Aid

The college has a limited amount of financial aid available in the form of scholarships and loans. Applications and further information about these are available from the Financial Aid Office.

STUDENT LIFE

Government

The Student Government of George Mason College was established by the students as their sole representative governing organization. It provides the framework through which the student body is represented in all college matters. The Student Government has a representative on the Academic Community Council, the chancellor's advisory body on matters affecting the academic community. The president of Student Government holds periodic Forum meetings. All students are invited to express their opinions at these times.

Honor System

The Honor System at George Mason is basically patterned after the University of Virginia system. It covers both personal and academic honesty. Students have the obligation to uphold the code and must sign a pledge card to that effect at registration. An Honor Committee of elected students hears cases involving code violations.



Publications

Students write, edit and publish a weekly newspaper, *The Gunston Ledger*; a yearbook, *The Advocate*; and a literary magazine, *The Asterisk*.

Organizations

A broad range of student organizations provides opportunities for growth outside the classroom. There are service clubs, fraternities and sororities, discussion groups, a drama club, a debating society, an honor society, political organizations, religious organizations, and many special interest groups (biology, education, languages, world affairs, etc.).

Social Life

The Student Government, through its activities committee, plans a variety of all-college events each year—dances, rock concerts, movies and the annual spring carnival celebrating George Mason's birthday. In addition, a number of student organizations sponsor social events, such as dances, during the year. The Lecture Series Club brings guest authors and artists to the campus for special programs.

Campus Ministry

An ecumenical center called "The Missing Link" is operated by the Campus Ministry Association under the sponsorship of the Christian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Methodist Churches. The center is adjacent to the campus and provides pastoral counseling, study rooms, recreational facilities and meeting rooms for campus organizations.

SPORTS

Athletics at George Mason College constitute an integral part of campus life. The intercollegiate and intramural programs offer a wide variety of athletic activity to students both as participants and spectators.

Intercollegiate Program

The rapidly-growing intercollegiate program provides competition between George Mason College and colleges in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina and other Eastern states. Intercollegiate competition is conducted in basketball, baseball (fall and spring), soccer, golf, tennis and cross-country. The eight-month baseball program, which encompasses a fall, spring and summer program, ranks with the best in the country.

The college is a member of two national athletic associations: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Under the rules of these groups, freshmen are eligible for varsity competition.

The college participates in the Maryland Intercollegiate Conference. Other conference members are Frostburg State, Bowie State and Coppin State from Maryland, and D.C. Teachers College and Gallaudet College from the District of Columbia. Competition outside the conference is furnished by American University, Georgetown, George Wash-



SUMMER SESSION

ington, Randolph-Macon, Davidson, Fordham University, Coast Guard Academy and others.

The intercollegiate athletic program is constantly growing. The rate of its growth depends to a great extent upon the response of the many fine high school athletes in Northern Virginia. George Mason College can offer these athletes an excellent education at a very reasonable cost and the opportunity to participate in a broad intercollegiate athletic program.

Letterman's Club

The Letterman's Club is an organization of men students who have earned varsity letters in intercollegiate competition. They have demonstrated their athletic ability and willingness to discipline themselves and to train and work hard enough to represent the college to the best of their ability. The Letterman's Club officers are elected each fall.

Intramural Program

The intramural program enables each student to participate voluntarily in sports of his own choosing. Facilities are available for tennis, badminton, volleyball, paddle tennis, basketball and softball.

The Intramural Council is responsible for the promotion, supervision and conduct of the intramural program. It is composed of two students, one male and one female, from each class with the Intramural director serving in an ex-officio capacity only.

INTRAMURAL CALENDAR

Men

Fall

Flag football
Basketball
Tennis
Cross-country

Spring

Volleyball
Softball
Tennis
Badminton

Women

Fall

Volleyball
Tennis

Spring

Softball
Tennis
Badminton

George Mason College offers an annual Summer Session consisting of two five-week terms. These usually run from mid-June through mid-July and from late July through late August.

The maximum academic load for each term is 6 semester hours. A student can earn a total of 12 semester hours during the Summer Session.

No residence facilities are provided.

A separate Summer Session brochure is issued each spring. These are usually available after March 1 from the Admissions Office.

Courses

Summer Session offerings in 1969 included a wide range of both upper and lower level courses in the following areas: biology, chemistry, education, humanities (art, music, philosophy, religion), languages (English, French, German, Spanish, speech), mathematics (basic math, analytics, calculus, algebra), physics, social sciences (business administration, economics, government, history, psychology and sociology).



Admissions

Admissions requirements for Summer Session differ from those of a regular session. Summer Session admission does not relate to or imply regular session admission.

Summer Session applicants who have not previously attended college must present proof of graduation from an accredited high school.

Applicants who have a baccalaureate degree must present proof of college graduation.

Undergraduates who wish to transfer Summer Session credits to other institutions must seek prior approval from the appropriate officer at these institutions. A form for this purpose is provided in the Summer Session brochure.

Students who are not eligible to return to their home institutions during a given academic year are not eligible for Summer Session admission during that year.

Cost

Summer Session tuition in 1969 was \$20 per semester hour per term for in-state students, \$50 per semester hour per term for out-of-state students.

Admissions Office
George Mason College
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

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For an application
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Please send an application to:

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