

Getting Started

Guidance for New GCH Graduate Students



Your Student ID Number

Every Mason student is assigned a unique student ID number, which we call the “G Number”. Your G Number was provided to you in the admissions offer email. If you haven’t already, obtain your Patriot Pass for full access to Mason’s many webpages, including email, Patriot Web, and Blackboard. <https://password.gmu.edu/auth/gnum.jsp>

Course Registration and Patriot Web

To access university services and resources you will need to enroll in courses through Patriot Web. You must follow the course sequencing guidelines listed on page 3 of this packet. For help with the registration process, see *How to Register* on the Registrar’s web page at <http://registrar.gmu.edu/registration/howtoregister.html>. Once enrolled, you will be able to obtain a Mason ID and parking permit.

Your MasonLive Email Account

Every Mason student is provided with a MasonLive email account. Pursuant to federal regulations that protect the privacy of educational data for students, university policy requires that all electronic communication between faculty and students be conducted through MasonLive email. Other email system accounts will not be used or responded to by faculty or staff and the university is not responsible for correspondence sent via non-Mason email. It is the student’s responsibility to activate his/her MasonLive account and to check the account *every day*. To activate your MasonLive email account, go to <http://masonlive.gmu.edu>.

Your Catalog Year

Your Catalog Year refers to the version of the University Catalog that is in force when you start the program. Since the University Catalog is revised every fall, each version is referred to by the academic year it represents – such as 2017-2018. This is very important for you to know, as you are required to meet the degree requirements as they appear in the University Catalog the semester you start the program. For example, if you start the program in Fall 2017, then you should refer to the 2017-2018 University Catalog for a list of your degree requirements. University Catalogs are available at <http://catalog.gmu.edu/>. The Graduate Student Handbook is revised each catalog year. Your 2017-2018 Graduate Student Handbook will be available in late summer and will be available at <http://chhs.gmu.edu/gch/student-resources.cfm>.

Online Orientation

In addition to attending the in-person, College-wide orientation, you are required to complete an online orientation for the Department of Global and Community Health. The orientation module will be available in late summer. To find the orientation module, go to blackboard.gmu.edu and sign in using your Patriot Pass. Click on the organizations tab on the top right of the screen. You should see an organization called GCH Graduate Student Orientation. Click on this and follow the instructions to complete the online orientation. If you have any problems, please contact Kelly Beckwith (kbeckwi2@gmu.edu).

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New Student Checklist
chhs.gmu.edu/gch/new-graduate-students.cfm

IMPORTANT DATES

Orientation
August 17
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

First Day of Classes
August 28

RESOURCE LINKS

GCH Homepage
chhs.gmu.edu/gch

Academic Calendars
registrar.gmu.edu/calendars/

Patriot Web
patriotweb.gmu.edu

Parking Services
parking.gmu.edu

Student ID Cards
masonid.gmu.edu

Mason Alert System
ready.gmu.edu

Financial Aid
financialaid.gmu.edu

Tuition and Fees
studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition.html