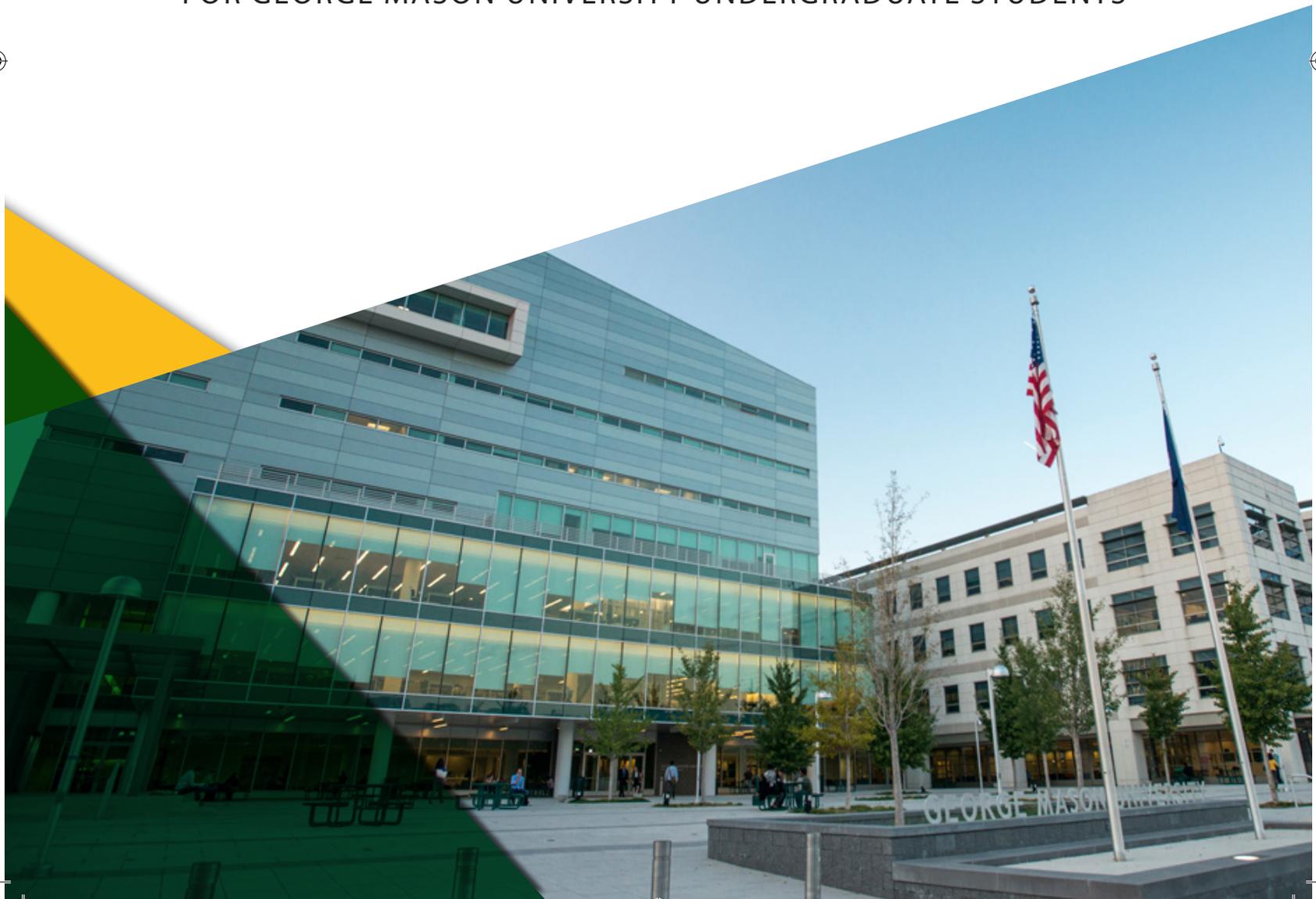




Bachelor's / Accelerated Master's Programs

FOR GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



ACCELERATE YOUR EDUCATION: SAVE TIME AND TUITION EXPENSE

Think a master's degree could be in your future? Earn your master's degree in a substantially **reduced period of time and at a lower total cost** by pursuing one of the Schar School's accelerated master's program tracks available to high-achieving undergraduate students at George Mason University.

**BACHELOR'S / ACCELERATED MASTER'S
EARN 2 DEGREES IN 5 YEARS**

In addition to earning your master's degree in a shorter period of time, you will also benefit from significant tuition savings overall. Upon admission to the program, all graduate courses taken while completing your bachelor's degree are offered at the undergraduate tuition rate. Additionally, you save in total tuition costs due to the accelerated track. Finally, as this program is only offered to Mason undergraduate students, we waive the graduate application fee.

ABOUT THE SCHAR SCHOOL OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENT

As a Washington, D.C. area professional, interdisciplinary school that melds theory with practice, the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University prepares students to be leaders and managers who solve problems and advance the public good in all sectors and levels of government — in the United States and throughout the world.

Learning from professors with real-world experience, you will gain the applicable skills and the practical knowledge to lead government

agencies and nonprofit organizations, develop public policies and programs, create innovative consulting solutions, and provide expert policy analysis.

Discover the Schar School of Policy and Government — one of the top-ranked policy schools in the United States — and earn a degree that will prepare you for a fulfilling and meaningful career.

OUR PROGRAMS

The Schar School of Policy and Government offers a wide-range of cutting-edge master's, certificate, and PhD programs. Programs include both part-time and full-time enrollment options, as well as evening classes, allowing you to earn your degree without interrupting your career.

Currently the following master's degrees are available as part of the accelerated master's program:

BIODEFENSE, MS

OFFERED ON ARLINGTON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

Understanding biological threats is critical in today's world. The master's in biodefense will prepare you with the knowledge and analytic skills to assess the risks posed by natural and man-made biological threats, develop strategies for reducing national and international security risks, and bridge the gap between science and policy.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND POLICY, MA

OFFERED ON ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Broader than an MBA and more focused than a master's in international affairs, this master's degree will immerse you in the nexus of business, economics, international relations, and public policy. Gain the skillset needed to lead in the public and private sectors, and with multinational organizations, NGOs, nonprofits, and consulting firms.

OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS AVAILABLE IN:

- GLOBAL FINANCE, INVESTMENT, AND TRADE
- GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE
- GLOBAL RISK AND STRATEGY

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, MA

OFFERED ON ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Prepare to assess and manage traditional security threats and the emerging security challenges of the 21st century. This master's degree provides a firm grounding in public-private and international collaborative responses to unconventional threats, ranging from transnational crime, terrorism, illicit trade, and proliferation of emerging technologies and weapons of mass destruction, to state fragility, civil war, and ethnic and sectarian conflict.

POLITICAL SCIENCE, MA

OFFERED ON FAIRFAX CAMPUS

Deepen your understanding of political processes at all levels of government while learning from some of the country's leading political commentators. As a graduate, you will be prepared for research and academia, as well as careers in government, consulting, nonprofits, and NGOs.

OPTIONAL SPECIALIZATIONS AVAILABLE IN:

- AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
- COMPARATIVE POLITICS
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

OFFERED ON ARLINGTON AND FAIRFAX CAMPUSES

Gain a comprehensive understanding of how management, policy, and politics intersect, and start your path toward a thought-leadership position in government. As one of the largest and most prestigious MPA programs in the U.S., you will learn from industry experts and leading practitioners who have served at the local, state, and national levels of government, as well as with nonprofits, consulting firms, and more.

OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS AVAILABLE IN:

- ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY
- HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
- INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT
- NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
- POLICY STUDIES
- PUBLIC MANAGEMENT
- PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT FINANCE
- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- THIRD-PARTY GOVERNANCE

PUBLIC POLICY, MPP

OFFERED ON ARLINGTON CAMPUS

Effective public policies advance the public good. Gain the theoretical grounding and hands-on tools needed to address policy issues such as terrorism, human trafficking, environmental hazards, and hunger, as well as public finance and budgeting, regional economic development, and urban policy.

OPTIONAL EMPHASIS AREAS AVAILABLE IN:

- GLOBAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH POLICY
- INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONS
- NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC POLICY
- PUBLIC FINANCE AND BUDGETING
- REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
- SOCIAL POLICY
- TERRORISM, TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AND CORRUPTION
- TRANSPORTATION POLICY
- URBAN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT
- U.S. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY MANAGEMENT

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

While master's degree programs attract students from across the country and around the world, the accelerated track is a unique option only available to George Mason University undergraduate students. Given the rigorous nature of the program, **current students are only eligible for admission consideration if they meet the following requirements:**

- 1 **3.5+ GPA (Cumulative)**
**3.6+ GPA required for the master's in international security program*
- 2 **75 – 100 credits completed**
- 3 **Prerequisite courses completed**
**prerequisite courses vary by master's degree program. For a full list, visit: schar.gmu.edu/bam.*

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Undergraduate students apply to start the accelerated master's program prior to the semester in which they will reach 90 credits. After earning 90 credits, students may start taking official graduate courses within their master's degree program. If you are interested in applying to the accelerated master's program, it's important to plan ahead and fulfill all requirements by the application deadlines:

Fall entry: Apply by June 1 Spring entry: Apply by December 1

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is as follows:

- 1 **Indicate your interest** (prior to application) by completing the online Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Interest Form. Upon submission of your form, your file will be updated to show your interest in your selected program, and that information will be shared with the coordinating academic unit.
- 2 **Review your program deadlines and requirements** to ensure that you are on track to apply. When you have earned between 75 – 100 credit hours you are eligible to apply as a potential accelerated master's student.
- 3 **Complete the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Online Application** only if you meet the requirements, including having earned at least 75 credits. Your application will be automatically canceled if you do not meet these requirements.
- 4 **Questions?** Contact your academic advisor or connect with the Office of Graduate Admissions at masongrad@gmu.edu.

TRANSITIONING INTO GRADUATE STUDIES

Accelerated master's program students are required to transition into their selected master's degree program immediately following their bachelor's degree conferral. If you plan to earn your undergraduate degree from Mason in May or August, you will enroll in the master's program the following fall semester. If you earn your undergraduate degree in December, you will begin your master's program in the spring semester.

Once you officially become an accelerated master's student at the Schar School, you will work closely with your master's student services advisor on course selection and degree progress. You will also have the opportunity to engage in graduate student professional development programming, workshops, and career consults offered by the Schar School Career Development Office.



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