Patriot Success Survey 2021

Welcome to the Patriot Success Survey: Mason's Undergraduate Student Success Survey. This survey is designed to enhance understanding of the factors that contribute to student success at Mason. The findings from this survey may also be used to connect you with people and resources to support your continued success as a student.

Consent: Information provided by you or about you will be used to enhance your ability to succeed at Mason. Your participation is voluntary. Survey results will only be published in aggregate, and all responses are confidential. However, selected University faculty, staff, and peer advisors may have access to your information on a need-to-know basis for the purpose of providing support if needed. If applicable, you may be contacted by Mason faculty, staff, or peer advisors with regards to your survey responses.

[QUESTION] Statement of Consent: I have read the above information and I consent to participate in this survey.

- Agree (Take me to the survey) [branch to question 1] (Finish Page Option 1)
- Disagree (I do not want to take the survey and understand I will not be eligible for prizes) [branch to the end]

[Sense of Belonging and Campus Climate]

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewh at Disagree	Somewh at Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
1.	I feel a connection to my peers at Mason.						
2.	I am proud to be a Mason student.						
3.	I feel like a part of the Mason community.						
4.	I feel like I belong at Mason.						
5.	Mason is a welcoming place.						
6.	People at Mason care about my success.						

[Engagement]

Please indicate how often you are involved in the following activities:

# Question	Very Often	Often	Sometim es	Rarely	Never	
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7.	I am involved in Mason activities outside of the classroom.			
8.	I am involved in activities outside the Mason community.			

[Safety]

Please indicate how often each of the following statements are true for you:

#	Question	Very Often True	Often True	Sometime s True	Rarely True	Never True	N/A
9.	I feel safe at Mason.						-
10.	I have enough access to food.						-
11.	I have a steady place to live.						-

[Academic Fit and Perseverance]

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Somewh at Disagree	Somewh at Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
12.	I am confident I will be able to pay for my tuition, fees, and daily expenses this semester.						
13.	I strive to get the best grades.						
14.	I believe graduating from Mason is important to me.						
15.	Respond as "disagree" if you are reading this question						
16.	My major is the right fit for me.						
17.	Getting a college degree is important to me.						
18.	I believe I will maintain at least a 3.0 GPA at Mason.						

[Overall Satisfaction]

19. Overall, how would you rate your experience at Mason?

- o Very poor
- o Poor
- o Fair
- o Good
- $\circ \quad \text{Very Good} \\$
- o Excellent

[Retention and Graduation]

20. Do you intend to return to Mason next semester (Spring 2022)?

- Yes (including in-person and/or online courses)
- o Yes, but I will be studying abroad or completing an internship
- No, I will be graduating
- No, but I plan to return to Mason later
- No, I am transferring to another institution
- No, I am leaving Mason permanently
- o Unsure
- 21. After starting your coursework at Mason, have you had to delay your intended graduation timeline?
 - Yes (go to 22)
 - \circ No (go to 23)
- 22. Why did you have to change your intended graduation timeline? (select all that apply)
 - Financial limitations
 - Health and wellness
 - Family obligations
 - Work obligations
 - Covid-19 related factors (homeschooling, illness, job loss, etc.)
 - Availability of courses required to complete my degree
 - Credits not transferring
 - Completing a double major or minor
 - Taking 12 credit hours or less, one or more semesters
 - Taking additional courses of interest not related to my major
 - Changing my major
 - Other: [Textbox]
- 23. How do you expect to use your degree to further your career plans after graduation?
 - \circ ~ I will use it to start my first professional job in my career field of interest.
 - \circ $\;$ I will use it to advance in a career field in which I have already been working.
 - I am an experienced professional and will use it to change from my current career field to a new one.

 \circ Other

[Employment Status]

24. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

- I am not employed, and I am not seeking employment.
- I am a stay-at-home parent/caregiver, and I am not seeking employment.
- I am not employed, but I am seeking employment.
- I am employed on-campus (in person or remote work, employed by George Mason University).
- I am employed off-campus (by an organization other than George Mason University).
- \circ ~ I am employed by both George Mason University and another employer.

25. In an average week, how many hours do you spend working for pay?

- o 0
- o **1-5**
- o **6-10**
- o **11-15**
- o **16-20**
- o **21-30**
- More than 30

[Academic and Student Support]

26. Are you currently having difficulty in any of your academic courses?

- o No
- Yes, in one course
- Yes, in two courses
- Yes, in three courses
- Yes, in four or more courses
- 27. If yes, which one(s)? [open text]

28. Do you know how to contact your academic advisor?

- o Yes
- 0 **No**
- \circ ~ I do not know what an academic advisor is
- 29. Do you know how to contact your success coach?
 - o Yes
 - o No
 - I do not know what a success coach is
- 30. I've used the following resources to determine the courses I need to graduate (select all that apply):
 - o Degree Works (online degree audit available at patriotweb.gmu.edu)
 - Curriculum sheets (checklist of requirements available at advising.gmu.edu)

- My major's website
- College catalog (catalog.gmu.edu)
- ADVANCE Pathway Document
- None of the above
- 31. Do you know how to access services provided by the Mason Student Services Center (MSSC)?
 - o Yes
 - 0 **No**
 - o I do not know what services are provided by the MSSC
- 32. I'm interested in receiving more information about: (select all that apply.)
 - Exploring my career options
 - Exploring my internship opportunities
 - Exploring well-being and resiliency opportunities at Mason
 - Getting involved with clubs and organizations at Mason
 - Financial aid and/or scholarships available to me
 - Managing my personal finances
 - Living off campus
 - o Developing better study habits and writing skills
 - Study abroad opportunities
 - Undergraduate research opportunities
 - o The Patriot Experience co-curricular program
 - o Mason Recreation (Facilities, Intramural/Club Sports, Outdoor Adventures, etc.)
 - Exploring faith and spirituality
 - $\circ \quad \text{None of the above} \quad$

33. If you are still reading these survey questions, please respond as "3".

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

34. Which staff or faculty member has helped you the most in your time at Mason? [Open Textbox]

[Living Arrangement]

- 35. What best describes your living situation ?
 - I live on campus.
 - \circ $\;$ I live off campus within walking distance to my primary campus.
 - I live off campus within a 30-minute commute to my primary campus (on average).
 - \circ $\:$ I live off campus with a greater-than-30-minute commute to my primary campus (on average).
 - \circ ~ I am currently homeless and/or in transition.

- o None of the above
- 36. With whom do you live with during the school year? (select all that apply)
 - a. No one; I live alone
 - b. One or more other Mason students
 - c. Roommate(s) who are not current Mason students
 - d. My spouse or partner
 - e. My child or children
 - f. My parents
 - g. Other relatives
 - h. Not listed (please specify) [textbox]

(Display #37 and #38 to only who selected "I live on campus" from the question #35.)

37. Do you know how to contact or locate a Resident Assistant or Community Assistant for your residential community?

- o Yes
- **No**

38. My Resident Assistant is (select all that apply) :

- \circ Welcoming
- Caring and cares about me
- Prompt in responding to my questions
- Responsive to my outreach
- o Respectful
- Willing to listen
- Knowledgeable about academic resources
- Knowledgeable about other campus resources
- o Helpful
- An effective communicator
- None of the above

39. Please indicate the extent to which your living situation is currently a source of stress for you.

- o No stress
- Some stress
- o High stress

[Demographic Information]

Your responses to these final questions are OPTIONAL as well as CONFIDENTIAL. They are intended to help us better understand the diversity of the Mason student body.

40. Are you the primary caregiver to a dependent child(ren) (under 25 years old)? (Select all that apply.)

- 0 **No**
- No, but I am pregnant and/or in the adoption process

- Yes, to one child
- Yes, to more than one child
- Yes, and I am a single parent
- Yes, and I co-parent with another person that I do not live with
- Yes, and I co-parent with a partner or spouse that I live with
- I prefer not to respond.
- 41. Are you the primary caregiver to a dependent adult(s) (25 years or older)?
 - o Yes
 - 0 **No**
- 42. How would you describe your race and/or ethnicity? (select all that apply)
 - Asian or Asian Heritage
 - Black or African Heritage
 - Hispanic/Latinx
 - Middle Eastern or North African
 - o Native American, Indigenous, or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - White/European Heritage
 - o Multiracial
 - o Unknown
 - Not listed(please specify) [textbox]
 - I prefer not to respond
- 43. Do you identify with the sex you were assigned at birth?
 - o Yes
 - 0 **No**
 - o I prefer not to respond
- 44. What is your gender identity?
 - o Man
 - o Woman
 - Outside the gender binary (please specify) [textbox]
 - I prefer not to respond
- 45. What is your sexual and/or romantic orientation(s)? (select all that apply)
 - o Aromantic
 - Asexual
 - o Bisexual
 - o Gay
 - o Lesbian
 - o Pansexual
 - o Queer
 - o Questioning

- Straight (Heterosexual)
- Unknown or unsure
- Not listed (please specify) [textbox]
- I prefer not to respond
- 46. Please select the highest level of education completed by any of your parent(s) and/or primary guardian(s).
 - Did not attend any school in the United States
 - Did not finish high school
 - High school diploma or G.E.D.
 - Attended college but did not complete degree
 - Associate's degree (A.A., A.S., etc.)
 - Bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., etc.)
 - Master's degree (M.A., M.S., etc.)
 - Doctoral or professional degree (Ph.D., J.D., M.D., etc.)
 - o Unknown or unsure
 - I prefer not to respond
- 47. Were you ever in the foster care system?
 - No, I have never been in the foster care system
 - Yes, until I aged out of foster care
 - Yes, but I was adopted or returned to my guardian or birth parent(s) before I aged out of foster care.
 - Other (please specify): [textbox]
 - o I prefer not to respond
- 48. How important would you say religion is in your own life?
 - o Very important
 - o Fairly important
 - o Not very important
 - I prefer not to respond
- 49. What is your religious preference? (select all that apply)
 - o Agnostic
 - o Atheist
 - o Buddhist
 - \circ Catholic
 - Christian (non-specific)
 - $\circ \quad \text{Hindu}$
 - \circ Jewish
 - \circ Mormon
 - o Muslim
 - $\circ \quad \text{Orthodox}$
 - Another religion (please specify) [Text box]
 - o No religion
 - o I prefer not to respond