Undergraduate Student Exit Survey (UGES) AYs 2022-23 through 2025-26

Dear Mason Senior:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

We would like to learn more about your experience as a Mason student. This survey asks you to provide feedback about Mason services and programs, your major, and how well Mason prepared you for life post-graduation. Your responses will help administrators to make improvements for future Mason students.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Your responses are confidential, and data will be reported only in aggregate form.

We thank you for taking the time to share your feedback.

Best wishes for future success!

Thinking about your entire time at Mason, please rate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your experience and education.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Overall quality of course instruction	○	○	○	○	○	○
Scheduling and availability of courses	○	○	○	○	○	○
Academic advising (e.g., assistance with course planning or degree requirements)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Faculty mentoring (e.g., support of professional growth, conducting research)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Academic support services (e.g., tutoring, University Career Services, the Writing Center, etc.)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Student support services (e.g., Student Support and Advocacy Center, Student Health Services, Counseling and Psychological Services, etc.)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Opportunities to be involved on campus through student clubs or organizations	○	○	○	○	○	○
Sense of belonging and inclusion at Mason	○	○	○	○	○	○
Diversity of faculty and staff	○	○	○	○	○	○
Diversity of students	○	○	○	○	○	○

Thinking about the courses you took to fulfill Mason Core requirements, please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

The courses I took for the Mason Core:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Prepared me for advanced coursework I took as part of my major or minor	○	○	○	○	○	○
Exposed me to new ideas or perspectives that changed or challenged my way of thinking	○	○	○	○	○	○
Improved my ability to communicate effectively with others either orally or in writing	○	○	○	○	○	○
Taught me important skills to prepare for my career after graduation	○	○	○	○	○	○
Prepared me to conduct research in my field	○	○	○	○	○	○

The next set of questions ask about your major at Mason. If you are graduating with a dual degree, think about the program you consider to be your primary major.

What was your primary reason for choosing your major?

○ Reputation of the program

○ Personal interest in the subject

○ Faculty in this major

○ The employment prospects of graduates in this field

○ To prepare for graduate or professional school

○ Other (please specify) _____

Thinking about the courses you took in your major, please rate your level of agreement with the following statements. The courses I took in my major:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Exposed me to new ideas or perspectives that changed or challenged my way of thinking	○	○	○	○	○	○
Improved my ability to communicate effectively with others either orally or in writing	○	○	○	○	○	○
Taught me the skills required to conduct research in my field	○	○	○	○	○	○
Prepared me for my career after graduation	○	○	○	○	○	○
Prepared me for graduate or professional school	○	○	○	○	○	○

The next question asks about your participation in global experiences while at Mason. For this question, think about the formal activities you participated in that Mason offered or sponsored.

Which of the following global experiences have you participated in while at Mason?
(Select all that apply)

☐ Study abroad

☐ Short-term immersion or cultural exchange program

☐ Internship with an international organization

☐ Internship with a national or local organization that deals with international issues

☐ A field experience project in another country

☐ A service-learning project in another country

☐ A research or creative project in another country

☐ Other (please specify) _____

☐ None of the above

Community engagement refers to our commitment to public service. The following question asks about community engagement opportunities you participated in while at Mason. These experiences may have been part of a course for which you received credit or activities you participated in outside of the classroom.

Which of the following community engagement activities have you participated in while at Mason? *(Select all that apply)*

☐   Service-learning academic course

☐   Community-engaged practicum, internship, or field experience

☐   Community-engaged research or creative project

☐   Community engagement learning community

☐   Community activism for an issue and/or group

☐   Community service or volunteer work

☐   Other (please specify) _____

☐   None of the above

Which of the following additional academic experiences have you completed or participated in while at Mason? *(Select all that apply)*

☐ Completed an internship for credit (paid or unpaid)

☐ Completed a non-credit internship (paid or unpaid)

☐ Authored or co-authored an academic paper for publication

☐ Participated as a research assistant on a faculty research or creative project

☐ Conducted my own research or creative project under the supervision of faculty

☐ Presented or co-presented at a conference or professional meeting

☐ Showcased my work at an event other than a conference or professional meeting

☐ Completed an entrepreneurship project in a club, competition, or in the MIX makerspace

☐ Other (please specify) _____

☐ None of the above

Which of the following did you use to finance your education? *(Select all that apply)*

☐ Academic scholarship

☐ Non-academic scholarship

☐ Federal loan

☐ Private loan

☐ Grants

☐ Money from parent and/or relatives that I am expected to repay

☐ Money from parent and/or relatives that I am <u>not</u> expected to repay

☐ Military tuition benefits

☐ Self-financed (from own salary or other means)

☐ Other (please specify) _____

How often did you work in a paid position while enrolled at Mason?

	Every semester	Most semesters	Some semesters	No semesters
On campus part-time	○	○	○	○
On campus full-time	○	○	○	○
Off campus part-time	○	○	○	○
Off campus full-time	○	○	○	○

What is your approximate level of indebtedness related to your education at Mason?

○ None

○ $10,000 or less

○ $10,001 to $20,000

○ $20,001 to $30,000

○ $30,001 to $40,000

○ $40,001 to $50,000

○ $50,001 to $60,000

○ $60,001 to $70,000

○ $70,001 to $80,000

○ $80,001 to $90,000

○ $90,001 or more

Which of the following best describes your primary post-graduation plans?

○ Employment full-time (30+ hours per week)

○ Employment part-time (less than 30 hours per week)

○ Continuing education (graduate, professional, or certification program)

○ Participating in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps)

○ Serving in the U.S. military

○ Seeking employment or internship

○ Not seeking employment or further education at this time

○ Other (please specify) _____

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: *Overall, I am satisfied with my George Mason University education.*

○ Strongly agree

○ Agree

○ Neither agree nor disagree

○ Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

Please use the box below to share any additional feedback you have about your time at Mason.

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Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

The following form will allow you to update your post-graduation contact information. Your updated contact information may be shared with the Office of Alumni Relations or administrators of your degree program. **The information you provide below will not be associated with your responses to the survey.**

Please enter your preferred email after graduation. This should be an email different from your GMU email address. _____

From which college or school at Mason are you graduating?

If you are graduating with a dual degree from more than one college, please select the college you consider to be your primary college.

○ Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution

○ College of Education and Human Development

○ College of Engineering and Computing

○ College of Health and Human Services

○ College of Humanities and Social Sciences

○ College of Science

○ College of Visual and Performing Arts

○ Schar School of Policy and Government

○ School of Business

Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution ONLY

The following questions are related to field experiences you have had as part of your program in the Carter School. Examples of field experiences include internships, independent study or research, study abroad, service learning, and/or travel courses.

How many field experiences did you participate in as part of your program in the Carter School?

○ None

○ One

○ Two

○ Three or more

To what extent did your field experience(s) contribute to your competence in the following areas?

	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
A global perspective	○	○	○	○
Problem-solving skills	○	○	○	○
Career readiness	○	○	○	○

For courses you have taken as part of your program in the College of Education and Human Development, please rate your level of satisfaction with the following course delivery modes.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A
Fully online synchronous courses (set meeting times)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Fully online asynchronous courses (no set meeting times)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Hybrid courses (some online components)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Fully in-person courses	○	○	○	○	○	○

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statement: *Academic advising in my major made a positive difference in my learning and growth.*

○ Strongly agree

○ Agree

○ Neither agree nor disagree

○ Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

○ N/A

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding how your program in the College of Engineering and Computing prepared you for your career.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My program offered opportunities to apply learning outside of class	○	○	○	○	○
My internship/practicum helped me gain valuable experience related to my career or profession	○	○	○	○	○
The knowledge and skills I acquired from my program will enable me to take on responsibilities in my career or profession upon graduation	○	○	○	○	○

Please rate how well the courses in your major prepared you to do the following:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Think critically	○	○	○	○	○
Learn effectively on your own	○	○	○	○	○
Work effectively with others	○	○	○	○	○
Apply what you learned to real-world problems	○	○	○	○	○
Use computing and informational technology to complete tasks/accomplish goals.	○	○	○	○	○

College of Humanities and Social Sciences ONLY

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your program in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The courses in my major were interesting and intellectually stimulating	○	○	○	○	○
The majority of courses in my major were offered in my preferred delivery mode (e.g., face-to-face, hybrid, or online)	○	○	○	○	○
I selected courses in my major based on which faculty member was assigned to teach	○	○	○	○	○
The faculty in my major cared about my success	○	○	○	○	○
My program encouraged me to pursue a learning opportunity outside of the classroom (e.g., research, internship, study abroad)	○	○	○	○	○

Is your major in the School of Integrative Studies?

◯ Yes

◯ No

Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your program in the School of Integrative Studies.

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Integrative learning across disciplines	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Collaborative projects	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Emphasis on writing	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Emphasis on critical thinking	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your program in the College of Science.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The courses in my program were interesting and intellectually stimulating	○	○	○	○	○
My program provided opportunities to learn how to use discipline-specific software and equipment that will help me in my career	○	○	○	○	○
The lab practicum and/or research projects in my program helped me gain valuable experience related to my career or profession	○	○	○	○	○

Please rate the extent to which your arts education at Mason helped you develop the following skills and attributes:

	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
Creative thinking and problem solving	○	○	○	○
Motivation and commitment	○	○	○	○
Adaptability and flexibility	○	○	○	○
Time management and respect for deadlines	○	○	○	○
Ability to learn quickly and work well under pressure	○	○	○	○

Please rate the extent to which your GOVT coursework helped you develop the following skills and attributes:

	Not at all	A little	A fair amount	A great deal
Apply concepts relating to political theories and institutions	○	○	○	○
Interpret patterns of American political behavior	○	○	○	○
Compare international political systems	○	○	○	○
Apply analytical reasoning using research methods within the field	○	○	○	○
Prepare for employment in my field	○	○	○	○

Costello College of Business ONLY

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about your program in the College of Business.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel a strong sense of belonging in the College of Business	○	○	○	○	○
I feel my business courses prepared me to take on my next endeavor	○	○	○	○	○
I feel satisfied with the services the College of Business provided to students (e.g., career services, advising, engagement, etc.)	○	○	○	○	○
I would like to see more online courses offered in the College of Business	○	○	○	○	○
I would like to see more evening courses offered in the College of Business	○	○	○	○	○