CAMPUS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SITES

Mason is a distributed university, with regional campuses in Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties, and instructional sites in Loudoun County, Herndon, Lorton, Woodbridge, Front Royal and Songdo, South Korea. Each Mason campus has a distinctive academic focus that plays a critical role in the economy of its surrounding region. At each campus, students and faculty have access to all the university's resources, while the duplication of programs and support services is minimized through the use of technology.

Fairfax Campus

Situated on 677 acres of wooded land, the Fairfax Campus offers a wealth of opportunities beyond the numerous academic programs and is the principal center for undergraduate residence and life. The resident student population of 6,023 is expected to grow to more than 7,000 during the next few years as new residential units are constructed.

The George W. Johnson Center, the first building of its kind in the country, fosters university-wide learning by integrating students' curricular and extracurricular activities and strengthening relationships among university communities.

The Center for the Arts and the Patriot Center offer numerous opportunities to experience the arts, as well as sports and other entertainment. Professional artistic events presented on campus include music and dance from around the world and regional, national, and international visual art exhibitions. Free tickets are available to these events for full-time Mason students.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center provides state-of-the-art exercise equipment and competitive and recreational swimming to the university community and outside teams. The 120,000 square foot Recreation and Athletic Complex (formerly the PE Building) boasts three gymnasiums, two racquetball courts, two squash courts, and a two-story fitness gallery. Additional equipment and exercise space is also available in Skyline Fitness, adjacent to the residence halls.

Arlington Campus

The Arlington Campus, established in 1979, is located near Washington, D.C., on 5.2 acres of land. Mason's most urban location, the Arlington Campus is situated conveniently in the Virginia Square neighborhood and offers easy access via Metro and key transportation routes.

The campus has a strong focus on professional and graduate education and is home to the Antonin Scalia Law School, the Schar School of Policy and Government (formerly SPGIA) and the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. The Arlington Campus is also home to graduate programs in nonprofit management and arts management. In addition, the School of Business now offers its Executive MBA, Accounting, MS and Real Estate Development, MS programs in Arlington. Learning Solutions is redefining the way we offer executive and professional education. In addition to these executive, graduate and professional programs, some undergraduate courses are also available in Arlington.

The Arlington Campus is home to the Mercatus Center and the Institute for Humane Studies, independent initiatives affiliated with the university. The Law and Economics Center (LAW), Center for World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution (S-CAR), Center for Regional Analysis (SCHAR) and the Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science (CHSS) are some of the many research centers located at the Arlington Campus.

The campus includes four buildings: Hazel Hall, Founders Hall, the Metropolitan Building and the Original Building. Founders Hall, which opened on the campus in 2011, provides 256,000 square feet of space for academic and student support services. In addition, the building features a 300-seat auditorium, a public plaza, and a large multipurpose room. These additional spaces enable the university to highlight and showcase much of the exciting work taking place at the Arlington Campus - as well as throughout the university - through the hosting of conferences, meetings and other events.

Science & Technology Campus

The Science & Technology Campus (SciTech), established in 1997, is the nucleus of the largest research business park in Northern Virginia, Innovation Park. The 134 acres campus in Manassas is surrounded by advanced technology companies and agencies. The campus serves all of Northern Virginia and offers convenient access to the university for citizens of Prince William, Fauquier, and western Fairfax counties; the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park; and adjoining areas to the west and south. A major focus of the campus is research and academic programs in the life sciences, including biodefense and infectious diseases, cancer proteomics, genomics, medical education and bioinformatics. Graduate studies in Advanced Biomedical Sciences are offered for students preparing for medical school or careers in health professions. Programs in nursing, teacher education, information technology, health and fitness, recreation, exercise science, health promotion, parks and outdoor recreation, sport management, therapeutic recreation, tourism and events management, and athletic training also are offered on the campus.

Campus resources available to all university students, faculty, and staff include a full-service library, large drop-in computer lab, information center, University Police, university bookstore, dining services, student lounge, shuttle bus service between the Fairfax and SciTech Campuses, and full complement of student and academic services. In addition, there are numerous opportunities to get involved in campus life through a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Many campus facilities and services are available to serve university and community needs. The 300-seat Verizon Auditorium located in Colgan Hall boasts innovative audiovisual technologies suitable for presentations, meetings, and ceremonies, along with lobby space for receptions and displays. The campus is also home to the Virginia Serious Game Institute, where students and faculty can pursue true multidisciplinary translational applied-research in Simulation, Modeling, and Game Design and Development. A new partnership on the SciTech Campus between Mason and the Uniformed Services University allows, Army, Air Force, Marine and Navy service members to remain on active duty during two years of preparatory coursework for application to medical school.

The campus comprises eight buildings: three research facilities, two academic buildings, a student housing facility, a recreation and fitness center and a performing arts center. Graduate student housing with ground level retail space opened in fall 2012. Through mutually beneficial partnerships with local government and area businesses, the campus has positioned itself to tap into the unique assets of the surrounding community while providing access to university resources.
and programs for students and citizens. The university's Biomedical Research Laboratory (BRL) opened in 2010. This regional biocontainment facility, the largest of only 12 facilities of its kind in the nation, is funded in part by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and houses research on emerging infectious diseases and those caused by biological threat agents.

The 110,000-square-foot Freedom Aquatic & Fitness Center™ offers state-of-the-art exercise equipment, group fitness programs, a full gymnasium with elevated track, and recreational and instructional swimming in a 50-meter competition pool, classrooms, and other meeting spaces. It is also home to EDGE, Mason Center for Team and Organizational Learning’s Challenge Course. The SMART Laboratory-Freedom Center is a 2,000 square foot facility that serves as the primary research facility for faculty and students in the Athletic Training and Sports Medicine degree programs.

Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and Mason have joined to create the region’s first state-of-the-art performing arts center. The Hylton Performing Arts Center, opened in 2010, provides outstanding professional performances by artists from around the world in world-class venues. With resources for community arts groups; regional business, civic, and service organizations; county and city school students and teachers; Mason students and faculty, The Hylton Performing Arts Center educates, entertains, and enriches the community.

The Governor’s School @ Innovation Park began conducting dual-enrollment classes for high school guest matriculates at the SciTech Campus in 2010.

Instructional Sites
Mason in Loudoun, conveniently located directly on Route 7 in Sterling, Virginia, connects students and businesses in one of the nation’s fastest-growing areas to one of the Commonwealth’s premier universities. Mason in Loudoun offers undergraduate and graduate level coursework in nursing, health science, education, information technology, leadership studies and management. Professional and executive education programs are also held at this site, as well as classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Co-located with Northern Virginia Community College in leased space adjacent to their Loudoun Campus, Mason in Loudoun offers students the same privileges and access as those on Mason’s Fairfax, Arlington, and SciTech Campuses.

Smithsonian Mason School of Conservation was established as a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution and George Mason University to provide experiential education for current and future generations of global conservation professionals, leaders, and practitioners. Located in in Front Royal, Virginia, the campus offers undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs for students and professionals.