

# GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING MINOR

Banner Code: GOVC

## Academic Advising

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## Administration

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Government contracting is an enormous industry valued in the hundreds of billions of dollars. Many of the federal agencies that contract for goods and services, as well as the contractors that fulfill those contracts, are in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Both government and private sector organizations have a growing need for graduates with specialized skills and knowledge related to the business of government contracting. A minor in government contracting will meet this need by providing students with an understanding of the industry's best practices, processes, and methodologies. Specific concepts covered include marketing to the federal government, US government accounting systems, and government procurement systems. Students will gain this understanding from both the government's and the contractor's perspective.

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

At least eight credits must be unique to the minor and not applied toward any other major, minor, or concentration. Students must achieve a grade of C or better in each course that is applied toward the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>). The Costello College of Business residency requirement for this minor supersedes the university requirement: at least nine credits must be earned at Mason.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BUS 315	Introduction to the Government Contracting Industry	3
MKTG 307	Federal Government Marketing	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select three of the following courses:		9
ACCT 472	Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting	
BUS 492	Internship in Business	
ECON 309	Economic Problems and Public Policies	
ECON 330	Public Finance	
ECON 410	Public Choice	
FNAN 341	Introduction to Firm Valuation	
GOVT 351	Administration in the Political System	
GOVT 352	Responsible Innovation	
GOVT 356	Public Budgeting and Finance	
GOVT 369	Cybersecurity Policy	
MGMT 413	Organizational Development and Management Consulting	
MIS 431	Data Mining for Business Applications (Mason Core) ( <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	
OSCM 320	Supply Chain Management in a Global Economy	
OSCM 465	Government Contracting and Procurement	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>