GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Comparison
FY 2005-06 and FY 2010-11

Students

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<td>Enrollment</td>
<td>29,728</td>
<td>32,562</td>
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<td>Incoming freshmen</td>
<td>2,529</td>
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<td>Freshmen living on campus</td>
<td>1,500</td>
<td>1,903</td>
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<td>International students</td>
<td>134 countries</td>
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<td>Undergraduate student applications</td>
<td>15,887</td>
<td>19,991</td>
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<td>Residential population</td>
<td>3,995</td>
<td>5,400</td>
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<td>Acceptance rate</td>
<td>70% of applicants</td>
<td>50% of applicants</td>
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Academic Programs

- Degree programs 156 199

Mason offers degrees at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral level. Students may also earn a law degree. Mason’s Honor College is one of the university’s most dynamic initiatives. Currently more than 800 students are enrolled in this program. Following are some of the 43 degrees that have been added to Mason’s academic portfolio since the 2005-06 academic year:

  - Computer game design (BFA)
  - Global and environmental change (BS)
  - Computer forensics (MS)
  - Real estate development (MS)
  - Global health (MS)
  - Bioinformatics management (MS)

Research

- Sponsored research dollars $65 million $100 million

Research driven by regional and national needs dominates work by Mason’s scholars. Following are examples of areas in which groundbreaking work is currently underway:

  - Cancer – The Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine, co-directed by Profs. Lance Liotta and Emanuel Petricoin, spearheads efforts to facilitate early diagnosis of cancer and identify new drug targets.
Climate Change – Prof. Jagadish Shukla, a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the organization that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore, leads efforts to educate students on issues associated with weather and climate variability and change.

Neurological Diseases – “Neuroeconomics” is a new field introduced by Prof. Kevin McCabe of the Krasnow Institute for Advanced Studies. He examines changes in parts of the human nervous system during market-oriented activity.

Bioterrorism – The Biomedical Research Laboratory is one of 13 in the nation advancing the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

Transportation – Prof. Stephen Fuller confirms that greater investment in a state’s infrastructure will increase its economy and reduce traffic congestion on major highway arteries.

Facilities

- Capital outlay spending $40 million $160 million
- Buildings 140 168

Since the 2005-06 academic year, Mason has opened nearly 30 new facilities. Below is a sample of these additions that have helped transform the institution into one of the commonwealth of Virginia’s major residential institutions:

- Research I
- Long and Kimmy Nguyen Engineering Building
- Founders Hall
- Hylton Performing Arts Center
- Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel
- Masonvale (housing for faculty and staff)
- Biomedical Research Laboratory

Operation

- Operating budget $528 million $887 million
- Fundraising totals $20.4 million $51.7 million
- Donors 13,150 donors 14,678 donors
- Tuition and fees $5,880 $8,484

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