GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Comparison
FY 2005-06 and FY 2011-12

Students

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<th>2005-06</th>
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<td>Enrollment</td>
<td>29,728</td>
<td>33,320</td>
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<td>Incoming freshmen</td>
<td>2,529</td>
<td>2,665</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>26,594</td>
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<td>Residential population</td>
<td>3,995</td>
<td>5,477</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

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<td>Degree programs</td>
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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 40 degrees that have been added to Mason’s academic portfolio since the 2008-09 academic year:

- Art History (BA)
- Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BA)
- Bioengineering (BS)
- Tourism and Events Management (BS)
- Graphic Design (MA)
- Computer Forensics (MS)

Research

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<td>Sponsored research dollars</td>
<td>$65 million</td>
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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 $111.5 million
- Buildings 140 170

Since the 2005-06 academic year, Mason has opened nearly 32 new facilities. Below is a sample of these additions that have helped transform the institution into one 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
- Donald and Nancy de Laski Performing Arts Building

**Operation**

- Operating budget $528 million $876.3 million
- Fundraising totals $20.4 million $32.6 million
- Donors 13,150 donors 16,910 donors
- Tuition and fees (in-state) $5,880 $9,266
- Tuition and fees (out-of-state) $17,160 $26,744
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