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Meet with your academic advisor
Academic advising is essential to your academic progress and success at George Mason University. An academic advisor can help you identify your academic and personal goals, develop a long-term academic plan, and connect you with a range of resources on campus.

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Know the policies and procedures at CHSS and GMU
Policies are important because they help us establish rules and procedures and create standards of quality for learning and safety, as well as expectations and accountability. Without these, Mason and CHSS would lack the structure and function necessary to provide for the educational needs of students.

Develop a long-term academic plan
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Explore potential careers for your major
Review degree programs and requirements with your academic advisor. Mason has nearly 80 majors, and hundreds of concentrations and minors. Discuss your interests with your academic advisor or visit University Career Services to explore how your interests and skills relate to careers.