

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS SUMMARY

Applications for admission to George Mason University increased overall 5.7% from fall 2004 to fall 2005. At the undergraduate level, applications rose slightly by 132, or 0.8% (from 15,755 to 15,887). At the graduate level, applications were up overall by 7.0%. Master's applications were up by 512, or 11.0% (from 4,640 to 5,152), however, doctoral applications went down 5.6% (1,466 to 1,384). Law school applications saw the greatest increase at 19.4% or 980 (5,039 to 6,019). Mason has about a 66% acceptance rate at the undergraduate level and a 59% acceptance rate at the graduate level. The percentage of applications accepted at the School of Law is 15%.

Nearly 34% of all new students are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, followed by the School of Management (13.5%) and the Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering (11.8%). Undeclared students make up 11.3% of newly enrolled students. Of the newly enrolled students, 77.5% come from in-state and 22.5% come from out-of-state (table 3.5).

Tables 3.2 and 3.3 give detailed summary information of fall 2005 and fall 2004 admissions data. Table 3.4 highlights both the number and the percentage change of this year's data compared with last year's.

TABLE 3.1 Trends of Admissions Summary

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Applied					
Undergraduate	13,004	13,961	14,857	15,755	15,887
Law	2,684	4,383	5,315	5,039	6,019
Graduate	5,019	6,233	6,394	6,106	6,535
Total	20,707	24,577	26,566	26,900	28,432
Accepted					
Undergraduate	8,923	9,383	10,099	10,711	10,517
Law	615	686	558	758	914
Graduate	3,289	3,985	4,112	3,839	3,885
Total	12,827	14,054	14,769	15,308	15,316
Enrolled					
Undergraduate	4,289	4,499	4,531	4,502	4,503
Law	261	282	196	248	224
Graduate	2,049	2,553	2,599	2,226	2,298
Total	6,599	7,334	7,326	6,976	7,025

TABLE 3.2 University Admissions Summary, Fall 2005

	Applied	Accepted		Enrolled	
	Number	Number	% of Applied	Number	% of Accepted
First-Time Freshmen					
Northern VA	3,623	2,769	76.4	1,454	52.5
Other VA	1,712	1,397	81.6	599	42.9
Out-of-State	4,978	2,935	59.0	476	16.2
Subtotal	10,313	7,101	68.9	2,529	35.6
Transfers					
Northern VA CC	2,057	1,368	66.5	951	69.5
Other VA Colleges	1,211	740	61.1	375	50.7
Out-of-State Colleges	2,296	1,308	57.0	648	49.5
Subtotal	5,564	3,416	61.4	1,974	57.8
Undergraduate Total	15,877	10,517	66.2	4,503	42.8
Professional (Law)	6,019	914	15.2	224	24.5
Masters					
Candidate	4,426	2,660	60.1	1,597	60.0
Provisional	493	491	99.6	295	60.1
Certificate	233	163	70.0	95	58.3
Subtotal	5,152	3,314	64.3	1,987	60.0
Doctoral	1,384	571	41.3	311	54.5
Graduate Total	6,536	3,885	59.4	2,298	59.2
University Total	28,432	15,316	53.9	7,025	45.9

TABLE 3.3 University Admissions Summary, Fall 2004

	Applied	Accepted		Enrolled	
	Number	Number	% of Applied	Number	% of Accepted
First-Time Freshmen					
Northern VA	3,783	2,787	73.7	1,266	45.4
Other VA	2,039	1,588	77.9	548	34.5
Out-of-State	4,281	2,552	59.6	448	17.6
Subtotal	10,103	6,927	68.6	2,262	32.7
Transfers					
Northern VA CC	2,080	1,467	70.5	1,012	69.0
Other VA Colleges	1,148	740	64.5	402	54.1
Out-of-State Colleges	2,424	1,577	65.1	826	52.4
Subtotal	5,652	3,784	66.9	2,240	59.1
Undergraduate Total	15,755	10,711	68.0	4,502	42.0
Professional (Law)	5,039	758	15.0	248	32.7
Masters					
Candidate	4,071	2,732	67.1	1,666	59.8
Provisional	378	376	99.5	214	56.9
Certificate	191	139	72.8	73	52.5
Subtotal	4,640	3,247	70.0	1,953	59.2
Doctoral	1,466	592	40.4	273	45.3
Graduate Total	6,106	3,839	62.9	2,226	57.0
University Total	26,900	15,308	56.9	6,976	45.6

TABLE 3.4 University Admissions Summary (Percentage of Change in Fall 2005 Compared to Fall 2004)

	Applied		Accepted		Enrolled	
	Number Change	% Change	Number Change	% Change	Number Change	% Change
First-Time Freshmen						
Northern VA	-160	-4.2	-18	-0.6	188	14.8
Other VA	-327	-16.0	-191	-12.0	51	9.3
Out-of-State	697	16.3	383	15.0	28	6.3
Subtotal	210	2.1	174	2.5	267	11.8
Transfers						
Northern VA CC	-23	-1.1	-99	-6.7	-61	-6.0
Other VA Colleges	63	5.5	0	0.0	-27	-6.7
Out-of-State Colleges	-128	-5.3	-269	-17.1	-178	-21.5
Subtotal	-88	-1.6	-368	-9.7	-266	-11.9
Undergraduate Total	122	0.8	-194	-1.8	1	0.0
Professional (Law)	980	19.4	156	20.6	-24	-9.7
Masters						
Candidate	355	8.7	-72	-2.6	-69	-4.1
Provisional	115	30.4	115	30.6	81	37.9
Certificate	42	22.0	24	17.3	22	30.1
Subtotal	512	11.0	67	2.1	34	1.7
Doctoral	-82	-5.6	-21	-3.5	38	13.9
Graduate Total	430	7.0	46	1.2	72	3.2
University Total	1,532	5.7	8	0.1	49	0.7

TABLE 3.5 New Enrollees by Residency Status, Fall 2005

	Total		First-Time Freshmen		Undergraduate Transfer		Law		Graduate	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Virginia Total	5,441	77.5	2,053	29.2	1,728	24.6	124	1.8	1,536	21.9
Northern Virginia Total	4,482	63.8	1,454	20.7	1,551	22.1	115	1.6	1,362	19.4
Alexandria	176	2.5	21	0.3	57	0.8	7	0.1	91	1.3
Arlington	389	5.5	51	0.7	83	1.2	57	0.8	198	2.8
Fairfax, City of	194	2.8	65	0.9	61	0.9	1	0.0	67	1.0
Fairfax County	2,549	36.3	945	13.5	877	12.5	44	0.6	683	9.7
Falls Church, City of	13	0.2	3	0.0	5	0.1	0	0.0	5	0.1
Fauquier	92	1.3	37	0.5	32	0.5	0	0.0	23	0.3
Loudoun	400	5.7	130	1.9	158	2.2	2	0.0	110	1.6
Manassas, City of	72	1.0	18	0.3	31	0.4	0	0.0	23	0.3
Prince William	597	8.5	184	2.6	247	3.5	4	0.1	162	2.3
Other Virginia Total	959	13.7	599	8.5	177	2.5	9	0.1	174	2.5
Out-of-State Total	1,584	22.5	476	6.8	246	3.5	100	1.4	762	10.8
Maryland	227	3.2	79	1.1	19	0.3	9	0.1	120	1.7
Washington, D.C.	86	1.2	16	0.2	8	0.1	10	0.1	52	0.7
Other	1,271	18.1	381	5.4	219	3.1	81	1.2	590	8.4
University Total	7,025	100.0	2,529	36.0	1,974	28.1	224	3.2	2,298	32.7

TABLE 3.6 New Enrollees Demographic Characteristics, Fall 2005

	Total	Gender			Ethnicity							Mean Age
		Female	Male	Not Reported	African Amer	Asian Amer	Hisp. Amer	Native Amer	Non Res. Alien	White Amer	Other/Not Reported	
Undergraduate												
Freshmen Total	2,895	1,564	1,331	27	214	494	234	11	71	1,482	389	18.6
First-Time	2,529	1,381	1,148	5	179	454	205	10	55	1,313	313	18.0
Transfer	366	183	183	22	35	40	29	1	16	169	76	22.7
Sophomores	774	439	335	105	57	103	52	3	34	334	191	23.4
Juniors	598	373	225	204	51	86	48	2	34	256	121	26.0
Seniors	236	152	84	344	21	32	14	2	19	112	36	29.7
Undergraduate Total	4,503	2,528	1,975	680	343	715	348	18	158	2,184	737	21.0
Law	224	89	135	33	9	14	14	1	6	162	18	25.9
Graduate												
Masters	1,987	1,179	808	103	150	140	85	7	234	1,239	132	30.7
Doctoral	311	130	181	10	14	23	4	0	76	182	12	33.3
Graduate Total	2,298	1,309	989	113	164	163	89	7	310	1,421	144	31.1
University Total	7,025	3,926	3,099	259	516	892	451	26	474	3,767	899	24.5

TABLE 3.7 New Enrollees by Academic Division, Fall 2005

	Total	AS	SI	CA	ED	IE	LW	BU	NU	PP	AR	UN
Undergraduate												
Freshmen	2,895	1,051	0	0	84	289	0	444	170	0	172	685
First-Time	2,529	892	0	0	68	254	0	365	150	0	159	641
Transfer	366	159	0	0	16	35	0	79	20	0	13	44
Sophomores	774	353	0	0	22	67	0	181	55	0	30	66
Juniors	598	270	0	0	6	50	0	163	53	0	22	34
Seniors	236	76	0	0	2	21	0	49	74	0	7	7
Undergraduate Total												
Total	4,503	1,750	0	0	114	427	0	837	352	0	231	792
Law	224	0	0	0	0	0	224	0	0	0	0	0
Graduate												
Masters	1,987	448	20	52	631	348	0	114	74	244	56	0
Doctoral	311	157	44	13	16	54	0	0	6	21	0	0
Graduate Total	2,298	605	64	65	647	402	0	114	80	265	56	0
Fall 2005 Total	7,025	2,355	64	65	761	829	224	951	432	265	287	792
% of Total		33.5	0.9	0.9	10.8	11.8	3.2	13.5	6.1	3.8	4.1	11.3

					Fall 2004							
Total	6,976	2,706	65	54	775	827	248	845	435	250	258	513
% of Total		38.8	0.9	0.8	11.1	11.9	3.6	12.1	6.2	3.6	3.7	7.4
					Fall 2003							
Total	7,326	2,340	80	66	868	1,180	196	940	409	233	239	766
% of Total		31.9	1.1	0.9	11.8	16.1	2.7	12.8	5.6	3.2	3.3	10.5
					Fall 2002							
Total	7,334	2,122	86	67	852	1,220	282	932	369	188	234	973
% of Total		28.9	1.2	0.9	11.6	16.6	3.8	12.7	5.0	2.6	3.2	13.3

List of Abbreviations:

AS: College of Arts and Sciences

SI: School of Computational Sciences

CA: Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

ED: College of Education and Human Development

IE: The Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering

LW: School of Law

BU: School of Management

NU: College of Nursing and Health Science

PP: School of Public Policy

AR: College of Visual and Performing Arts

UN: University (Provost)

TABLE 3.8 Undergraduate Transfers from Virginia Institutions, Fall 2005

Public Institutions	Number of Transfer
Four-Year VA Public Institutions	
George Mason University*	40
Virginia Commonwealth University	26
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	23
Radford University	22
James Madison University	18
Christopher Newport University	16
Old Dominion University	15
University of Mary Washington	14
Longwood College	13
Subtotal	187
Other Public Four-Year Institutions	26
Four-Year Private Institutions	53
Total Four-Year Institutions	266
Two-Year VA Public Institutions	
Northern Virginia Community College; All Campuses	951
Lord Fairfax Community College	33
Germanna Community College	33
Subtotal	1,017
Other Public Two-Year Institutions	43
Total Two-Year Institutions	1,060
University Total	1,326

* Students returning to Mason after graduation to pursue an additional undergraduate program are counted among undergraduate transfer students.

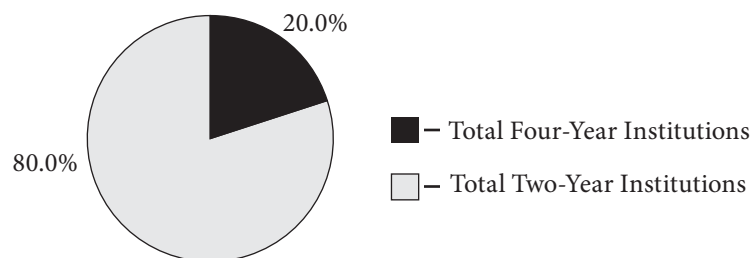


Fig. 3.1. Undergraduate Transfers from Virginia Institutions

TABLE 3.9 Transfer Trends from Virginia Institutions

	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005
Four-Year VA Public Institutions	231	255	250	227	213
Four-Year VA Private Institutions	44	61	57	56	53
Two-Year VA Institutions	1,255	1,306	1,334	1,129	1,060
Total Transfers	1,530	1,622	1,641	1,412	1,326

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The estimated total amount of financial aid received by George Mason's students in 2005-2006 represents a 2.5% increase over 2004-05, from \$109,769,076 to \$115,169,325. The average award total decreased from \$8,818 to \$8,277. The number of students receiving awards as of 2/9/2006 is 13,915, already passed last year's number. That number is projected to continue to increase by a few hundred more students by the end of the 2005-2006 award year.

TABLE 3.10 Student Financial Aid by Award Type

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006 (As of 2/9/2006)
Student Aid Grand Total	\$83,183,313	\$96,355,942	\$109,769,076	\$115,169,325
Number of Students	11,052	11,792	12,449	13,915
Average Award	\$7,527	\$8,171	\$8,818	\$8,277
Federal Aid Total	\$60,801,988	\$68,540,907	\$73,817,036	\$74,739,900
<i>Pell Grant</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$8,058,677	\$8,615,069	\$8,448,005	\$9,039,754
Number of Awards	3,332	3,451	3,327	3,407
Average Award	\$2,419	\$2,496	\$2,539	\$2,653
<i>Federal Perkins Loan</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$738,169	\$705,178	\$845,094	\$212,489
Number of Awards	385	371	470	110
Average Award	\$1,917	\$1,901	\$1,798	\$1,932
<i>Supplemental Grants</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$623,849	\$442,442	\$683,870	\$49,600
Number of Awards	1,213	893	1,559	48
Average Award	\$514	\$495	\$439	\$1,033
<i>Federal Work-Study</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$1,103,617	\$974,488	\$980,804	\$902,393
Number of Awards	487	452	428	440
Average Award	\$2,266	\$2,156	\$2,292	\$2,051
<i>Federal Stafford Loan</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$25,853,828	\$29,430,450	\$31,182,799	\$31,298,942
Number of Awards	6,143	6,836	6,840	6,667
Average Award	\$4,209	\$4,305	\$4,559	\$4,695
<i>Parent Loan</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$5,114,488	\$6,811,119	\$7,446,490	\$8,365,578
Number of Awards	780	910	905	914
Average Award	\$6,557	\$7,485	\$8,228	\$9,153
<i>Unsubsidized Stafford Loans</i>				
Total Aid Awarded	\$19,309,360	\$21,562,161	\$24,229,974	\$24,871,135
Number of Awards	3,828	4,216	4,406	4,381
Average Award	\$5,044	\$5,114	\$5,499	\$5,677

TABLE 3.10 (Continued)

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006 (As of 2/9/2006)
State Aid Total	\$6,817,138	\$7,768,610	\$8,274,209	\$8,975,987
Undergraduate				
Total Aid Awarded	\$5,866,116	\$6,663,513	\$7,039,308	\$7,799,735
Number of Awards	2,309	2,507	2,785	2,438
Average Award	\$2,541	\$2,658	\$2,528	\$3,199
College Scholarship Assistance *				
Total Aid Awarded	\$222,395	\$222,943	\$223,364	\$31,000
Number of Awards	114	153	137	17
Average Award	\$1,951	\$1,457	\$1,630	\$1,824
Tuition Remission				
Total Aid Awarded	\$728,627	\$882,154	\$1,011,537	\$1,145,252
Number of Awards	1,888	219	232	240
Average Award	\$386	\$4,028	\$4,360	\$4,772
Virginia Transfer Grant **				
Total Aid Awarded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Number of Awards	0	0	0	0
Average Award	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Undergraduate Student Financial Assistance Program **				
Total Aid Awarded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Number of Awards	0	0	0	0
Average Award	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Aid Total	\$15,564,187	\$20,046,425	\$27,677,831	\$31,453,438
Institutional Scholarships ***				
Total Aid Awarded	\$9,915,999	\$11,938,178	\$15,351,882	\$16,944,726
Number of Awards	2,349	2,527	3,703	3,326
Average Award	\$4,221	\$4,724	\$4,146	\$5,095
Other Grants and Scholarships				
Total Aid Awarded	\$1,927,134	\$2,234,638	\$3,545,910	\$3,160,831
Number of Awards	853	727	1,661	1,471
Average Award	\$2,259	\$3,074	\$2,135	\$2,149
Other Loan Programs				
Total Aid Awarded	\$3,721,054	\$5,873,609	\$8,780,039	\$11,347,881
Number of Awards	466	645	993	1,172
Average Award	\$7,985	\$9,106	\$8,842	\$9,682

*Awarding in progress

**Not funded for 02-03 or 03-04 or 04-05 or 05-06

***These items captured by this figure include Presidential Scholarships, Mason Scholarships, Graduate Scholarships, Athletic Scholarships, Institutional and Employee Waivers, Departmental Graduate Grants, Fellowships, Academic Scholarships, EIP Scholarships, Deans Scholarships, and University Scholarships. These are awarded on merit.