Application Instructions

Admission of Visiting Students

Students attending other law schools may apply to George Mason University School of Law for visiting status. George Mason Law accepts a number of visiting students each semester and for the summer term. Visiting students may not transfer to degree status.

Eligibility

A student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school is eligible to apply to George Mason Law for admission as a visiting student. The student must obtain permission from his or her home law school to attend George Mason Law as a visiting student and confirmation that the credits earned will be accepted as transfer credits at the home law school.

For the fall and spring semesters, visiting students must carry a full course load of 8-12 credits (for part-time study) or 13-16 credits (full-time study).

Permission to be a visiting student is granted only on a semester basis. A student who visits during a fall or spring semester, or during a summer term, may submit a written request to renew his or her visiting status for an additional semester or for a summer term (subject, of course, to permission from the visitor’s home law school). A student seeking to continue visiting status need not repeat the entire application process.

Final Semester Visitors

Students who visit at George Mason Law during their final semester are cautioned that George Mason Law cannot provide notification of grades or an official transcript to your home law school any earlier than we provide this information to our own law students. It is incumbent upon the visitor to check with his or her home law school to ensure that this will not create a graduation problem. Questions or concerns regarding this matter should be addressed to the law school Records Office at 703.993.8015.

Transcript Released to Home Law School

The Records Office of George Mason University School of Law will send automatically an official transcript of work undertaken at the law school to your home law school as soon as all grades have been recorded.

How to Apply

Applicants seeking visiting student admission must provide the following:

1. The visiting student application form and $35 fee payable electronically through LSAC.
2. Applicants must register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service so that George Mason Law will receive a current law school report furnished by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). The law school report must reflect all work done at the home school. The applicant has sole responsibility for meeting all of LSAC’s requirements. Failure to register properly, maintain registration throughout the visiting admission process, or provide a law school transcript and related materials to LSAC can delay or prevent release of a report to a law school. George Mason is not responsible for incomplete or missing reports and will not contact applicants about incomplete or missing reports.
   The George Mason University School of Law Credential Assembly Service Recipient Code is 5827.
3. A letter from the dean (or the dean’s designate) of the home law school that includes:
   a. certification of applicant’s good academic standing;
   b. authorization for the applicant to visit at George Mason Law; and
   c. a statement of the minimum grade and maximum number of credits the home school will accept. The letter should be in a sealed envelope bearing the dean’s signature across the sealed envelope flap.
   The letter should be sent directly to:

   George Mason University School of Law
   Admissions Office
   3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3
   Arlington, VA 22201
4. A 300-word statement indicating your reasons for applying as a visiting student.

5. Résumé.

6. Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates (required only for applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates). Applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates must complete (and include) the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. To print, go to www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf. See Section 23-7.4, Code of Virginia, and registrar.gmu.edu/students/domicile/ regarding eligibility.

Deadline for Submission

The deadlines for completing applications for visiting status are:

Summer Term - May 1; Fall Semester - July 1; Spring Semester - December 1

IMPORTANT NOTES ON RACE/ETHNICITY

The U.S. Department of Education is requiring educational institutions to begin reporting data utilizing a two-part race and ethnicity question in response to increased diversity within the United States.

1. Ethnicity is based on the following categorization: Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term “Spanish origin” can be used in addition to “Hispanic or Latino.”

2. Race is based on the following five categorizations:

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

This data will be used only for informational purposes and will not be used to discriminate against or penalize any applicant, or to determine immigration status.

Equal Opportunity Policy

George Mason University is an equal opportunity institution committed to the principle that access to employment opportunities afforded by the university, including all benefits and privileges, be accorded to each student on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification).
Biographical
Prefix ____________________________ Date of birth ____________________________
First name ____________________________ Place of birth: City ____________________________
Middle name ____________________________ Place of birth: Country ____________________________
Last name ____________________________ Place of birth: State/Province ____________________________
Suffix ____________________________ Gender ____________________________
Previous (other) name ____________________________ LSAC account number ____________________________
Preferred first name ____________________________

Contact Information
Current Address
Country ____________________________ Current mailing address good until date ____________
Street address--line 1 ____________________________ Day phone ____________________________
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Street address--line 3 ____________________________
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Country ____________________________ Permanent mailing address good until date ____________
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Contact Information continued

Other Contact Information
Primary e-mail address __________________________
Secondary e-mail address __________________________
Permanent e-mail address __________________________
Mobile phone __________________________

George Mason University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone
___ Yes
___ No

Domicile
Do you consider yourself to be domiciled in Virginia?

If you answer yes to this question, and you have a Virginia driver's license, please submit the completed Application for Virginia-in-State Tuition Rates to us at Admissions Office, George Mason University School of Law, 3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3, Arlington, VA 22201. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Accessible_Instate_Form.pdf.)

___ Yes
___ No

Are you either (1) an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the dependent of a military parent, spouse, or legal guardian with military orders to Virginia who also resides in Virginia, or (2) a veteran of the U.S. armed forces who resides in Virginia? If you answer yes to either question, please submit the completed Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf)

___ Yes
___ No

Demographics

Citizenship

___ Non-Resident Alien
___ US Citizen
___ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship __________________________

Visa type __________________________

Visa/SEVIS number __________________________

Permanent resident number __________________________
Demographics continued

Permanent city ____________________________
Permanent state/province __________________
Permanent country __________________________
Native language ____________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino

____ Yes
____ No

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

____ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native

____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

____ Asian

Black or African American

____ Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal

____ Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White

____ Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino

____ Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican

____ Puerto Rican

Consent

____ Decline to respond
Standardized Testing

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Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution type  ____ High School  ____ Undergraduate  ____ Graduate  ____ Law  ____ Other Post Graduate

Institution name ____________________________________________

Major ____________________________________________

Country ________________________________ Start date ________________________________

State/Province ________________________________ End date ________________________________

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Have you ever attended any law school?
_____ Yes
_____ No

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?
_____ Yes
_____ No

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

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Education continued

Character and Fitness

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor charge, including a moving traffic violation?

____ Yes
____ No

Are there currently any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been dismissed from, placed on academic warning, academic probation or conduct probation at; or subject to any academic or conduct disciplinary action in any of the colleges, universities, or graduate or professional schools you have attended? (Please review copies of your transcripts to confirm the accuracy of your response to this question.)

____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been known by any other name or names?

____ Yes
____ No

If you answer "yes" to any of the Character and Fitness questions, you must fully explain your answer(s) on an attachment to the application. Failure to provide responses and/or required explanations to the Character and Fitness questions will result in a delay in the completion and review of your application for visiting admission.

Family

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact

Salutation ____________________________  Country ________________________________

First (given) name ____________________  Street address--line 1 ______________________

Middle name/initial ____________________  Street address--line 2 ______________________

Last (family) name ____________________  Street address--line 3 ______________________

Relationship to applicant ____________________  City ________________________________

Telephone (include area code) ______________  State/province ______________________

Zip/postal code __________________________
Family continued

If you have any close relatives who have been students at this university, please provide the following information.

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Certification

By submitting this application to George Mason Law and checking the box below, I certify the information submitted in the application and in any supporting documentation is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any material misstatement on the application form or in any supporting document, or any form of dishonesty, including fraudulent practices relating to the LSAT, will result in my disqualification for admission, and if discovered after admission, may be grounds for withdrawal or dismissal (during the periods between matriculation and graduation).

I further acknowledge that the thoughts and words contained in my Personal Statement are uniquely my own and that no other(s) assisted me in the creation of my statement beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work.

I understand that this application and other documents supplied in connection herewith become the property of George Mason University School of Law and will not be returned to me.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Admissions Office (during the period between the date of application submission and either my withdrawal of my candidacy, a final adverse decision on my application, or matriculation as a visiting student) or the Assistant Dean for Academic Administration (during the period that I am enrolled at George Mason University School of Law) of any fact, event, or circumstance that would make any information provided no longer accurate or complete.

_____ I acknowledge the above statement