

How to take advantage of the Senior Citizen Waiver at George Mason University

Under the terms of the Senior Citizens Higher Education Act of 1974, eligible Virginia residents, 60 years or older with a taxable income of less than \$15,000 may enroll for credit in university courses through the Non-Degree Studies program without paying tuition. Senior citizens may register to audit courses regardless of income level.

Steps to Take

- ❖ To take advantage of the Senior Citizen Waiver, please apply to the University to become a student. Go to the Admissions Office, Room 213 of the Johnson Center or to their website <http://admissions.gmu.edu/>. Their telephone number is (703) 993-2400.
- ❖ Once you are accepted as a student, you will then check your registration appointment day and time. You may obtain this information by logging onto patriotweb.gmu.edu. Your time ticket is located at the "Registration Status, Time ticket, Override and Waitlist Notification" screen.

- ❖ You need your student ID number, which is your G# (located on your letter of acceptance) and your PIN to login. Your initial PIN is your month, day and year of birth (e.g. May 2, 1946 = 050246). During the login process you will change your PIN to another six numbers.
- ❖ On your assigned registration day and time you may register through patriotweb.gmu.edu. Please refer to the registration quick guide located at <http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/registration/patriotweb.html> for registration instructions.
- ❖ Complete the Senior Citizen Waiver form available in our office or online at registrar.gmu.edu/forms/forms.html. It is important that you do so before tuition is due. **You must complete a new Senior Citizen Waiver form each semester if you intend to take classes for credit.**
- ❖ Once you have registered for your courses, you must contact the Registrar's Office at **(703) 993-2441** to activate your Senior Citizen waiver and place the Audit grade on your courses.

TAKING CLASSES FOR CREDIT

If you plan to take courses for CREDIT, you must complete a Senior Citizen Waiver form each semester and verify that you meet the income requirements. If you elect to take courses for credit, all academic policies apply to you. If you decide to switch to audit you must obtain permission of the instructor or an Audit form by the deadline for changing to audit. If you decide to drop a course, you must do so by the drop deadline. This information is located in the Schedule of Classes.

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