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SHANGHAI JIANTONG’S ACADEMIC RANK TOP 100

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGE SALARY $ 44,000

FAST FACTS
◆ Established as George Mason University in 1972
◆ Over 34,000 undergraduate and graduate students
◆ Over 2000 international students from 125 countries worldwide
◆ More than 200 degree programs
◆ 16:1 Student to Faculty ratio
◆ Research Funding of over $100M
The Global Hub for Business and Economics

Virginia’s largest public research university partners with Korea to create the next generation of global leaders.

Your opportunity for a transformational experience near two great capital cities; Seoul Korea and Washington D.C., USA!!

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Envisioned by a pioneering spirit of innovation and creativity, George Mason University (GMU) has become one of the world’s premier universities in less than 50 years. What began as a small branch campus of the University of Virginia, GMU is now one of the most prominent and respected institutions of higher learning for its great contribution to multiple sectors of the society—from individual learners to global economy and environment. George Mason University students, numbering some 34,000, come from all 50 states of the U.S. and over 135 countries, making it the largest and most diverse university in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The George Mason University’s remarkable legacy of academic excellence and its longstanding commitment to educational access has now extended across the Pacific, providing unsurpassed academic and educational opportunities at one of the world’s most dynamic and technologically advanced countries—Korea. Enthusiastically supported by the Korean government and the Incheon Metropolitan City, George Mason University Korea is one of the principal and flagship universities in the global education hub, known as Incheon Global Campus, in Songdo. A master-planned community, Songdo is a globally recognized smart city offering ultimate living, work, and educational experience in an eco-friendly environment.

A place where convergence of best practices in world class education and a quest for global preeminence can be found, Mason Korea is a vibrant community of engaging individuals where intellectual curiosity and creative thinking serve as a catalyst for higher level learning and civic engagement. George Mason University Korea currently offers three of Mason’s top internationally ranked programs in Management, Economics, and Global Affairs, with several more prominent programs to come in the near future. All of Mason Korea’s courses are taught by our outstanding faculty and supported by our professional staff in an unrivaled student-centered learning environment.

As Mason Korea looks to build and refine a new and bold vision for excellence in innovation, transformation, and engagement, I invite you to explore George Mason University Korea, where opportunities for world class learning, intercultural networking, and community involvement truly spans the globe. All Mason Korea students have the opportunity to study at George Mason University in Virginia through the University’s unique and distinct curriculum.

My staff and I welcome the opportunity to work with you in contributing to your growth and success.

Yours in global spirit,
Dr. Steven K. Lee President
Since its birth less than half a century ago, George Mason University has grown impressively in size, stature and influence. Now a standard-setter among modern public universities, Mason’s reach is both deep and broad; starting from Virginia as the Commonwealth’s largest public university, throughout the United States where its location near Washington, D.C. affords unique types of audiences, resources, and opportunities, to around the world through its groundbreaking research on complex global problems and an expanding international student body. To provide students with the opportunity to establish professional relationships and networks, Mason has connected with major national and international organizations and associations, including the World Bank, the Smithsonian Institute, and embassies of nearly every country in the world. Furthermore, Mason encourages quality education through student access to and interaction with a diverse and proficient faculty. Two faculty members have been honored with the Nobel Prize for their work and achievements within Economics. These accolades are a representation of the distinguished education offered by Mason faculty, an advantage that will certainly benefit students at Mason’s global campus in Songdo, Korea.

George Mason University was invited by the Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority to come to Songdo and participate in an innovative initiative to educate the next generation of global leaders. Approved by the Korean Ministry of Education, the degrees offered will afford students the unique opportunity to spend three years at Mason Korea in Songdo and one year in the U.S. at Mason in Fairfax, Virginia. When these students graduate, they receive the same degree as all our students from George Mason University.

The Mason Korea campus is strategically located 25 miles from Seoul and a 20-minute shuttle ride from Korea’s award-winning international airport. The campus can accommodate 2,000 students and includes world-class teaching facilities with state-of-the-art technology, a performing arts center, dormitories, faculty apartments, and guest housing.

In March 2014, Mason Korea launched two programs; Management and Economics. The Global Affairs major launched in spring 2015. Other universities operating at the Korea Campus include SUNY Korea, Ghent University, and University of Utah. Neighboring Korean universities include Yonsei University and Incheon National University.
Start with University General Requirement Courses. Take More University General Requirement Courses and Major Requirement Courses.

1, 2, 3 semester
Mason Korea(Songdo)

Choose Various Academic Courses (elective/required) at Fairfax.

4, 5 semester
George Mason University (Fairfax)

Complete All Academic Courses and Receive Your Degrees.

6, 7, 8 semester
Mason Korea(Songdo)
Graduating with a degree in Economics from Mason paves the way for many top job opportunities in the academic, government, and private sectors. Mason’s undergraduate training in Economics also provides an excellent foundation for MA or PhD studies in international programs focusing on business, law, public policy, or international studies. Indeed, many of Mason’s undergraduate Economics students choose to continue their graduate studies at Mason. We are thrilled to offer the very best undergraduate students the opportunity to continue to work and learn with us!

Students seeking to further enhance their degree may do so by combining it with a minor in Business or Global Affairs. As a Mason Economics major, you will participate in an international top-ranked program—Mason Economics has been ranked No. 1 among all programs in the southern United States and is one of only 63 programs in the world to have formal relationships with Chinese universities endorsed and supported by the Chinese Ministry of Education. You will be taking classes from faculty in a department that includes world renowned professors who have earned significant national and international awards. In addition, the faculty of Mason Economics is popularly known for engaging and informative blogs, including Café Hayek and Marginal Revolution. Experimental economics, public choice, and Austrian economics are three fields that give Mason’s Economics Department its altogether unique personality, encouraging students from the world to study Economics at Mason. We welcome you to join the faculty and students in this program, one that has consistently been ranked in the top 75 in the world.

World-renowned Faculty of the Economics Department

◈ James M. Buchanan, received the Nobel Memorial Prize in 1986 for Economics
◈ Vernon Smith, received the Nobel Memorial Prize in 2002 for Economics
◈ Tyler Cohen, nominated by “The Economist” in 2011 as one of the most influential economists in the last decade
This program of study teaches students how to motivate human capital, encourage teamwork, identify competitive advantage, build and change organizations, negotiate effectively, make decisions, and succeed in diverse and multicultural work environments.

The BS in Management program is market driven and focuses on giving you the skills necessary to set the direction for organizations in a changing world and bring people together to achieve objectives. The Management program prepares you for a managerial career in the public and private sectors. It offers a wide variety of management related courses covering subjects such as human resource management, management of organizations, organizational behavior, labor management relations, small business management and entrepreneurship.

Students who major in Management have the opportunity to add a minor in Global Affairs to further diversify their learning experience. All graduates from this program will benefit by attending one of the select universities that have been awarded AACSB accreditation, the most prestigious accreditation a business school can earn. Less than 10% of the 15,000 universities worldwide achieve AACSB accreditation.
As a Global Affairs major, you will study with international experts and learn about global politics, economics, culture, and international development.

Students must complete a concentration and can choose Asian Studies or Global Economy and Management.

Students who select Asian Studies as a concentration have the additional option to complete a minor in Business. With an understanding of historical and contemporary global trends and advanced language skills, Global Affairs students are prepared for international careers or advanced graduate study. If the idea of a global career intrigues you, join the faculty and students in the Global Affairs program, part of Mason’s College of Humanities and Social Science, consistently ranked as one of the top 50 in the world.

Students must complete at least 120 credits that count toward graduation and fulfill all degree requirements.

- Same outstanding quality curriculum, faculty of Mason
- All classes are held in English
- Opportunity to broaden your horizon by studying near two capital cities, receiving a global international degree

Global Affairs / B.A.
globalaffairs.gmu.edu

- Top 50 social science unit in the world
- Trains students to become global leaders
- Graduates are employed in a variety of roles by organizations worldwide
- May combine with minor in Business or Economics
Using research, teaching, practice, and outreach this program advances greater understanding of deeply rooted conflicts between individuals, groups, organizations, communities and states, both in the U.S. and around the world. Housed in the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (S-CAR) this program provides its graduates with work skills that lead to high impact careers. S-CAR is recognized as a Commonwealth Center of Excellence with over 600 students and 1400 alumni worldwide. As the first of its kind in the world, it is frequently acknowledged for its world-renowned faculty whose teaching focuses on hands-on immersion without sacrificing scholarly rigor. At S-CAR, faculty and students are committed to the development of theory, research, and practice that interrupt cycles of violence at all levels of society.

Systems Engineering is the “people-oriented engineering profession.” Systems Engineers determine the most effective ways for an organization to use all of a given system’s components — people, machines, materials, information, and energy. Systems engineers plan, design, implement and manage complex systems that assure performance, safety, reliability, maintainability at reasonable cost and delivered on time. The program is offered by the Department of Systems Engineering and Operations Research (SEOR) at Mason. It is ranked among the top 30 by US News and World Report for the Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering category. With the support of the prestigious faculty in the program, students participate annually in national systems engineering design capstones competitions. Over the past decade, they have won over 35 national awards.
The area of finance encompasses concepts and techniques utilized by individuals, businesses, and government agencies in making decisions about acquiring and investing funds. Finance also deals with those institutions that individuals and organizations need to carry out their financial activities.

Finance majors enjoy great demand in the labor market because they take the lead in making decisions concerning asset valuation, initial public offerings, stock portfolios, financial statements, dividend policy, market regulation, international diversification, and capital budgeting.

Our BS in finance program is designed to prepare you for a professional, managerial, or investment career in the private and public sectors. Finance faculty mentors can provide additional information on a profession and career in finance.

The BS in accounting (ACCT) prepares students for professional careers in the private and public sectors. The accounting major is designed to produce accounting professionals who can both generate and apply financial information to solve business problems. Our students learn principles of business and accounting as well as the specific skills and specialized technical knowledge necessary for success in the dynamic field of accounting. Our program emphasizes ethics, critical thinking, written and verbal communication, and effective use and understanding of technology. Our graduates are employed by the assurance, tax advisory, and consulting groups of the top accounting firms as well as Fortune 100 companies. Our proximity to the nations’ capital provides unique opportunities for our graduates to work in government and in the federal practices of public accounting firms. The accounting degree program is separately accredited by AACSB International.
Living and Learning

Our living and learning community creates a culture of excellence

FACILITIES

On the Incheon Global Campus, Mason Korea students are joined by three other global institutions to provide an environment designed to cultivate new skills and enable our students to develop relationships that will expand their networks and last a lifetime. The campus boasts modern, state of the art facilities that students will love. Some of these facilities include; an Olympic-sized swimming pool, comfortable dormitories, fitness centers, libraries and cooking facilities. Mason students thrive on our beautiful and friendly campus. Having such close proximity to our stellar faculty and committed staff, students quickly embrace the Mason spirit and enjoy life to the fullest in our tight-knit community.
My first internship experience was during winter break. As a freshman, I was initially flustered and panicked because I didn’t feel like I would be able to handle the job. However, I worked very hard and soon I was able to acquire new skills and support my manager and the staff. I learned how to create professional documents and improve my communication skills. I also learned the importance of teamwork and decision making especially during complicated projects that have some elements of risk. This experience was invaluable to me and I feel that it will be a great stepping stone for my career in the future.

Keonwook Kang (Management, Class of 2018)

I was a marketing intern at the Incheon Port Authority (IPA) during my sophomore year at Mason Korea. Prior to that I had also been an intern for the Academic Affairs office at Mason Korea during my freshman year but I soon learned that working for an actual company required very different skillsets. I was very worried about picking up calls and answering inquiries outside of my comfort zone. My English Skills were a great asset as I was valuable to the organization when it came to working on foreign documents and tasks. During my 2 months at the IPA, I also participated in field visits and meeting with a diverse group of people. This helped me broaden my scope and I learned a lot from them. The internship motivated me to become a better student and continue to improve on the skills I need to succeed in the future.

Saemi Park (Management, Class of 2018)
Global Student Ambassadors (GSA)

Launched in Spring 2015 by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment, this volunteer organization offers current students the opportunity to inspire and mentor prospective students interested in Mason Korea. Current Students leverage their communication skills by presenting at outreach events, providing campus tours and interacting with the media. Any student in good academic standing who is passionate about sharing their experience as a member of Mason Nation qualify to apply to participate in this organization. Students selected are recognized at the end of the semester by the President of Mason Korea for their outstanding service and commitment to the University and supporting its growth and sustainability!

Global Media Unit

The Global Media Unit Organization is responsible for the production and distribution of the student newspaper “Voices of Mason.” Founded in Spring 2015 by Seulki Kim (Class of 2019), the premier edition of the paper showcased a variety of activities, events and interviews pertaining to life at Mason Korea. It was well received by the community and has become a model example of a student led initiative that was successfully implemented. The organization aims to encourage students to channel their creative skills such as writing, photography, research and design to support the Mason student community and hopes to become an additional source of information for them to learn more about upcoming events and opportunities. The newspaper is available weekly online via the official school website and offline in print monthly!
Mason Music Club

Mason Korea students are multifaceted and thus many have musical talents which led to the formation of the Mason Music Club. The club serves as a sanctuary for students who come together as a group and participate in concerts for the Mason Community and sometimes the general Incheon Global Campus. Students help each other improve their music skills and learn to work as a team as they come together to form a band or a quartet. Mason Music Club understands that music is a form of personal expression and when the members are able to perform in front of a crowd, they are gaining lifelong public presentation skills that will help them become dynamic global leaders.

GMUK Volunteering club

One of the attributes of becoming a global leader is the ability to contribute. Founded in Spring 2015, the Volunteering club focuses on preserving the Mason IDEA and giving back to the society in a variety of ways. The student members initiate, plan and execute a diverse range of activities including but not limited to building homes in Gwangyang as part of a Habitat for Humanity project; creating care packages for North Korean refugees and working with individuals with disabilities in Incheon. Participation in these activities however are not limited to just the members as they truly believe that everyone should be able to join in and make an impact. Other projects that students have worked on includes a holiday celebration of the service staff on campus as well as holding a fundraiser to support the victims of the Nepal natural disaster. Generous in spirit and driven to make a difference in the world, these students are an incredible asset to our Mason community!
A degree from George Mason University positions you for CAREER SUCCESS

Making lasting friendships in a fun and safe environment
Acquire new skills to become successful global leaders
Strive for excellence in all activities they embark on
Open themselves up to diverse and exciting experience
Never stop being intellectually curious about the world
A degree from George Mason University positions you for CAREER SUCCESS

Graduates from Mason have a plethora of opportunities available to them in terms of jobs and graduate degrees.

Our graduates have been extremely successful at obtaining employment offers in both the private and public sectors. With an ideal location close to the nation’s capital city, graduates from George Mason have typically been offered high paying jobs. We are committed to achieving these results for Mason Korea.

FURTHER EDUCATION GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Graduates from George Mason routinely pursue further education at some of the finest educational institutes in the United States. Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Georgetown, Penn, Columbia are some of schools where Mason graduates currently study. Students who graduate from Economics, Management and Global Affairs programs at George Mason are actively sought by top companies and graduate schools. Almost every student who completes their doctoral degree in the world-renowned Economics program at George Mason is successful at finding a professorship in prestigious institutions such as Stanford and Harvard.

Highest Average Salary

According to AIR (American Institute for Research) in 2013, George Mason graduates earned the highest salaries after graduation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, topping graduates from University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and William & Mary.

Examples of top employers hiring Mason graduates include

- Booz Allen Hamilton
- KPMG
- Lockheed Martin
- Boeing
- General Dynamics
ADMISSION INFORMATION

SPRING 2016 APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2016/01/31
FALL 2016 APPLICATION DEADLINE: 2016/07/31

Required Documents for Admission

① Online Application
A completed online application form and the non-refundable application fee of USD 80
(apply online at http://admissions.gmu.edu/applynow)

② Official High School Transcripts
Official high school transcripts showing academic success in an academically demanding and accredited institution.
A certified English translation must be submitted for any documents not already in English.

③ Verification of English Language Proficiency
For non-native speakers of English only

Additional/Optional Documents

- Personal Statement and Recommendation Letters are optional.
- Submitting an SAT or ACT score is optional. It may be mandatory for certain students depending on their academic background.
- Score Optional: An option only for students with high GPA. Be sure to check “Yes” on the application.
Since Fall 2015, Mason Korea launched an exciting one-year program specifically designed for academically qualified students who need additional English language assistance. Students must score at least 69 on their TOEFL iBT or 6.0 on their IELTS to qualify for the program.

Students will receive extensive English language support during the first year of study while earning two full semesters of academic credit toward their Mason bachelor’s degree. Upon successful completion of the Patriot Pathway Program, students will move directly into their second year without any further testing required.
ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SENT TO

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Fax : +1 703-993-4622

※ In addition to mailing official documents to the Office of Admissions, George Mason in Fairfax, Mason Korea recommends submitting scanned documents to askmk@gmu.edu once applications are complete.

IMMIGRATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Non Korean
Documentation for the Korean visa (D-2) application will be required for non-Korean students after they have been admitted and made the decision to enroll at Mason Korea.

Non U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident
Prospective Mason Korea students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents will be required at a later date to submit financial documentation verifying that they have sufficient funds to cover their education and living expenses for the required year (one year) of study at the Fairfax Campus. Mason Korea students are required to submit the above documents after they have enrolled before their study abroad in Fairfax during 4th and 5th semester.
COST AND FINANCE

Undergraduate Tuition Costs

Full-time Korea Campus Undergraduate Tuition (Academic Year 2015): $20,000/year*
Full-time Non-Virginia Resident Undergraduate Tuition (Academic Year 2015-16): $31,448/year* will be applied to the required year (one year) of study at the Fairfax Campus.
* Full time is 12-18 credits/semester. Additional fees may apply.

Housing

George Mason University | Korea students are not required to live on campus in the dorms. Dormitories are shared with the other schools of Incheon Global Campus. Please refer the IGC housing website for more details.
http://igchousing hidorm.com
- Costs (per semester): single (1,500,000 KRW), double (1,000,000 KRW)

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. GMUK offers scholarships from 1,000 USD to 20,000 USD per year.
2. All scholarship applications must be sent at the same time as applications.
3. All scholarship applicants must follow the below procedure.

All entrance scholarship candidates require;

- A 1pg single spaced essay (maximum) sent to askmk@gmu.edu
  * Topic “How an international educational experience will enrich the student’s professional and personal life”.
- Students are required to have a GPA of 3.5(out of 4.0) or higher.
- SAT/ACT scores recommended (not required).
Why MASON KOREA?

1 Ideal Location
Strategically located 25 miles from Seoul and a 20-minute shuttle ride from Korea’s award-winning international airport, Mason Korea accommodates 2,000 students and includes world-class teaching facilities.

2 International Collaboration
Mason shares the Incheon Global Campus with the State University of New York (SUNY Korea), Ghent University, and University of Utah, with Yonsei University and Incheon University nearby.

3 Academic Recognition
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s Academic Ranking of World Universities places Mason among the top 200
- Ranked among the top 100 universities under 50 years old in the 2013 release of “100 Under 50” by Times

4 Unparalleled Education
Mason encourages quality education through student access to and interaction with a diverse and proficient faculty. Two faculty members have been honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics.

5 Global Networking
Mason Korea opens new possibilities for multilateral academic research, expanding Mason’s alumni base in Asia and opening the way to future opportunities in the region.

6 The Mason Experience
During their fourth and fifth semesters, Mason Korea students study at Mason’s U.S. main campus (Fairfax, Virginia), part of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Learning within close proximity to the capitals of two vibrant nations, Mason Korea students have unlimited international networking opportunities and an education that truly spans the globe.
I am grateful to Mason Korea, their faculty and staff in helping and encouraging my son to grow as he has this past semester and summer break. I am confident that parents will agree how proud they feel watching their child grow. My son has adapted and is thriving in his studies while he has built character, experience and leadership through various school programs and activities. Already I feel that my son is ready for the outside world and am amazed at how much he has matured. Thank you Mason Korea. My son is so proud to be an MK student and a part of the mason community.

Father of Junhyoung Jung (Management, Class of 2019)

Our family was already familiar with the environment George Mason would provide, as my husband was an exchange professor in Maryland. George Mason in Fairfax is famous among the Korean society in the US as it is located in a great county with great degrees. While my son studied abroad in Germany, many of the students preferred to study in the US believing English as an important skill in the global world. I am so happy that Younghwan has the opportunity to study in a US university and George Mason at that!

Mother of Younghwan Kim (Global Affairs, Class of 2019)

My son’s friends are envious that Minseok can study in a US university with courses in English here in Korea. Being able to receive a US degree at a more efficient cost is a definite plus.

Mother of Minseok Jung (Global Affairs, Class of 2019)