



Welcome to the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) at The George Washington University. We've collected a set of important tasks and their due dates for you to be working on this summer. Stay on top of these to make sure your first semester goes as smoothly as possible.

If you have questions about any of these, do not hesitate to contact our advisors at seasadvising@gwu.edu. We're always here to help.

All Transfer Students

Complete the New Student Orientation Module – The New Student Orientation module is your first introduction to GW and SEAS. It covers everything from academics and advising to extracurricular activities and career services. The module contains a lot of information, so feel free to tackle it in sessions. Take time away from the computer as necessary and do your best to retain the material. [Click here to access the module](#).

Complete the SEAS New Student Questionnaire – This five-minute survey should be submitted after you've completed the New Student Orientation module and are comfortable with the material. You will use this questionnaire to let the SEAS Advising team know what your intended major is, what type of student you are, and opt into having a peer mentor.

Once submitted, the advising team will use your answers to assign your Professional Advisor and the Faculty Advisor you will work with to plan the upcoming semester and approve your Undergraduate Advising Form. [Click here to start the New Student Questionnaire](#).

Review Your Degree Requirements and Transfer Courses – As you work to plan the upcoming semester, you should consult the [University Bulletin](#) for GW policies and the requirements for your specific major. External and internal transfer students can also [reference DegreeMAP](#) to see a semester-by-semester breakdown of their new requirements and how their past classes, whether from GW or another institution, are counted toward them.

Pay special attention to the Humanities and Social Sciences Requirement. All SEAS students are required to take 5-6 Humanities, Social Sciences and Non-technical electives. Of these, three must come from the University General Education courses, which are few in number and can be difficult to schedule. You [should review the list of approved Humanities and Social Science courses](#) for your major (select the year you were admitted to SEAS) to understand the requirement and review the differences. You can check your progress toward this requirement via the H/SS section near the bottom of your DegreeMAP. Be sure to contact your advisor with any questions.

Faculty Advisor & Undergraduate Advising Form

– All transfer students will be assigned a [Faculty Advisor from their major department](#) who will be the main point of contact for curriculum questions. After you submit your New Student Questionnaire, we will reach out to you with your Faculty Advisor assignment and their contact information.

From there, you will work with your faculty advisor to plan your upcoming semester and complete your [Undergraduate Advising Form \(UAF\)](#). All SEAS students must submit a UAF every semester to have their courses reviewed. Failure to do so will result in a hold being placed on your account that will prevent you from registering.



Complete the Chemistry Prep Course – Many SEAS majors require Chemistry and not all students will have taken an adequate Chemistry course before transferring. The Chemistry Prep Course (CPC) is the placement course GW uses to assess a student's readiness for Chemistry and to place them in the appropriate class.

When you meet with your faculty advisor, be sure to discuss whether or not you need to take Chemistry. If you are required to, you must earn the required CPC score **before** registering for your course. Chemistry placements are only good for one semester, so you should only take the CPC if you plan to take Chemistry as part of your upcoming schedule.

You can [reference the Chemistry Prep Course page](#) to learn more about the required scores and deadlines. Please note, it can take upwards of **40 hours** to earn the required CPC score, so be mindful of your deadlines and start working on the CPC as soon as you know you are required to take Chemistry.

Complete the Math Placement Test – All SEAS majors require Math and many transfer students are still required to take Math at GW despite previous study. The Math Placement Test (MPT) is the placement tool GW uses to assess a student's readiness for Math and to place them in the appropriate class.

If you are required to take more Math, you must earn the required MPT score **before** registering for your course. Please note: the highest Math you can place into is MATH 1231 ("Calculus I") and you do not need to take the MPT if you do not plan to take or already have credit for this course. Be sure to discuss with your Faculty Advisor whether or not you should plan to register for Math.

You can [reference the Math Placement Test page](#) to learn more about the required scores and deadlines. Math placements are valid for three semesters and you may take the placement up to four times to earn your required score. After each attempt, you will be presented with exercises to master the material, so stay focused and keep working toward your score.

(Optional) Complete a Foreign Language Placement Exam – SEAS does not require foreign language study, but some students may wish to take language classes toward their Humanities and Social Science requirements. If you would like to continue studying a language, please [find and take the appropriate departmental placement exam](#). Both introductory and advanced foreign language courses may count toward your degree requirements depending on the credit you bring to GW. As always, consult with your advisor to determine what's best for you.



External Transfer Students Only

Transfer Credit Evaluation – External transfer students will be provided with a “Transfer Credit Evaluation” from GW Admissions that details how the credits from your previous institution have been articulated at GW. Be sure to [compare this evaluation to your DegreeMAP](#) to make sure all expected credits have been applied, and have the form on hand when you meet with your faculty advisor in case any questions arise.

(Optional) Submit a Transfer Credit Approval Form – Occasionally, courses from other institutions will be transferred as a “Department 1099” course (e.g. ECE 1099). This means that there is no equivalent course here at GW. If you believe that the course was assessed incorrectly and that you’ve found an equivalent at GW, you can work with the department to have your credit reviewed. In order to facilitate this review, you should compile the following information about the course: To do this, submit a copy of the course syllabus for the external course, a copy of your transcript (including final grades) from your previous institution, and a completed [Transfer Credit Approval Form](#) to the department that houses the course here at GW (i.e. for ECE 1099, you would submit to Electrical and Computer Engineering).

Once the department has reassessed your course and signed the form, you can submit both the form and your syllabus to your Professional Advisor.

(Optional) UW 1020 Exemption – All GW students are required to pass an introductory writing course called UW 1020. The requirements for UW 1020 are particularly strict and transfer students are often required to take UW 1020 despite having taken first-year writing at their previous institution.

If you believe that your previous writing course should be counted toward this requirement, you can read more about the [UW 1020 exemption process](#). You are able to petition the university to have your course meet the requirement but must submit writing samples and a syllabus to do so. **Please note:** most writing courses do not satisfy the requirements of UW 1020 and you should be aware that most UW 1020 exemptions are **denied** before you decide to complete one.