



Welcome to the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) at The George Washington University. We have compiled a list of important tasks and their corresponding due dates for you to work on this summer. Keeping track of these will ensure a smooth transition into your first semester. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our advisors at seasadvising@gwu.edu. We're always here to help.

All Transfer Students

- Complete the New Student Orientation Module (External Transfer Student Only)** – The New Student Orientation module is your initial introduction to GW and SEAS. It encompasses various topics, including academics, advising, extracurricular activities, and career services. Since the module contains a significant amount of information, you can approach it in sessions. Take breaks away from the computer as needed and strive to retain the material. [Click here to access the module.](#)
- Complete the GW Engineering New Student Questionnaire** – This five-minute survey should be completed after you have finished the New Student Orientation module and feel comfortable with the material. You will use this questionnaire to inform the GW Engineering Undergraduate Advising Team about your intended major, student type, and whether you wish to have a peer mentor. After submission, the advising team will use your responses to assign your Professional Advisor and Faculty Advisor for planning the upcoming semester. [Click here to start the New Student Questionnaire.](#)
- Review Your Degree Requirements and Transfer Courses** – As you plan the upcoming semester, be sure to consult the [University Bulletin](#) for GW policies and the requirements specific to your major. External and internal transfer students can also [reference DegreeMAP](#) for a semester-by-semester breakdown of their new requirements and how their past classes, whether from GW or another institution, are applied.



- Carefully review the Non-Technical Elective Policy** – All GW Engineering students are required to complete a specific number of non-technical elective courses, which varies by major. Students in all majors must take at least 6 credits (two courses) in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, or scientific reasoning in the social sciences and at least 3 credits (one course) in critical thinking in the humanities, selected from the [list of courses approved for the University General Education requirement](#). These courses count toward both the non-technical elective requirement and the University General Education requirement. Monitor your progress to fulfill the requirements on your DegreeMAP and reach out to your advisor for any questions.

- Meet with your Faculty Advisor and Complete your Undergraduate Advising Form (UAF)** – All transfer students will be assigned a [Faculty Advisor from their major department](#), who will serve as the primary contact for curriculum-related inquiries. Once you have submitted your New Student Questionnaire, we will contact you with your Faculty Advisor assignment and their contact details. You will then collaborate with your Faculty Advisor to plan your upcoming semester and complete your [Undergraduate Advising Form \(UAF\)](#). It is mandatory for all GW Engineering students to submit a UAF each semester for course review. Failure to do so will result in a registration hold being placed on your account.

- Complete the Chemistry Prep Course (CPC) if you need to take CHEM 1111** – Many GW Engineering majors require Chemistry, and not all students may have completed a suitable Chemistry course before transferring. The Chemistry Prep Course (CPC) serves as GW's placement assessment to determine a student's readiness for Chemistry and to assign them to the appropriate class. During your meeting with your faculty advisor, discuss whether you need to take Chemistry. If required, you must achieve the necessary CPC score **BEFORE** registering for the course. Note that Chemistry placements are valid for one semester only, so take the CPC only if you plan to include Chemistry in your upcoming schedule. [Refer to the Chemistry Prep Course webpage](#) for information on required scores and deadlines. **Keep in mind that earning the required CPC score can take between 8 to 40 hours, so be mindful of deadlines and start working on the CPC as soon as you know you need to take Chemistry.**

- Complete the Math Placement Test (MPT) need to take MATH 1220, MATH 1231, or ECON 1011** – All SEAS majors require Math (and some ECON), and some transfer students may still need to take Math at GW despite previous study. The Math Placement Test (MPT) is GW's tool for assessing a student's readiness for Math and assigning them to the appropriate class. If you are required to take additional Math, you must achieve the necessary MPT score before registering for the course. Note that the highest Math course 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. Discuss with your Faculty Advisor whether you should plan to register for Math. For more information on required scores, protocols, and deadlines, [refer to the Math Placement Test webpage](#).



- (Optional) Complete a Foreign Language Placement Exam** – SEAS does not require foreign language study, but some students may wish to take language classes to fulfill their Humanities and Social Science requirements. If you would like to continue studying a language, [please find and take the appropriate departmental placement exam](#) so you can include this course in your fall schedule. Both introductory and advanced foreign language courses may count toward your degree requirements, depending on the credits 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 receive a "Transfer Credit Evaluation" from GW Admissions, outlining how credits from their previous institution have been articulated at GW. [Compare this evaluation to your DegreeMAP](#) to ensure all expected credits have been applied. Keep the form on hand when meeting with your faculty advisor in case of any questions.
- (Optional) Submit a Transfer Credit Approval Form** – Occasionally, courses from other institutions may be transferred as a "Department 1099" course (e.g., ECE 1099), indicating that there is no equivalent course at GW. If you believe that the course was assessed incorrectly and have found an equivalent course at GW, you can request a credit review from the department. To initiate this review, compile the following information about the course: a copy of the course syllabus, a copy of your transcript (including final grades) from your previous institution, and a completed [Transfer Credit Approval Form](#). Submit these documents to the department that houses the course at GW (e.g., for ECE 1099, submit to Electrical and Computer Engineering). Once the department reassesses your course and signs the form, submit both the form and your syllabus to your Professional Advisor.
- (Optional) UW 1020 Exemption** – All GW students must pass an introductory writing course called UW 1020. The requirements for UW 1020 are particularly strict, and transfer students are often required to take it even if they completed a first-year writing course at their previous institution. If you believe your previous writing course should count toward this requirement, you can learn more about the [UW 1020 exemption process](#). You can petition the university to have your course meet the requirement, but you must submit writing samples and a syllabus for review. **Please note:** most writing courses do not satisfy UW 1020 requirements, and it's important to be aware that most UW 1020 exemption requests are **denied** before deciding to submit one.