

**George Mason University BS in Criminology, Law, & Society**  
**Piedmont Virginia Community College AS in General Studies**  
**2025-2026**

**ADVANCE**  
 PART OF THE MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE



**Transfer Requirements**

1. Complete the associate degree with a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
2. ENG 111, ENG 112, and a college-level math course must be completed with a C or higher in the first 45 credits. See the pathway to select the correct math course(s) for the intended major
3. Transfer to Mason for the fall or spring semester immediately following the conferral of the pathway associate degree.
4. Grades of C or higher are required for transfer credit. Select programs may require a higher grade in specified courses. See the program-specific requirements noted on the pathway.
5. Students must complete their associate degree within five years of entering the program.

**Associate Degree Requirements**

#	Associate Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Mason Equivalent	Mason Degree Requirement
1	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
3	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
4	HIS Elective: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T, HIST 387T, HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History
5	HIS Elective HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 121, HIS 122, HIS 127, HIS 141, HIS 142	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	General Elective
6	CST 100 or CST 110	3	COMM 100, COMM 101	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
7	Humanities Core Course ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 141, CST 250	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Arts
8	Humanities Core Course Students may take any PVCC UCGS Humanities elective.	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	General elective
9	ENG Literature Transfer Elective ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275 <sup>2</sup>	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Literature
10	MTH Elective: MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
11	Science w/ Lab Elective BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, GOL 111, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 101, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106</i>	4	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Natural Science
12	Science w/ Lab Elective BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, GOL 111, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 101, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106</i>	4	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Natural Science
13	Social Science Elective: Any PVCC UGCS Social Science Elective	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	General Elective
14	Social Science Elective ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, HIS 121, HIS 122, PLS 135, PLS 140, PLS 241, PSY 200, SOC 200, SOC 211, SOC 225, SOC 266, SOC 268	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	General Elective
15	Social Science Elective or Transfer Elective: ITE 152	3	IT 104	Gen Ed: Info Tech
16	Transfer Elective: ADJ 100	3	CRIM 100	Major & Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science
17	Transfer Elective: ADJ 133	3	CRIM L306	Major
18	Transfer Elective: ADJ 201, ADJ 227, ADJ 229, ADJ 232, ADJ 236	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Elective

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19	Transfer Elective: ADJ 201, ADJ 227, ADJ 229, ADJ 232, ADJ 236	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Elective
20	Transfer Elective: ADJ 201, ADJ 227, ADJ 229, ADJ 232, ADJ 236	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Elective
21	Transfer Elective: ADJ 201, ADJ 227, ADJ 229, ADJ 232, ADJ 236	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Elective
	<b>Associate degree total:</b> <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	<b>63</b>		

### Bachelor's Degree Requirements

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
22	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
23	CRIM 315	3	
24	CRIM 424	3	
25	Major & Gen Ed: Apex: CRIM 495	3	Major & Gen Ed: Writing Intensive
26	Major Electives	18	Some major electives <sup>3</sup> may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits.
27	Internship or Area of Specialization	15-21	See Mason advisor to plan for an internship or an approved area of specialization. See catalog link in footnote for the list of approved options. <sup>3</sup>
28	General Electives	6-12	As needed to reach 120 total credits. Some electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits.
	<b>Total post-transfer credits:</b>	<b>57</b>	
	<b>Pathway total:</b>	<b>120</b>	

#### Footnotes:

1. To confirm Mason equivalencies, visit: [Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
2. Students are encouraged to complete this course prior to their last semester at PVCC.
3. For major elective and approved area of specialization options, visit: [Criminology, Law, & Society, BS Current Catalog](#). Please use the [catalog archive link](#) to navigate to your specific catalog year requirements.

#### Additional Academic Information:

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
  - When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement and a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
  - ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the Transfer Requirements listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.
- All students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the associate degree, please navigate to your specific catalog year using the Archive Catalog link: [Piedmont College Catalog](#). Navigate to your specific catalog year requirements using the catalog archive drop down at the top of the catalog page.
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the bachelor's degree, please visit: [George Mason Catalog](#). Navigate to your specific catalog year requirements using the catalog archive: [George Mason Catalog Archive](#).