

**George Mason University BS in Psychology**  
**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 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101, HIST 102, HIST 125	Major Supporting Coursework Soc/Behav & Gen Ed: Global History
5	HIS Elective: HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIST 121, HIS 122	Major Supporting Coursework: Soc/Behav Science
6	CST 100 or CST 110	3	COMM 100, COMM 101	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
7	Humanities Core Course PHI 100, PHI 220, PHI 227, REL 100, REL 230, REL 237, or REL 240	3	Mason Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Supporting Coursework: Humanities
8	Humanities Core Course ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, or MUS 121	3	Mason Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Arts
9	ENG Literature Transfer Elective ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, or ENG 258	3	Mason Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Gen Ed: Literature
10	MTH Elective: MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Major Supporting Coursework: Quant & Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
11	Science w/ Lab Elective: BIO 101	4	BIOL 103 & BIOL 105	Major & Gen Ed: Natural Science
12	Science w/ Lab Elective: BIO 102	4	BIOL 102	Major & Gen Ed: Natural Science
13	Social Science Elective: PSY 200	3	PSYC 100	Major & Gen Ed: Soc/Behav Science
14	Social Science Elective: PSY 230	3	PSYC 211	Major
15	Social Science Elective or Transfer Elective: ITE 152	3	IT 104	Gen Ed: Info Tech
16	Transfer Elective: PSY 215	3	PSYC L325	Major: Applied Psych Elective
17	Transfer Elective: MTH 155 or MTH 245	3	STAT 105T, STAT 250	Major Supporting Coursework: Quant
18	Transfer Elective: Any PVCC Transfer Elective	3	Mason Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	General Elective
19	Transfer Elective CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, GOL 111, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, or PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106</i>	4	Mason Equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Supporting Coursework: Natural Science
20	Transfer Elective: PSY 216	3	PSYC 231	Major
21	Transfer Elective PLS 135, PLS 140, PLS 241, REL 230, or REL 237	3	Mason equivalent <sup>1</sup>	Major Supporting Coursework
	<b>Associate degree total:</b> <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	<b>64</b>		

**Bachelor's Degree Requirements — Fully online degree option available**

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
22	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
23	PSYC 317	3	
24	PSYC 300	4	
25	PSYC 301	4	Writing Intensive
26	PSYC 304, PSYC 309, PSYC 320, or PSYC 373	1-4	
27	PSYC 372 or PSYC 375 + PSYC 376	3-6	
28	PSYC Professional Development	3	See Mason catalog for list of options <sup>2</sup>
29	Applied PSYC Credits	3-4	See Mason advisor as some concentration courses may fulfill this requirement.
30	PSYC Elective or Concentration Credits	0-2	Students are required to take 39 total credits of PSYC, 24 of which must be upper level (300/400). Students may elect to complete a PSYC concentration.
31	Technical Writing Course	3-4	PSYC 304, PSYC 309, PSYC 320, or ENGH 388
32	Major Supporting Coursework: Additional Natural Science	3	
33	Major & Gen Ed: Apex: PSYC 405, PSYC 406, or PSYC 427	3	
34	General Electives	18-23	As needed to reach 120. Some electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits. Students can use these general electives to complete a PSYC concentration. <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Total post-transfer credits:</b>	<b>56</b>	
	<b>Pathway total:</b>	<b>120</b>	

**Footnotes:**

1. To confirm Mason equivalencies, visit: [Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
2. For PSYC Professional Development, Applied PSYC, and Concentration options, visit: [Current Psychology, BS 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](#).