

George Mason University BS in Psychology
Tidewater AS in Social Sciences
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	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
2	MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Major Supporting Coursework & Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
3	PSY 200	3	PSYC 100	Major & Gen Ed: Soc/Behav Science
4	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
5	SOC 200	3	SOCI 101	Major Supporting Coursework: Soc/Behav Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
7	HIS Elective: HIS 101, HIS 102, or HIS 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T, HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History
8	PSY Elective: PSY 230	3	PSYC 211	Major
9	Science w/ Lab: BIO 101	4	BIOL 103/BIOL 105	Major & Gen Ed: Natural Science
10	Sociology Elective: SOC 211, SOC 215, SOC 266, or SOC 268	3	Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Soc/Behav Science
11	Approved Elective: MTH 155 or MTH 245	3	STAT 105T, STAT 250	Major Supporting Coursework: Quant Reasoning
12	Humanities Elective: ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275, HUM 256, or HUM 259	3	Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Literature
13	Science w/ Lab: BIO 102	4	BIOL 102	Major & Gen Ed: Natural Science
14	Social Science Elective: PSY 216	3	PSYC 231	Major
15	History Elective: HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIST 121, HIST 122	Major Supporting Coursework: Soc/Behav Science
16	CST 100	3	COMM 100	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
17	Approved Elective: ITE 152	3	IT 104	Gen Ed: Info Tech
18	Humanities Elective: ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, or MUS 121	3	Mason Equivalent ¹	Major Supporting Coursework: Humanities & Gen Ed: Arts
19	Social Science Elective: PSY 219 or PSY 225 or any transferable Tidewater Social Science elective	3	Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
20	Approved Elective: PSY 215	3	PSYC L325	Major
	Associate degree total: <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	60		

Bachelor's Degree Requirements — Fully online degree option available

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
21	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
22	PSYC 317	3	
23	PSYC 300	4	
24	PSYC 301	4	Writing Intensive
25	PSYC 304, PSYC 309, PSYC 320, or PSYC 373	2-4	
26	PSYC 372 or PSYC 375 and PSYC 376	3-6	
27	PSYC Professional Development	3	See Mason catalog for list of options ²
28	Applied PSYC Credits	3-4	A total of 6-7 of Applied PSYC credits are needed. PYSC L325 (VCCS PSY 215) fulfills 3 credits. See Mason advisor as some concentration courses may fulfill this requirement.
29	PSYC Electives	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. General Electives credits listed below may be used to fulfill concentration requirements.
30	Technical Writing Course	3-4	
31	Additional Natural Science courses	6-8	
32	Major & Gen Ed: Apex: PSYC 405, PSYC 406, or PSYC 427	3	
33	General Electives	14-21	6-14 credits of general electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to meet the total 45 upper level credit requirement. Students can use these general electives to complete a PSYC concentration. ²
	Total post-transfer credits:	60	
	Pathway total:	120	

Footnotes:

1. To confirm Mason equivalencies, visit: [Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
2. For PSYC Professional Development 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: [Tidewater Catalog Archive](#)
- 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](#).