

ADVANCE MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

In joining the ADVANCE program, I understand that I am obligated to meet the following program requirements and academic milestones in order to transfer, and that I will be reviewed by George Mason University's Office of Admissions for transfer admission upon completion of the associate degree aligned with my chosen Academic Pathway:

1. ADVANCE students are expected to earn grades of A, B or C in all courses. George Mason will only award transfer credit for courses graded A, B, or C. Students with D/F grades are expected to discuss repeating courses with their Academic Coach.
2. Students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA to be admitted to ADVANCE. However, ADVANCE students must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at time of graduation from their respective community college in order to matriculate to George Mason. Select pathways may have a higher GPA requirement at time of matriculation.
3. ADVANCE students must graduate from a participating community college with the designated associate degree on their selected ADVANCE Academic Pathway. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the fall semester must apply for graduation from their respective community college by the published spring or summer graduation application deadline for that institution. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the spring semester must apply for graduation from their respective community college by the published fall graduation application deadline for that institution.
4. ADVANCE students will transition to George Mason the fall or spring semester after completion of the associate degree, unless the student has an approved admissions deferral on file with ADVANCE Admissions. Students who wish to defer must discuss the deferral with their academic coach.
5. In addition to applying for graduation from the respective community college and completing all coursework in the designated associate degree program, ADVANCE students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the fall or spring semester must submit an abbreviated ADVANCE transfer application to George Mason by the published application deadline.
6. ADVANCE students are required to provide the George Mason Office of Admissions two official community college transcripts. The first transcript is required upon submission of the abbreviated transfer application. The final transcript must reflect completion of all

coursework and degree conferral.

7. 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 George 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.
8. Students are expected to maintain communication with ADVANCE, using their VCCS and Mason email accounts and meet with their ADVANCE Academic Coach each semester.

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