

George Mason University BA in Communication
Germanna AA in Liberal Arts
2026-2027

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 George 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	George Mason Equivalent	George Mason Degree Requirement
1	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
3	UCGS History: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, or HIS 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T, HIST 387T or HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History
4	UCGS Mathematics I: MTH 154 or MTH 155	3	MATH 106 or STAT 105T	Major & Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
5	Foreign Language I: ASL 101, ARA 101, CHI 101, FRE 101, GER 101, ITA 101, JPN 101, LAT 101, RUS 101, or SPA 101	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
6	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
7	UCGS Arts, Humanities, & Literature I: ART 101, ART 102, MUS 121	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Arts
8	UCGS Social & Behavioral Science: ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, PLS 135, PSY 200, SOC 200, SOC 268	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Social/Behavioral
9	Foreign Language II: ASL 102, ARA 102, CHI 102, FRE 102, GER 102, ITA 102, JPN 102, LAT 102, RUS 102, or SPA 102	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
10	ITE 152	3	IT 104	Gen Ed: Info Tech
11	UCGS Art, Humanities, Literature II: ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275, HUM 259	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Literature
12	UCGS Lab Science I: BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106.</i>	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
13	Foreign Language III: ASL 201, ARA 201, CHI 201, FRE 201, GER 201, ITA 201, JPN 201, LAT 201, RUS 201, or SPA 201	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
14	Transfer Elective: CST 126	3	COMM L385	Major or General Elective
15	CST 100 or CST 110	3	COMM 100 or COMM 101	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
16	Transfer Elective: PHI 100, PHI 220, REL 100, REL 230	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: PHIL/RELI
17	UCGS Lab Science II: BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106.</i>	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
18	Foreign Language IV: ASL 202, ARA 202, CHI 202, FRE 202, GER 202, ITA 202, JPN 202, LAT 202, RUS 202, or SPA 202	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language

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19	Transfer Elective: ECO 150, ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, GEO 220, PLS 135, PLS 241, PSY 200, SOC 200, SOC 268 <i>Must be in a different discipline than selected for the UCGS Social & Behavioral Science I</i>	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Social Behavioral Sciences
20	Transfer Elective: HIS 203, HIS 254, REL 233, REL 238 <i>This elective must be taken at George Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.</i>	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	College Requirement: Non-Western
	Associate degree total: <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	62		

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

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
21	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
22	COMM 200	3	
23	COMM 320	3	
24	COMM 305	3	
25	COMM 400	3	
26	Concentration courses ²	21-24	At least 12 credits must be upper level. Consult with a George Mason advisor when selecting concentration electives and general electives to ensure 45 total upper level (300/400) credits. Students will complete the Writing Intensive requirement via a concentration course.
27	Upper-Level COMM electives ²	3-6	
28	Gen Ed: Apex	3	
29	General Electives	13	As needed to reach 120; some electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits
	Total post-transfer credits:	58	
	Pathway total:	120	

Footnotes:

1. To confirm George Mason equivalencies, visit: [George Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
2. For COMM concentration and upper-level elective options, visit: [Current Communication, BA 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 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.
 - 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 visit: For academic policies and procedures relating to the associate degree, please navigate to your specific catalog year using the Archive Catalog link: [College 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](#).