

George Mason University BA in Criminology, Law, & Society
Tidewater AS in General Studies
2026-2027



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	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
2	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
3	Approved Elective: ITE 152	3	IT 104	Major & Gen Ed: Info Tech
4	Approved Elective: FRE 101, GER 101, RUS 101, or SPA 101	4	FRE 101, GER 101, RUS 101, SPA 101 ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
5	MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
6	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
7	Approved Elective: FRE 102, GER 102, RUS 102, or SPA 102	4	FRE 102, GER 102, RUS 102, SPA 102 ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
8	History Elective: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, or HIS 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T, HIST L387, or HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History
9	Science with Lab Elective #1: BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 201, or PHY 241	4	George Mason Equivalent ²	Gen Ed: Natural Science
10	Approved Elective: FRE 201, GER 201, RUS 201, or SPA 201	3	FRE 201, GER 201, RUS 201, SPA 201 ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
11	CST 100 or CST 110	3	COMM 100 or COMM 101	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
12	Humanities Elective: ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275, HUM 256, or HUM 259 ³	3	George Mason Equivalent ²	Gen Ed: Literature
13	Social Science Elective: ECO 150, ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, GEO 220, PLS 135, PSY 200, SOC 200, SOC 211, or SOC 268	3	George Mason Equivalent ²	Gen Ed: Soc/Behav Sci
14	Science with Lab Elective #2: BIO 101, BIO 102, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, 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 ²	Major & Gen Ed: Natural Science
15	History Elective: HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIST 121 or HIST 122	College Requirement: Social Behavioral Science
16	Approved Elective: FRE 202, GER 202, RUS 202, SPA 202	3	FRE 202, GER 202, RUS 202, SPA 202 ¹	College Requirement: Foreign Language
17	Elective: ADJ 100	3	CRIM 100	Major

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18	Humanities Elective: PHI 100, PHI 220, or REL 230	3	George Mason Equivalent ²	College Requirement: PHIL/REL
19	Social Science Elective: GEO 220 or SOC 211	3	GGS 101 or ANTH 114	College Requirement: Non-Western
20	Approved Elective ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, CST 152, or MUS 121	3	George Mason Equivalent ²	Gen Ed: Arts
	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	CRIM 306	3	
23	CRIM 315	3	
24	CRIM 424	3	
25	Major & Gen Ed: Apex: CRIM 495	3	Writing Intensive
26	CRIM Electives	27	Some major electives must be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits.
27	General Electives	16	Some general electives must be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits.
	Total post-transfer credits:	58	
	Pathway total:	120	

Footnotes:

1. The Criminology, Law, & Society, BA requires that students demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency (through the 202 level) in a foreign language. Students who test out of language at Tidewater may replace these credits with alternative [approved electives](#), but will also need to complete language placement testing at Mason.
2. To confirm George Mason equivalencies, visit: [Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
3. Students are encouraged to complete a Literature course prior to their last semester at TCC.

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 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](#).