

George Mason University BA in Criminology, Law, and Society
Virginia Peninsula 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	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
2	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
3	MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
4	World Language I: FRE 101 or SPA 101	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
5	Arts/Humanities/Literature: ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, or MUS 121	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Arts
6	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
7	CST 100	3	COMM 100	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
8	PHI 220	3	PHIL 151T	CHSS PHIL/RELI
9	World Language II: FRE 102 or SPA 102	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
10	Laboratory Science: BIO 101, BIO 107, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 111, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 141, PHY 142, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, or PHY 242	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
11	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
12	World Language III: FRE 201 or SPA 201	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
13	Laboratory Science BIO 101, BIO 107, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 111, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 141, PHY 142, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, or PHY 242	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
14	Arts/Humanities/Literature: Any transferable VPCC Arts/Humanities/Literature	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
15	Elective: PSY 200, PSY 216, SOC 200 or or any transferable elective allowed in the AA <i>Additional options available; see VPCC advisor for more information</i>	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
16	World Language IV: FRE 202 or SPA 202	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
17	Literature: ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275 ²	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Literature

18	History: HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 121, or HIS 122	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T HIST 387T, HIST 125, HIST 121, or HIST 122	General Elective
19	Social and Behavioral Sciences: ECO 120, ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, PLS 125, PLS 241, PSY 200, PSY 216, PSY 230, PSY 235, SOC 200	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Soc/Behav
20	Elective: PSY 200, PSY 216, SOC 200 or any transferable elective allowed in the AA <i>Additional options available; see VPCC advisor for more information</i>	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
	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	CHSS Non-Western Culture ³	3	
23	Major & Gen Ed: Soc/Behav Science: CRIM 100	3	
24	CRIM 306	3	
25	CRIM 315	3	
26	CRIM 424	3	
27	Major & Gen Ed: Apex: CRIM 495	3	Writing Intensive
28	CRIM Electives ³	27	Some major electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper level credits.
29	General Electives	10	Some general 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. Students are encouraged to complete this course prior to their last semester at VPCC.
3. For Non-western Culture course options and CRIM courses, visit: [Current Criminology, Law, & Society, 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 navigate to your specific catalog year using the Archive Catalog link: [College Catalog | Virginia Peninsula Community College \(vpcc.edu\)](#)
- 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](#).