

George Mason University BA in Sociology
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	World Language I: FRE 101 or SPA 101	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
3	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
4	MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
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	World Language II: FRE 102 or SPA 102	4	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
8	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
9	CST 100	3	COMM 100	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
10	PHI 220	3	PHIL 151T	CHSS PHIL/RELI
11	World Language III: FRE 201 or SPA 201	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
12	History (BLK VI): HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 121, or HIS 122	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Social Science
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 Virginia Peninsula Arts/Humanities/Literature Elective	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	General Elective
15	Elective: SOC 200	3	SOCI 101	Major & Gen Ed: Soc/Behav
16	ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Literature
17	World Language IV: FRE 202 or SPA 202	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
18	HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111 or HIS 112 (recommended)	3	HIST 101T, HIST 102T, HIST 387T, or HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History

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19	Social and Behavioral Science: SOC 268 preferred ² Alternative options: ECO 120, ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, HIS 121, HIS 122, PLS 135, PLS 241, PSY 200, PSY 216, PSY 230, PSY 235	3	George Mason Equivalent ¹	Major or General Elective
20	Elective: SOC 215	3	SOCI L309	Major
	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	SOCI 303	3	Writing Intensive
23	SOCI 311	3	
24	SOCI 213	4	
25	Gen Ed: Apex: SOCI 416 or SOCI 485	3	
26	Elective credits in SOCI from the 100 to 400 level ^{2,3}	12-15	Students may use these credits to complete an optional concentration. Students should choose 300- or 400-level courses to meet the 45 total upper-level credit requirement. See George Mason catalog for list of options ²
27	CHSS Non-Western Culture ³	3	
28	Upper Level General Electives	21	
29	General Electives	3-6	
	Total post-transfer credits:	58	
	Pathway total:	120	

Footnotes:

- To confirm George Mason equivalencies, visit: [George Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
- If available, students should complete SOC 268 as it fulfills a major elective requirement in the Sociology, BA. If not available, students may take one of the listed VPCC Social and Behavioral Science electives and complete the major elective at Mason.
- For Non-western Culture course options, SOCI courses, and concentration options, visit: [Current Sociology, BA Catalog Requirements](#). 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](#).