

**TRANSFER GUIDE**
**Catalog Years: 2025-2026**

# George Mason University Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Law, & Society

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Criminal Justice

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at George Mason University			
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY				BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes		Course	Credits	Notes
General Elective: UNIV 100	1	SDV 100 or SDV 101			Gen Ed: Upper Level Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
General Elective: ENGH --	3	ENG 111			CRIM 315	3	
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112	Admission Requirement		CRIM 424	3	
Gen Ed: Arts	3	ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, MUS 121	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion.		CRIM 495	3	Apex
Gen Ed: Literature	3	ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion. Recommended to take this course prior to the final semester as it is a prerequisite for ENGH 302.		CRIM Electives	15	Some major electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper-level credits.
Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science	3	PSY 200			BA Foreign Language Requirement	12	Students must demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a foreign language. If not completed at the community college, students must complete through the 202 level or test out. See advisor for more information.

Gen Ed: Global History	3	HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112	HIS 112 recommended Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion.		BA Non-western Culture Requirement	3	May need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper-level credits.
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101 or BIO 106, BIO 102, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion.		General Electives	18	As needed to reach 120 total credits. Some electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper-level credits.
Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning	3	MTH 154, MTH 155, or MTH 245	Students may not take both MTH 155 and MTH 245				
BA Requirement: Additional Social & Behavioral Science	3	SOC 200					
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101 or BIO 106, BIO 102, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion.				
Major: CRIM 100	3	ADJ 100					
Major: CRIM L302 or CRIM 210	3	ADJ 105 or ADJ 201					
Major: CRIM L402	3	ADJ 140					
Major: CRIM L409 or CRIM L410	3	ADJ 229 or ADJ 236					
Major: CRIM L306	3	ADJ 133					
Major	3	<b>Select one course from:</b> ADJ 105 ADJ 110 ADJ 133 ADJ 201 ADJ 211 ADJ 229 ADJ 233					

		ADJ 234				
Gen Ed: Info Tech	3	ITE 152	Can be waived with degree completion			
Gen Ed: Oral Comm	3	CST 100 or CST 110	Can be waived with degree completion			
BA Requirement: PHIL or RELI	3	PHI 100, PHI 111, PHI 220, REL 100, REL 230, REL 237, or REL 240	Recommend: REL 100, REL 230 or REL 237 as they can also fulfill the Gen Ed: Global Contexts requirement.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Transfer Admission Requirements

- Transfer applicants must present a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants must complete an English composition equivalent to ENGH 101 (ENG 112). Students may provide secondary school coursework or test scores demonstrating [English language proficiency](#).
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants must complete a college-level math course.
- GAA applicants must present a minimum 2.85 cumulative GPA. For more information about Guaranteed Admission Agreement Requirements, visit: <https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/>

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Office of Transfer Services:** <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/office-transfer-services>
- **Admission Application:** By Oct 1 or March 1 at <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.gmu.edu/financial-aid>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 15 for Fall admission and November 1 for Spring admission at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students interested in George Mason are encouraged to focus on completing courses that meet general education requirements. BA degree programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have additional requirements in: philosophy or religion, social and behavioral science, foreign language through the intermediate level, and non-western culture. Students are encouraged to use the "Contact an Institution" section of the portal and connect with our staff for questions related to specific course equivalencies and requirements.
- For the BA in Criminology, introductory courses for the major (such as CRIM100) may be completed prior to transfer to George Mason. A maximum of 18 credits of ADJ-prefix coursework can be applied towards the major. In general, students don't need to choose between the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) while at the community college and can change their minds during the orientation process after speaking with a CLS advisor. The major coursework is almost identical, with the key difference being whether students want to complete additional general education, namely the foreign language for the BA, or complete the CLS internship program or Area of Specialization for the BS.

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and [George Mason University](#) within your first year via [College Connect](#).
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- George Mason's criminology, law and society degree is designed for students interested in law enforcement, law, homeland security, and related career fields. As a student in the program, you will be taught by outstanding professors who have years of experience as both researchers and practitioners, and you have the option of specializing your coursework based on your academic and career interests.

### WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Students who complete a-transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, or AFA) from a Virginia Community College will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, 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 transfer in or complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101 at George Mason with a C or higher.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Applicants are required to apply as freshmen.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit by exam may be used to fulfill General Education and/or major requirements. See: <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year is determined by first term of attendance at George Mason.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in Fairfax, Virginia, within the Washington metropolitan area, George Mason enrolls more than 28,000 undergraduate students from all 50 states and more than 130 countries in 78 in-demand majors.
- More than 4,500 new transfer students choose George Mason each year, and the university has been recognized as the most diverse in Virginia by U.S. News & World Report.

- Transfer students are welcome to live among our 7700-student residential community or off campus. The Office of Contemporary Student Services is dedicated to the support of off-campus transfers.
- 65% of George Mason students receive financial aid.
- 22 Division I men's and women's sports teams, plus club and intramural leagues, and more than 400 student organizations.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.gmu.edu/transfer>
- Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at George Mason?

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 72% of CLS graduates are employed or studying in a graduate program after graduation. Top industries of interest for CLS majors are legal/law enforcement, government, defense, and higher education. Recent CLS graduates have continued their education in various graduate programs across the nation including University of Arizona, Tulane University, Radford University, Northeastern University, and Wilmington University.

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- **Gain real-world experience in the Washington, D.C. area:** Complete an [internship](#) with a local, state, or federal organization and earn course credit while building your resume

- **Study abroad:** Gain a global perspective by spending winter/spring break, summer, or a full semester [abroad](#)
- **Tailor your academic journey:** Deepen your expertise with a concentration, or broaden your horizons by adding a minor or second major
- **Flexible learning options:** Wide range of in-person and online [courses](#) each semester, with the option to complete your entire degree [online](#)
- **Affordable excellence:** High-quality education tailored to your budget, ensuring the most value for your investment
- **Learn from experts:** Study under [faculty](#) renowned for their academic expertise and seasoned [practitioners](#) sharing their experiences in law enforcement, law, and homeland security
- **Work 1-on-1 with an advisor:** Partner with a dedicated [academic advisor](#) to plan your academic journey
- **Fast-track and save:** Begin taking graduate-level courses as early as your junior year through a [bachelor's/accelerated master's](#) pathway
- **Gain a competitive edge:** Access priority employment opportunities through [Career Services](#) and insight into the security clearance process through the [Clearance Ready](#) program
- **Build connections:** Join a [student organization](#) tied to your field of study and connect with peers who share your passions and interests
  - **Engage in research:** Collaborate with faculty on groundbreaking research in a [research lab](#) or the [CLS honors program](#)

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- The undergraduate program prepares students for careers in law enforcement, social service, law, and related career fields. CLS students will have the opportunity to conduct independent research, participate in many forms of public service, and prepare for their future careers through internships and career-focused minors and other college-to-career activities.