

# TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog Years: 2025-2026

## George Mason University Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages Associate Transfer Degree Plan in World Languages

### 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		ENGH 302	3	
General Elective: ENGH --	3	ENG 111		Concentration courses	30	Students must select a concentration in Arabic, Chinese, French, Korean, or Spanish
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112	Admission Requirement	Concentration or General Elective course	3	French and Spanish concentrations require one additional concentration course.
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.	Apex	3	
Gen Ed: Literature	3	ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, ENG 275		Upper-level General Electives	6	
Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science	3	ECO 150, ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 210, PLS 135, PSY 200, SOC 200, SOC 268	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available. Can be waived with degree completion.	General Electives	13-15	
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.			
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, CHM 101, ENV 121, ENV 122,				

		GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 111, PHY 100				
Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning	3	MTH 154				
Gen Ed: Oral Comm	3	CST 100 or 110				
BA Requirement: Phil/Rel	3	PHI 100, PHI 111, PHI 220, REL 100, REL 230, REL 237				
BA requirement: Foreign Language	12-16	Any World Language Course Sequence 101 through 202 or any General Education Elective (if placed out of World Language)	BA requires that students demonstrate intermediate proficiency in a foreign language. through placement testing, exam (AP, IB, CLEP, etc.) or the completion of the 202-level course. Available BA concentrations include: Arabic, Chinese, French, Korean, or Spanish  Students who use a VCCS placement test to test out World Languages must take the George Mason language placement test after transferring.			
BA Requirement: Non-Western	3	GEO 220, HIS 111, HIS 203, HIS 231, HIS 254, HUM 216, MUS 226, REL 233, REL 237, REL 238, SOC 211				
BA Requirement: Social Science	3	ECO 201, ECO 202, HIS 111, HIS 121, HIS 122, PSY 200, PSY 230, SOC 200	Additional options may be available. Students may select any course that transfers as a George Mason Social & Behavioral Science, but it must be in a different discipline than selected for the Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science above.			
Gen Ed: Info Tech	3	ITE 152				
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 102, CHM 101, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 112, PHY 100				
General Elective	0-3	Choose one transferable course.	Students may select any transferrable course that fulfills their AS degree requirement.			
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 58-60		

## 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?

- Before transferring into the Foreign Languages program, it is recommended to take an introductory sequence in the language you wish to pursue further at George Mason.
  - **Arabic Concentration:** ARA 101, ARA 102, ARA 201, ARA 202
  - **Chinese Concentration:** CHI 101, CHI 102, CHI 201, CHI 202
  - **French Concentration:** FRE 101, FRE 102, FRE 201, FRE 202
  - **Spanish Concentration:** SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201, SPA 202. VCCS Students taking SPA 115 will earn credit equivalent to George Mason's SPAN 102.
- 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. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and George Mason University within your first year. College Connect available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The BA in Foreign Languages prepares students for teaching careers at the secondary school level, graduate study in languages, and research and professional work in government and private enterprise. Our department is at the center of the multilingual and global community that distinguishes George Mason. If you are looking for diverse language offerings, experienced faculty, interdisciplinary approach, multicultural engagement, research and scholarship opportunities, the B.A. in Foreign Languages is an excellent fit for you.

### 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 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?
- Foreign Languages majors:
  - Ready themselves for an increasingly global workplace, whether that means communicating with partners abroad in international business, or speakers of languages other than English in our own US communities.
  - Increase their employability and earning power through their cross-linguistic and cross-cultural knowledge.
  - Enjoy the fruits of our global village by connecting more profoundly across cultures and borders.
  - Enhance their skills in reading, writing and critical thinking in English, as well.

- o Have improved cognitive abilities that result in measurable gains in cognition and health, including better stroke recovery and delayed onset of Alzheimer's disease.

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

- Foreign language study leads to many careers and can be combined with different kinds of study that lead to more still. Industries for Foreign Languages graduates include:
  - o Diplomacy, civil service, and foreign service
  - o Intelligence and law enforcement
  - o Business and international logistics
  - o Legal, literary, medical, technical translation
  - o Health
  - o Education
- A complete list of career opportunities can be found here at [What Can I Do With This Major: World Languages and Cultures](#)
- Students who are pursuing other majors or minors along with a foreign language major or minor can find career specific resources by industries at <https://careers.gmu.edu/career-specific-resources>.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Our program curricula are exceptional in meeting national and international market needs for graduating students with expertise and competency in foreign languages. Our teaching methodologies are distinguished in synthesizing different approaches to foreign language acquisition and embracing a student-centric learning environment. Our faculty have embraced online teaching in various modalities, delivering courses that are listed as part of the George Mason online campus. Some major concentration programs can now be completed fully online.

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Choosing a second major or a minor can significantly enhance the value of a Foreign Languages degree. It broadens career opportunities, deepens knowledge in complementary disciplines, and boosts employability. GMU offers various opportunities for Foreign Language majors to enhance their educational experience through double majors, specialized minors, accelerated master's degrees, and other valuable programs, such as Global Affairs, Education, Linguistics, International Business, International Relationships, etc.
- GMU also offers numerous study abroad programs tailored for Foreign Language students, providing immersive cultural and linguistic experiences essential for language proficiency. Students with international experience have a career advantage, and George Mason Nation extends from our campuses in Virginia and Korea to Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, and Australia. If you want to be a world scholar, the Global Education Office will make it happen. [George Mason Global Education Website](#)