

George Mason University Bachelor of Science 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		ENGH 302	3	Gen Ed: Written Comm
General Elective: ENGH --	3	ENG 111		CRIM 306	0-3	Needed if ADJ 133 is not completed at VCCS.
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112		CRIM 315	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 424	3	
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.	CRIM 495	3	Apex
Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science	3	PSY 200		CRIM Electives	15-18	Some major electives may need to be upper level (300/400) to reach 45 total upper-level credits.
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.	Internship or Area of Specialization	15-21	

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	9-15	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.			
General Elective	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				
CRIM L302 CRIM — CRIM L306 CRIM 210 CRIM L409 CRIM L490 CRIM — CRIM L475	3	Select one course from: ADJ 105 ADJ 110 ADJ 133 ADJ 201 ADJ 211 ADJ 229 ADJ 233 ADJ 234	Students may select any ADJ course listed here. ADJ 133 is recommended as it fulfills a major core requirement			
Major: CRIM Elective	3	Any ADJ course listed above				
Gen Ed: Info Tech	3	ITE 152	Info tech requirement can be waived with degree completion.			

Gen Ed: Oral Communication	3	CST 100 or CST 110	Oral comm requirement can be waived with degree completion.			
General Elective	3	Any transferable CC Transfer Elective				
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Transfer Admission Requirements

- Transfer applicants must present a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA for regular admission. GAA applicants must present a minimum 2.85 GPA.
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants should complete ENG 111 and ENG 112.
- 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 1 for Fall admission and October 1 for Spring admission at studentaid.gov

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Students interested in Mason are encouraged to focus on completing courses that meet general education requirements. 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 BS in Criminology, introductory courses for the major (such as CRIM 100) may be completed prior to transfer to 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?

- 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 VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, & 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 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.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Applicants are required to apply as freshmen. Freshman applicants are not eligible for admission under the GAA, but are eligible for the lower-level Mason Core Waiver if they have a completed AA, AS, or AFA.
- **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 Mason.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in Fairfax within the National Capital Region. Mason enrolls 26,000 undergraduate students, in 80 in-demand majors, from 50 states and 130 countries.
- 4,000 new transfer students choose Mason each year. Mason is consistently ranked as one of the most diverse universities in the U.S.
- 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.
- 66% of Mason students receive financial aid
- 22 Division I men's and women's teams and 475+ student organizations
- Learn more about our college at 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

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!

- To complement their field of study, students pursuing the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree complete an internship at an approved justice site or an Area of Specialization (approved minor, second major, or dual degree).
- Accelerated master's programs available. Within the department, students can pursue the accelerated MS in Criminal Justice. Outside programs that may be of interest include the MA in International Security or the MA in Global Affairs.
- The CLS internship program is open to all CLS undergraduate students. In Criminology: College to Career, students receive support to enhance their internship application materials, interviewing skills, and guidance for working in a professional setting. They also receive supervision while completing the internship.
- Numerous study abroad opportunities (fall, spring, and summer/spring break/winter break) award CRIM credits in Australia, Central/South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- Opportunity to participate in research activities with one of our department research labs, through the Honors Seminar, or with an individual faculty member.
- Many GMU students complement their studies by participating in Career Services' Clearance Ready Program, which provides clarity on the process and timeline of applying to positions that require security clearances. Students have the ability to network with employers, and some have received internship offers as a result of completing this program.
- CLS students have the option to declare a concentration in the major in one of the following areas: Criminal Justice; Law and Society; Homeland Security and Justice.

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.