

**TRANSFER GUIDE**

Catalog Years: Fall 2024-Summer 2025

**University of Mary Washington Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Criminal Justice**
**Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Criminal Justice**
**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

| Complete at VCCS                    |              |  |   | Complete at UMW   |         |   |
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| BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT       | SATISFIED BY |  |   | BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT   |         |   |
| Course                              | Credits      | CC Course  | Notes   | Course  | Credits | Notes   |
| Does not transfer                   | 1-2          | SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation    |   | BLST 312 – Professional Communication   | 3       | Meets Writing Intensive #4 and Speaking Intensive #2 requirements in the general education and Writing Intensive and Speaking Intensive requirements in the major.  |
| ENGL 101 (Writing Intensive #1)     | 3            | ENG 111 College Comp I                               |   | BLST 499 or BLST 491 – Internship or Individual Study   | 3-6     | Meets Capstone requirement in the major. Must be approved by the BLS Director.  |
| ENGL NOTMJ (Writing Intensive #2)   | 3            | ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Tech-Prof Writing |   | PSYC 201 – Social Psychology  | 3       | Prerequisite: UMW PSYC 100 or equivalent transfer credit (PSY 200 or PSY 201 <u>and</u> 202).   |
| (Arts & Literature) or (Humanities) | 3            | Any UCGS Art or Humanities                           | These two courses must come from two different disciplines. | SOCG 352 – Criminology  | 3       | Prerequisite: UMW SOCG 105 or 155 or equivalent transfer credit (SOC 200 or SOC 201).   |
| (Arts & Literature) or (Humanities) | 3            | Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature              |   | **Selective courses (minimum 18 credits required; maximum of 2 courses from 100-200 level):<br>GEOG 102 – Introduction to Human Geography<br>GEOG 250 or GISC 200 – Geographic Information Systems/Cartography (4 credits)<br>GEOG 351 or GISC 351A – Spatial Analysis with GIS (4 credits)<br>[prerequisite: GEOG 250 or GISC 200]<br>MIST 201 – Management Info Systems | 18-20   | Prerequisites:<br><br>Political Science courses: PSCI 101 and 102 or equivalent transfer credit (PLS 120 <u>and</u> 241).<br><br>Psychology courses: PSYC 100 or equivalent transfer credit (PSY 200 or PSY 201 <u>and</u> 202).<br><br>Sociology courses: SOCG 105 and/or 155 or equivalent transfer credit (SOC 200 or SOC 201).<br><br>Other courses are possible as approved by the BLS Director. |

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|  |   |  |  | PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics<br>PHIL 225 – Practical Ethics<br>PSCI 202A – American Public Policy<br>PSCI 313 – U.S. Federal Judiciary<br>PSCI 332 – Metropolitan Problems<br>PSYC 211 – Abnormal Psychology<br>PSYC 242 – Psychology of Personality<br>PSYC 322 – Mentoring Children at Risk<br>PSYC 346 – Forensic Psychology<br><i>[prerequisite: PSYC 201]</i><br>SOCG 304 – Social Stratification<br>SOCG 313 – Urban Sociology<br>SOCG 332 – Introduction to Social Welfare<br>SOCG 415 – Sociology of Law<br>SOCG 421B – Racial and Ethnic Relations |          |   |
| PSYC 100 (Social Science)  | 3 | PSY 200 Intro to Psychology  |  | Foundations: Writing Intensive #3  | 3        | If not completed as part of Associate degree. |
| (Humanities)   | 3 | Any UCGS History   |  | Foundations: Speaking Intensive #1   | 3        | If not completed as part of Associate degree. |
| (Natural Science with Lab)   | 4 | Any UCGS Natural Sciences  |  | Connections: Digital Intensive   | 3        |   |
| MATH 120 (Quantitative Reasoning 20 GE) or STAT 180 (Quantitative Reasoning 20 GE) | 3 | MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning, MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning, or MTH 245 Statistics |  | Connections: Diverse & Global Perspectives   | 3        |   |
| SOCG 105 (Social Science)  | 3 | SOC 200 Intro to Sociology   |  | Electives or coursework not selected as part of the Associate degree to  | Up to 25 |   |

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|   |       |   |  | fulfill the 120 credit requirement. |  |  |
| (Speaking Intensive #1)   | 3-4   | Any UCGS transfer course  | CST 100 or 110 is suggested.   |                                     |  |  |
| SOCG NOTMJ (Elective)   | 3     | ADJ 100 Survey of Criminal Justice  |  |                                     |  |  |
| SOCG NOTMJ (Major Requirement)                                    | 3     | ADJ 201 Criminology   | Other courses are possible as approved by the BLS Director.  |                                     |  |  |
| SOCG NOTMJ (Elective)   | 3     | ADJ 140 Introduction to Corrections   |  |                                     |  |  |
| SOCG NOTMJ (Major Requirement)                                    | 3     | ADJ 236 Principles of Criminal Investigation  | Other courses are possible as approved by the BLS Director.  |                                     |  |  |
| PHIL NOTMJ (Major Requirement)                                    | 3     | ADJ 133 Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional  |  |                                     |  |  |
| SOCG NOTMJ (Major Requirement) and SOCG NOTMJ (Major Requirement) | 11-15 | ADJ 211 Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures I <u>and</u> ADJ 212 Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures II | Students who have completed all prerequisites and community college requirements should take additional transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement. |                                     |  |  |
| CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62                                       |       |   |  | CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 58-60        |  |  |

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

**By meeting the following criteria, you are eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) degree program at the University of Mary Washington. Separate admission to the Criminal Justice major is not required.**

- Meet [eligibility requirements](#) for the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program. Traditional transfer students not meeting these eligibility requirements may not pursue Criminal Justice at the University of Mary Washington.
- Earn at least 30 transferable credits (grades of “C” or higher are required for transfer credits). Courses must be from the 100-level or higher. The five required ADJ courses (or approved substitutions) may be completed at any time pre- or post-matriculation.
- Completion of an Associate degree is not required for admission to BLS. Full admission requirements can be found here: <https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/admission-enrollment/admission-bachelor-liberal-studies-bls-program/>
- Apply to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program by selecting “Adult Degree Completion” as your program of interest on the transfer application.
- Request official transcripts to be sent from all prior institutions to [admit@umw.edu](mailto:admit@umw.edu), including score reports and transcripts from alternative credit, if applicable, such as [AP](#), [IB](#), [CLEP](#), or [ACE](#).

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/>
- **Admission Application:** Apply by November 1 for spring admission, March 1 for summer admission, or May 1 for fall admission by selecting “Adult Degree Completion” as your program of interest on the free transfer application at <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/>. A letter of intent for guaranteed admission to UMW is requested after 45 credits: <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/adult/our-commitment/guaranteed-admission-agreement/>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.umw.edu/financialaid/contact-us/>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Apply by April 1 to ensure maximum aid for which you are eligible. FAFSAs will be accepted after the April 1 deadline. The required forms can be found at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- 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).
- Proficiency in a second language is waived for BLS students.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and University of Mary Washington within your first year. College Connect is available in your account at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The UMW major in Criminal Justice is only open to students earning a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) degree. The major includes core courses in Administration of Justice (ADJ), Psychology (PSYC), and Sociology (SOGC) and also features a capstone internship experience to provide hands-on training.
- The Criminal Justice major requires 45 credits overall. The major includes 15 transfer credits in Administration of Justice (ADJ) from the Virginia Community College System. These credits can be completed at any time pre- or post-matriculation.
- Students in this special major must earn a minimum of 30 credits at UMW to complete all requirements and a total of 120 overall credits to earn a BLS degree.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Transfer students with a VCCS Associate degree have completed many of the UMW general education requirements. UMW does not allow students to satisfy the Digital Intensive and Diverse & Global Perspectives general education requirements through transfer coursework.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students participating in dual enrollment programs are considered as freshman applicants and are not eligible for BLS unless other college-level coursework has been completed and eligibility requirements are met. Dual enrollment courses taken at the high school are treated identically with the same course when taken on a college campus; dual enrollment status does not affect the transferability of the course.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** UMW accepts credit for AP, IB CLEP, Cambridge, and other qualifying credit. Additionally, BLS accepts this credit both pre- and post-matriculation. Equivalencies are provided here: <https://academics.umw.edu/registrar/transfer-information/transferring-credit-ap-ib-or-previous-coursework/>. Virginia Community College System courses which receive guaranteed equivalent credit are provided here: <https://academics.umw.edu/registrar/transfer-information/resources-and-publications/babs-transfer-credit-guide/transferrable-credit/virginia-community-college-system-vccs/>
- **Catalog Year:** Students must complete general education requirements associated with the academic year in which they enroll at UMW. Students complete major requirements associated with the academic year in which they declare their major.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- UMW is a small public university located in suburban Fredericksburg, VA. We offer small class sizes and courses are taught by faculty committed to student learning and success.
- UMW is located between Washington, D.C., and Richmond, VA. Students enjoy a multitude of internship opportunities where they can apply their academic knowledge while gaining professional experience. UMW students receive support with resumes and job searches through the Center for Career and Professional Development: <https://www.umw.edu/careercenter/>
- The BLS major in Criminal Justice is a daytime program.

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 many 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 University of Mary Washington?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

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

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Each fall, UMW enrolls approximately 300 transfer students from the Virginia Community College System and other institutions inside and outside of Virginia.
- With an Associate degree and a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA, you may qualify for UMW's BLS program.

Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Most students pursue an internship at some point during their time at UMW. The University and Bachelor of Liberal Studies office support students in their search through networking, individual consultations, and campus resources.

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

- Students must earn at least 30 residential credits at UMW as a degree-seeking student (not including Physical Education credits).
- Up to 6 credits in Physical Education may be counted toward the BLS degree.
- Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in both their major and their overall coursework in order to complete their degree.

See other academic policies here: <https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-degrees/bls-degree/> and here: <https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies/bls-degree-graduation-requirements>