

**TRANSFER GUIDE**

Catalog Year: 2025-2026

# University of Mary Washington Bachelor of Arts in English

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in English

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Complete at VCCS				Complete at UMW		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT	SATISFIED BY			BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
SDV 100 does not transfer.	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		ENGL 295: Methods of Advanced Literary Studies	3	
ENGL 101	3	ENG 111 College Comp I	Writing Intensive (1 of 4)	Pre-1800 300- or 400-level Lit Course	3	
ENGL 202X	3	ENG 112 College Comp II	Writing Intensive (2 of 4)	Pre-1900 300- or 400-level Lit Course	3	
ENGL 206A (for ENG 255); any other would be ENGL NOTMAJ elective credit	3	Select one course from this list: ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas ENG 245 British Literature ENG 246 American Literature ENG 250 Children's Literature ENG 255 World Literature ENG 258 African American Literature ENG 275 Women in Literature		Post-1900 300- or 400-level Lit course	3	
Arts & Lit Methods Gen Ed or Humanities Methods Gen Ed	3	Any UCGS Art or Humanities		300- or 400-level Lit course from a Historically Marginalized Group	3	

Social Science Methods Gen Ed	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science (not History)		Two additional 300- or 400-level Lit courses	6	
Humanities Methods Gen Ed	3	Any UCGS History		300- or 400-level advanced writing course	3	Students can complete ENG 211 and, after completing ENGL 295, transfer that course as ENGL 302A.
Nat Sci w/ Lab Methods Gen Ed	4	Any UCGS Natural Sciences		Linguistics 101B	3	Many students will have completed this requirement through the VCCS.
Quantitative Reasoning Methods Gen Ed	3-5	Any UCGS Math		300- or 400-level Linguistics course	3	
Speaking Intensive	3-4	CST 100 or CST 110		Elective Credits (any 300- or 400-level ENGL or LING course)	3	In addition to any 300- or 400-level ENGL or LING course, including department sponsored internships or Individual Studies (both BTC), students may also fulfill this requirement with JOUR 200.
	3-4	Any elective that completes VCCS transferable associate degree		Capstone course (a 400-level seminar)	3	
ENGL 206A (for ENG 255); any other would come in as English NOTMAJOR general elective credit	3	Select one course from this list: ENG 225 ENG 245 ENG 246 ENG 250 ENG 255 ENG 258 ENG 275	ENGL 206A fulfills the Diverse and Global Perspectives Gen Ed requirement	Recommended: ENGL 401, Professional Identities	1	This optional but recommended one-credit class fulfills the <b>After Mary Washington (AMW)</b> requirement. It is offered in Spring semesters, starting in Spring 2025.
LING 101B (for ENG 200); ENGL 202J (for ENG 211)	3-6	Select 1-2 courses from this list: ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics ASL 220 Comparative Linguistics: ASL & English ENG 211 Creative Writing ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story	LING 101B is required for the major and also fulfills either a Social Science or Humanities Methods Gen Ed; English Majors can petition to the Chair of English and Linguistics to have ENG 211 count as 302A (Intro to Creative Writing), which can be allowed after completion of the prerequisite course, ENGL 295 (Advanced Methods of Literary Studies). ENGL 302A is both a Writing Intensive course and can count	Elective Credits, to reach a total of 120 credits	22-24 credits	Students may complete up to 60 credits in any one discipline, so most students can take additional courses in ENGL and/or LING. Students are also encouraged to consider Minors like African-American Studies; Digital Studies; Journalism; Linguistics; Professional Writing; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

		Additional literature course from previous row	towards the English major (Advanced Writing requirement).			
	6	Any elective that completes VCCS transferable associate degree		World Language at the 201 level	3	See details under “What should I consider when selecting courses” below.
Recommend any language through 201 (completion of the third semester).	10-16	If students have completed all requirements, they can choose to take courses from previous rows or additional transfer electives.	The other Gen Ed requirement students may want to complete or at least begin is a world language through the first intermediate level (completion of the 201-level course). Students can do an assessment to determine placement, but anyone completing 101, 102, and 201 will fulfill the requirement.			
		Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits				
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-62				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 58-60		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Guaranteed Admission to University of Mary Washington

By meeting the following criteria, you are eligible for admission. Separate admission to the English major is not required.

- Earn a transfer associate degree
- Earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 for your associate degree
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all your courses for the associate degree to be eligible to transfer those credits.

Please create an account through the <https://www.transfervirginia.org/> portal to register your intent to use this guarantee for admission to UMW.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- University Transfer Center:  
[https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwsuSzBhCLARIsAlcdLm5CwSJs0xdhDt7Ka4TWUEnnQzgY89Xhe1vqR1ZnTpCV86hkRetIo7kaAp9rEALw\\_wcB](https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwsuSzBhCLARIsAlcdLm5CwSJs0xdhDt7Ka4TWUEnnQzgY89Xhe1vqR1ZnTpCV86hkRetIo7kaAp9rEALw_wcB)
- Register Intent to Transfer: After the first 15 credits, complete this form and submit to [admit@umw.edu](mailto:admit@umw.edu) to receive application fee waiver:  
<https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/> Additional details are available at [www.transfervirginia.org](http://www.transfervirginia.org)
- Admission Application: Apply by October 15 for spring admission, March 1 for summer admission, and April 1 for fall admission. Additional details and a transfer checklist are available at <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/>
- Financial Aid: [https://www.umw.edu/financialaid/contact-us/?gad\\_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwsuSzBhCLARIsAlcdLm7eRtbnWlt0o5mUBmqGHxsl6TPtgGNpwxZ7nX8384kL-GD8y9eXtlkaAoNvEALw\\_wcB](https://www.umw.edu/financialaid/contact-us/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwsuSzBhCLARIsAlcdLm7eRtbnWlt0o5mUBmqGHxsl6TPtgGNpwxZ7nX8384kL-GD8y9eXtlkaAoNvEALw_wcB)
- FAFSA- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: Apply by April 1 to ensure you receive the maximum aid for which you are eligible. FAFSA's will still be accepted after the April 1 deadline. The required forms are found at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

- Register Intent to Transfer through College Connect at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- UMW requires proficiency in a second language as part of the general education requirements. This can be satisfied in a number of ways including completing four years of language in high school, transferring credits from a community college, or completing a sequence of language courses through the 201 level at UMW. American Sign Language is accepted for transfer as a second language. All of the options for satisfying this requirement are found in the UMW Catalog: <https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/general-education-course-list/>
- 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 UMW 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 English major is for people who love language and literature and have a passion for applying the creative and analytic mindset fostered by deep engagement with language and literature to a wide variety of real-world contexts. English majors typically enjoy engaging in conversations about the impact and meaning of literary texts and also typically develop outstanding communication and intercultural skills.

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

- Associate Transfer Degree Completion: Transfer students with a VCCS transferable associate degree have completed the UMW general education requirements except second language competency, digital intensive, diverse and global perspectives, after Mary Washington, and beyond the classroom general education requirements. Several of these requirements are integrated into the computer science major. UMW does allow students to satisfy these requirements through qualifying transfer coursework.
- Dual Enrollment- Completion of Associate Degree in HS: Students participating in dual enrollment programs are considered as freshman applicants. 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 previous coursework. Equivalencies are provided here: <https://academics.umw.edu/registrar/transfer-information/transferring-credit-ap-ib-or-previous-coursework/freshmen-advanced-placement-ap-credit/> 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 that 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?

- Home is precisely what UMW will come to feel like. Our campus is gorgeous, green, and full of opportunity. Join a club sports team. Audition for a musical. Lead the way in Student Government Association. Train with our esports team. Or sit back, relax, and take it all in from the cozy comfort of Ball Circle.
- UMW is a small university located in suburban Fredericksburg, VA. We offer small class sizes and courses are taught by faculty committed to student learning and success.
- UMW offers high impact experiences beyond the classroom. Faculty are committed to collaborating with students on research projects and outreach experiences.
- UMW is located between Washington DC and Richmond, VA in the largest technology corridor in Virginia. UMW 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 department and University resources and can earn academic credit for qualifying internship experiences.
- Learn more about our college at <https://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 UMW.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Many English majors hope to find careers in writing or publishing, whether as a best-selling novelist or as the go-to staff person for writing reports, proposals, speeches, and the like. Others pursue pathways in teaching, most often in the K-12 system but also, on occasion, at the college or university level. Many students end up working in business settings (for example, in a Public Relations or Marketing department) or in a non-profit setting, where communication skills are also at a premium. The core skills of the English major—reading and analyzing literary texts, conducting research about the literary, cultural, and historical contexts of literary works, and, most importantly, developing advanced writing skills—are all skills readily transferable to the job market.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Alumni of the English major have succeeded in many different areas. Many students also go on to complete advanced degrees in English, Creative Writing, and Education.

### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- With an associate's degree and a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA, you may qualify for UMW's Guaranteed Admissions Agreement with the Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Many students leverage the skills they acquire in the English classroom by seeking advanced certificates or accreditations in areas like professional writing, technical writing, publishing, and editing. The most common pathway is to pursue an advanced degree in Education, with the goal of teaching English in the K-12 system. Others use English as a foundation to pursue a JD, in order to practice law. We have even had English majors follow medical school and nursing pathways, since English provides a strong foundation not only in communication skills but also in intercultural competencies.

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

- Students must earn at least 30 credits at UMW as a degree-seeking student (not including physical education credits).
- Students must earn a GPA of 2.0 in both their major and overall coursework in order to complete their degree.