

TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog Years: 2024-2025

University of Mary Washington Bachelor of Arts in Performing Arts

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Theatre

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at University of Mary Washington		
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		THEA 131	4	Technical Production
ENGL 101: Writing Intensive	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		THEA 321	4	Acting I
ENGL non-major; Writing Intensive	3	ENG 112 College Comp II or ENG 113 Technical-Professional Writing		THEA 361	3	Theatre History and Literature
Methods of Investigation Gen Ed: Arts & Literature transfers in as THEA 111 Theatre and Society, major elective	3	CST 130 Introduction to Theatre	If CST 130 is not offered at your VCCS college, please contact UMW for information concerning an alternate course.	THEA 362	3	Theatre History and Literature Satisfies Diverse and Global Perspectives Gen Ed.
Methods of Investigation Gen Ed: Humanities	3	Any UCGS Humanities		THEA 390	1	Theatre Practicum Must complete a minimum of three credits. Repeatable with up to eight credits counting toward graduation. Satisfies Beyond the Classroom Gen Ed.
Methods of Investigation Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, CHM 111, PHY 241, GOL 105, GOL 106, or GOL 110		THEA 400	1	Professional Identity and Practice Satisfies After Mary Washington Gen Ed.
Methods of Investigation Gen Ed: Quantitative Reasoning	4	Any UCGS Math course		THEA 433, THEA 434, THEA 436	3	Lighting Design, Scene Design, Costume Design Must complete one of these courses.

Methods of Investigation Gen Ed: Social Science	3	Any UCGS Social & Behavioral Science		THEA 482	3	Senior Project Satisfies Beyond the Classroom Gen Ed.
	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course		World Language at 201 level	3	See details under “What should I consider when selecting courses” below.
	3-4	Any UCGS transfer course		Elective Credits	26	Student must take elective credits in THEA or any other disciplines to meet the minimum requirements for graduation.
transfers in as THEA 112 Introduction to Acting, major elective	3	CST 131				
	3	CST 132 Acting II				
	3	CST 145 Stagecraft				
	3	CST 210 Dramatic Literature				
	1-4	CST 136 Theatre/Musical Theatre Workshop (repeatable for credit)				
	3	Select one course from: CST 140 Acting for the Camera or Humanities course CST 160 Improvisation				

	3-6	Select 1-2 courses from: CST 111 Voice and Diction I CST 112 Voice and Diction II CST 161 Improvisation II CST 211 Acting III CST 212 Acting IV CST 237 Movement I CST 238 Movement II Additional course from any of the previous rows, including additional UCGS courses				
	3-6	Select 1-2 courses from: CST 147 Costume Construction CST 149 Intro to Makeup for Theatre CST 241 Directing* CST 245 Basic Lighting CST 258 Scenic Design* Additional course from any of the previous rows, including additional UCGS courses				
	Up to 9		Students who have completed all prerequisites and community college requirements should take additional courses from the rows above or transfer elective courses to fulfill the 60-62 credit requirement.			
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 Department of Theatre and Dance 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 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/>
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** After the first 15 credits, complete this form and submit to admit@umw.edu to receive application fee waiver: <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/adult/our-commitment/guaranteed-admission-agreement/> Additional details are available at 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/>
- **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

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
- 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. 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/>
- Keep in mind that half of your major credits must be earned at UMW and you need at least 60 (of 120) credits outside of THEA to complete your degree.
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the University of Mary Washington within your first year. College Connect available in your account at www.TransferVirginia.org

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The UMW theatre degree is based in practice—learning theatre, developing skills, and putting them to practice in the making of theatre.
- Students pursue a capstone course in the specialty of their choosing in order to focus their education in a path that strengthens their vocational preparation.
- While many of our graduates pursue professional careers in theatre, others use their experience in collaboration, planning, and leadership as a foundation for careers in education, business, development, and a variety of other industries.
- Theatre is an art comprised of many specialties. The major provides opportunities to explore performance, directing, stage management, scenic and costume technology, audio production, design, arts administration, playwriting, fashion history, dramatic literature, and stage combat, among others, each of which has a potential career path.

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 theatre 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/resources-and-publications/babs-transfer-credit-guide/transferrable-credit/virginia-community-college-system-vccs/>
- 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/>
- 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/>
- **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 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?

- Our graduates work in the professional theatre as actors, technicians, designers, educators, and arts administrators. Some pursue graduate training in the field and teach in higher education.
- Some graduates leverage their theatre degree in other fields—business, law, public policy, and healthcare. A UMW education will serve whatever direction your career takes.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- We have graduates working in major regional theatres across the country, on Broadway, on national tours, and in ancillary entertainment industries.

- Our significant student employment program provides jobs to students who hone their skills in the costume shop, scene shop, management office, and box office.
- Our London study abroad program is focused on experiencing performances, as well as exploring important historic sites and the city's rich theatrical heritage.
- Upper-level students can enroll in a seminar class focused on the current professional theatre environment and travel to New York City for ten days to fulfill a significant research project and experience performances throughout the city.

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) and Richard Bland College. Additional details are available here: <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/transfer/our-commitment/guaranteed-admission-agreement/>
- Each fall, UMW enrolls approximately 300 students from the Virginia Community College System and other schools inside and outside of Virginia.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Many students pursue professional internships that lead to jobs after graduation.
- Our experiential learning approach to teaching theatre provides many opportunities for students to create theatre, sometimes alongside faculty, as well as in our student-run studio theatre.

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.