

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

SECTION I: PURPOSE

George Mason University (Mason) will offer admission to Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) students according to the terms of this Agreement. **The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to BRCC students who intend to graduate with the BRCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Information Systems Technology with a specialization in Cybersecurity and transfer directly to Mason to earn the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Cyber Security.** Only BRCC students who meet this Agreement's terms will be guaranteed admission. Students who present strong academic records but do not meet the terms of this Agreement may be considered for regular transfer admission.

SECTION II: ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Mason accepts transfer applications for the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must:

- **Apply by March 1 for fall admission.** Fall applicants must graduate in May. Summer graduates are ineligible for fall admission.
- **Apply by October 1 for spring admission.** Spring applicants must graduate in December.
- **Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 upon application to Mason and graduation from BRCC.**
- ENG 111, ENG 112, and MTH 154 or MTH 155 must be completed with grades of C or better before applying to Mason.
- Complete a minimum of 45 college-level credits toward the associate degree at BRCC.
- If all coursework for the associate degree is not completed at BRCC, a 2.5 GPA is required on all prior college coursework for admission.
- Provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final BRCC transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.

SECTION III: MASON VIRGINIA PROMISE GRANT

Blue Ridge Community College students admitted under this Agreement are eligible for the Mason Virginia Promise Grant. The grant, combined with other sources of gift aid, will meet the standard tuition and fees cost. Eligible students must:

- Be residents of Virginia enrolled full-time
- File a FAFSA or VASA by the deadline
- Be eligible for Virginia State grants and/or federal aid
- Have a family income of \$60,000 or less, or be eligible for a Pell Grant and an EFC less than \$25,000

SECTION IV: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

- a. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students suspended, dismissed, or expelled from any college or university for academic or non-academic reasons. Under this Agreement, admission is offered to students who graduate from BRCC and transfer directly to Mason. Students who attend other institutions after BRCC must apply for regular transfer admission.
- b. High school students who have earned an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this Agreement. Such students are considered first-year applicants with transfer credit.

SECTION IV: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

- This Agreement will go into effect for those BRCC students entering Mason for the **fall 2025 semester**. The Agreement's initial term shall be for three academic (3) years, commencing for those BRCC students entering Mason for the **fall 2025 semester** and ending with the conclusion of the spring 2028 semester. The Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party as set forth below.
- Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be adequate only if given 120 days before the intended termination date. If this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for a maximum of 2 years.
- This Agreement constitutes the Parties' entire understanding of the subject matter herein. This Agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific course articulation without affecting the currency of the primary Agreement.
- All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.
- Mason and BRCC agree to review this Agreement every three years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as the liaison to monitor this Agreement.

APPROVED



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Blue Ridge Community College Applied Science--IST-Cyber Security to George Mason University Bachelor of Independent Studies--Cyber Security Concentration

BRCC Program: <https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/information-systems-technology-cyber-security-specialization/>

GMU Program: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/interdisciplinary-programs-courses/applied-science-bas/#requirements-text>

Complete at BRCC	Credits				Complete at Mason	Credits
Course Requirements		Satisfies MASON Course #				
ENG 111	3	Elective	3		BAS 300	3
ITE 152	3	IT 104	3		BAS 490 or 492	3
ITN 208	4	Elective	4		BAS 491 or 493	3
SDV 101	1	UNIV 100	1		IT 304	3
MTH 154 or MTH 155	3	MATH 103T	3		IT 343	3
ITN 107	3	Elective	3		IT 357	3
ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	3		IT 429	3
CSC 110	3	IT 103	3		IT 481	3
ITD 110	3	Elective	3		Technical Focus	15
ITE 160	3	Elective	3		Mason Core	22
ITN 106	3	IT 105	3			
ITN 260	3	IT 223*	3			
ITD 130	3	Elective	3			
ITN 103	3	Elective	3			
ITN 262	3	Elective	3			
ITN 257	3	Elective	3			
Social Science	3	Social Science	3			
ITN 263	3	Elective	3			
ITN 276	3	Elective	3			
ITP 296 or ITP 298	3	Elective	3			
ITN 261	3	Elective	3			
Literature	3	ENGH 2---	3			
Totals	65					61

Both ITN 107 & ITN 106 (BRCC) are needed to fulfill IT 105 (GMU)

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Social Science (choose one)

ECO 201, 202

GEO 210

HIS 121, 122

PLS 135

PSY 200, 230

SOC 200, 268

Note: HIS 101, 102, 111, and 112 satisfy the VCCS Social Science requirement and transfer to fulfill the Mason Global History requirement, not Social Science.

Literature (choose one)

ENG 225, 245, 246, 250, 255, 258, or 275