

**ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
AND  
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

THIS ADMISSION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), dated this 9th day of July, 2019, (the “Effective Date”), is made by and between George Mason University (“Mason”), an educational institution and agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and College of Southern Maryland (“CSM”), a public educational institution, together the “Parties.”

**SECTION I: PURPOSE**

Mason will offer admission to CSM students according to the terms of this Agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate and communicate a clear pathway for admission to CSM students who intend to graduate with a CSM associate’s degree and transfer directly to Mason to earn their baccalaureate degree. CSM Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), or Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degrees are the only applicable degrees considered for this Agreement. Only those CSM students who meet all of the criteria set forth in this Agreement 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 TO MASON REQUIREMENTS**

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

- a. **Apply by March 1 for fall admission.** Fall applicants are expected to graduate in May. Summer graduates are not considered for fall admission.
- b. **Apply by October 1 for spring admission.** Spring applicants are expected to graduate in December.
- c. **Present a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.85 upon application to Mason.**
- English and Math foundation courses must be completed with grades of C or better before applying to Mason.
- d. Complete a minimum of 40 college-level credits toward the A.A., A.S. or A.A.T. at CSM.
- e. If all coursework for the transfer degree is not completed at CSM, a 2.85 GPA is required on all prior college coursework.
- f. Graduate from CSM with the appropriate transfer associate’s degree.
- g. Provide the Mason Office of Admissions a final CSM transcript reflecting the transfer associate’s degree conferral date.

**SECTION III: ADMISSION TO MAJOR**

Under this Agreement, CSM applicants are eligible for direct entry into 65 of Mason’s 84 undergraduate majors. There are 19 majors which have selective admission requirements that exceed those listed in Section II. These majors include:

### **Volgenau School of Engineering**

- Applied Computer Science, BS
- Bioengineering, BS
- Civil and Infrastructure Engineering, BS
- Computer Engineering, BS
- Computer Science, BS
- Cyber Security Engineering, BS
- Electrical Engineering, BS
- Mechanical Engineering, BS
- Systems Engineering, BS

Admission to an engineering or computer science major is competitive. Applicants are encouraged to present a 3.00+ CGPA. For direct admission to the major, Engineering applicants must have completed MTH 1200 and 1210 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason. For direct admission to the major, Computer Science applicants must have completed MTH 1200 and CSC 2591 with grades of A or B prior to application to Mason.

### **College of Visual and Performing Arts**

- Art and Visual Technology, BA
- Art and Visual Technology, BFA
- Computer Game Design, BFA
- Dance, BA
- Dance, BFA
- Film and Video Studies, BA
- Music, BA
- Music, BM
- Theater, BA
- Theater, BFA

Admission to a major within the College of Visual and Performing Arts is competitive. Applicants must successfully audition for Dance, Music and Theater. Applicants to Art and Visual Technology, Computer Game Design and Film and Video Studies must successfully pass a portfolio review.

### **School of Nursing**

- Nursing, BSN

Admission to the traditional BSN program requires a minimum 3.00 CGPA and completion of courses in Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Statistics, Nutrition, Developmental Psychology and Philosophy of Ethics or Bioethics. Applications are only accepted for fall admission. Students must submit two applications: the Mason transfer application and the School of Nursing BSN application.

#### **SECTION IV: PATRIOT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**

CSM students applying under this Agreement are automatically considered for a non-resident **Patriot Transfer Scholarship**. Students with CGPA of 2.85-3.49 are considered for a \$10,000 annual award. Students with CGPA of 3.5-4.00 are considered for a \$12,000 annual award. Recipients must be classified as non-residents of Virginia and maintain full-time enrollment each fall and spring semester. The scholarship is offered for 2 academic years. Students are required to maintain a minimum 2.75 Mason GPA.

#### **SECTION V: EXCLUSIONS TO THE ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

- a. Mason reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this Agreement to students who have been suspended, dismissed or expelled for academic or non-academic reasons from any college or university. Mason also reserves the right to rescind offers of admission if applicants fail to (1) successfully complete their current academic program, (2) maintain grades that meet the requirements for admission to Mason, and (3) exhibit exemplary personal conduct prior to enrollment. Additionally, Mason may rescind an offer of admission based on cancellation or change of any test score required for admission or if it is determined that admission was obtained through the use of incomplete, falsified, altered, or embellished information. Mason also reserves the right to impose restrictions or requirements on the admission of a student (e.g., housing or educational restrictions or additional conditions or requirements prior to enrollment) as a result of any of the foregoing. Admitted students are required to timely update the Office of Admissions of any new information that may affect their admission, including, but not limited to, any changes in their participation in their current academic program or their grades, or any conduct related issues (e.g., criminal matters and school discipline matters).
- b. Under this Agreement, admission is only offered to students who graduate from CSM and transfer directly to Mason. Students who attend other institutions after CSM may be considered for regular transfer admission.
- c. 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 freshman applicants with transfer credit.

#### **SECTION VI: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

- a. This Agreement will go into effect for those CSM students entering Mason for the **fall 2019 semester**. The Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 120 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, the terms of the Agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.
- b. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral or written Agreements with respect to the subject matter herein. All specific program articulation changes, course-by-course transfer guides and transfer credit equivalency databases may be amended as needed without affecting the currency of the terms of this Agreement. All other modification to the terms of this Agreement shall be modified or amended only by writing signed by the Parties.

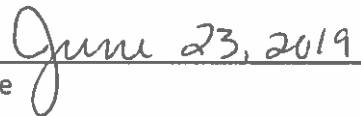
- c. All transfer students are subject to the enrollment and academic policies outlined in the George Mason University Catalog.
- d. Mason and the CSM agree to review this Agreement as needed upon renewal. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purpose of monitoring this Agreement.
- e. The Institutional Research Offices at CSM and Mason agree to share aggregate or anonymized transfer student data in support of this Agreement.

**College of Southern Maryland**

By:

  
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Dr. Eileen D. Abel  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

  
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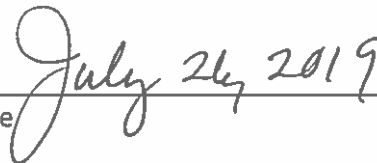
Date

**George Mason University**

By:

  
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Dr. Janette Muir  
Associate Provost, Academic Initiatives and Services

  
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Date