

LISTING GEORGE-SQUARED ABS ON AMCAS / AACOMAS APPLICATION

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This represents my current application, one year after completing the ABS program. There were NO verification issues, and everything was smooth! A student won't run into any verification issues if everything on their application matches their **transcripts**.

EDUCATION								
Secondary School Rosemead High Rosemead, Los Angeles (U), California, United States								Grad Yr: 2010
Post Secondary								
School	City	State/Province	Country	Dates	Program Level	Major	Minor	Degree - Degree Date
University of California-Los Angeles-Main Program	Los Angeles	CA	United States	09/2010 - 06/2014	Undergraduate	Neuroscience	No Minor	Bachelor of Science - 06/2014
Rio Hondo College-Main Program	Whittier	CA	United States	06/2011 - 08/2011	Undergraduate	No Major	No Minor	No Degree Expected -
University of California-Los Angeles Ext-Main Program	Los Angeles	CA	United States	09/2015 - 03/2017	Postbaccalaureate Undergraduate	PreMedical and General Science Studies Certificate	No Minor	No Degree Expected -
George Mason University-Main Program	Fairfax	VA	United States	08/2017 - 05/2018	Graduate	Advanced Biomedical Sciences Certificate	No Minor	No Degree Expected -
Georgetown University-Main Program	Washington	DC	United States	08/2017 - 08/2018	Graduate	Physiology and Biophysics	No Minor	Master of Science - 08/2018

- GeorgeSquared officially belongs to **GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY** because letter grades will appear on the George Mason Transcript. **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** will still have a transcript for all ABS students, but it will only be for credit, NOT letter grades.
 - **Note how I classified the ABS program** – I made sure to list it as the **major**.
 - This is how schools will know that a student is not just in a GMU graduate program ending with a degree, but rather a graduate certificate program and ours in particular.

GEORGE MASON TRANSCRIPT



I excluded 'GeorgeSquared' in the description of this program because I wanted to match the language on the transcript precisely. A student needs to make the verifying process as seamless as process. I didn't want my verification reader on the AMCAS / AACOMAS side to hunt for 'GeorgeSquared' in my transcripts because they will never find it.

DEGREE AWARDED

Awarded: Graduate Certificate **Degree Date:** May 19, 2018

Curriculum Information

College: College of Science
Major: Advanced Biomedical Sciences

INSTITUTION CREDIT -Top-

Term: Fall 2017
Academic Standing: Good Standing

Subject	Course	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points
BMED	601	GR	Cell and Molecular Physiology	A+	4.000	16.00
BMED	602	GR	Biomedical Statistics	A+	3.000	12.00
BMED	603	GR	Cell Biology and Micro Anatomy	A+	3.000	12.00
BMED	652	GR	Biomedical Career Pathways	A	1.000	4.00

GEORGETOWN TRANSCRIPT →

GeorgeSquared ABS is still listed on our transcripts when we're in the ABS program. There will not be any letter grades nor credits on the Georgetown transcript after the completion of ABS.

When a student transitions to Georgetown to complete their M.S., credits will be transferred as noted in the transcript. The remaining grades to complete the M.S. will appear on the Georgetown transcript as shown.

Entering Program:
 Consortium
 Non-degree, Certificate
 Major: Biomedical Sciences

Subj	Crs	Title	Crd	Grd	Pts	R
----- Fall 2017 -----						
BMED	500	Joint Program Georgetown/GMU	0.00	.	0.00	
		EHrs	QHrs	QPts	GPA	
Current		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	
Subj	Crs	Title	Crd	Grd	Pts	R
----- Spring 2018 -----						
BMED	500	Joint Program Georgetown/GMU	0.00	.	0.00	
		EHrs	QHrs	QPts	GPA	
Current		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	
----- 2017-2018 -----						

AFTER ABS is completed, AND the student goes on to complete the M.S., the Georgetown Transcript will have this additional info:

Transfer Credit:	
Joint Prgm Georgetown-GMU	
Cert in Biomedical Sciences	22.00
School Total:	22.00

Transferred to:
 Graduate School
 Master of Science
 Major: Physiology and Biophysics

Subj	Crs	Title	Crd	Grd	Pts	R
----- Summer 2018 -----						
PBIO	569	Intro to Neurophysiology	3.00	A	12.00	
PBIO	603	Grad Pathophysiology	3.00	A	12.00	
PBIO	907	Physiology Literature Research	2.00	A	8.00	

- In an ideal situation, you want to list BOTH George Mason University and Georgetown University on your AMCAS application.
 - **However, the courses will only be on transcripts AFTER a student is enrolled. This may not be in June when a student submits their application, so the student will need to either push their enrollment forward or contact the AMCAS application services to ask how the student should proceed.*
- Listing DATES for GeorgeSquared ABS on the AMCAS application:
 - Plan to complete, or previously completed ABS:
 - **GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY:** August – May
 - **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY:** August – _____
 - End with the ABS program = May end
 - Summer M.S. = August end
 - Spring M.S. = May end of the following year

- *But just caution students that they cannot list a M.S. end date unless they are **officially** accepted into the M.S. program already. For example, I can't just list "Harvard Business School M.B.A 2020" if I haven't been accepted and don't have a transcript to support it.

LISTING GEORGE-SQUARED ABS ON AMCAS / AACOMAS APPLICATION BEFORE COMPLETING ABS:

This image below is from the application submitted before I began GeorgeSquared. I DID have errors on my 2018 application verification process. A student can only have ten errors before verification people send an application back to correct (in which the student loses valuable time because they lose their spot in line for verification), so I thankfully didn't meet that threshold and my errors were forgiven.

ACADEMIC RECORD												
Semester Hours and AMCAS grades will appear only when your application is Processed												
School Name	Status	Year	Term	Course Class	Course No.	Course Name	Course Type	OT Hours	Sem Hours	OT Grade	AMCAS Grade	AMCAS Use
University of California-Los Angeles Ext	PB	2016 - 2017	QS	CHEM	CHEM XL 153A	Biochemistry: Introduction to Structure, Enzymes		4.00	2.70	A+	A	/
University of California-Los Angeles Ext	PB	2016 - 2017	Q1	PHYS	PHYSICS XL 6A	Physics for Life Science Majors: Mechanics		5.00	3.30	A+	A	/
University of California-Los Angeles Ext	PB	2016 - 2017	Q1	BIOL	LIFESCI XL 1	Evolution, Ecology, and Biodiversity		5.00	3.30	A+	A	/
University of California-Los Angeles Ext	PB	2016 - 2017	Q2	CHEM	CHEM XL 14B	Thermodynamics, Kinetics, and Organic Chemistry		4.00	2.70	A	A	/
University of California-Los Angeles Ext	PB	2016 - 2017	Q2	MATH	STATS XL 13	Introduction to Statistical Methods for Life and Health		5.00	3.30	A+	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 601	Cell and Molecular Physiology	Current/Future (CC)	4.00				○
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 603	Cell Biology and Micro Anatomy	Current/Future (CC)	3.00				○
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	MATH	BMED 602	Biomedical Statistics	Current/Future (CC)	3.00				○
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 652	Biomedical Career Pathways	Current/Future (CC)	1.00				○

- I was NOT enrolled at Georgetown University by the time I submitted my application in June. I listed only **GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY** and did send a transcript. (It had no grades, but just proved that I was indeed an incoming student.)
 - You CANNOT list a school on your AMCAS / AACOMAS without having a transcript to back it up.
- I listed the classes I was about to take in the fall semester.
 - Also note that I did something wrong here, noted by the symbols on the right column and the verification key here:

Verification

AMCAS uses the following symbols when verifying your coursework:

Symbol	Meaning
/	A course verified without correction.
X	A course verified with corrections.
○	A course listed in the Coursework section but not reflected on an official transcript; format corrections not required.
⊗	A course listed in the Coursework section but not reflected on an official transcript; format corrections have been made.
≠	Coursework not intended to be verified by AMCAS.

- **When in doubt, always reference the AAMC guide:**
https://aamc-orange.global.ssl.fastly.net/production/media/filer_public/b2/23/b223c482-8ba3-44dd-bb1c-8835ac84f3e6/2020amcasapplicantguide-060419.pdf

CATEGORIZING GEORGE-SQUARED COURSES ON AMCAS / AACOMAS:

School Name	Status	Year	Term	Course Class	Course No.	Course Name	Course Type	OT Hours	Sem Hours	OT Grade	AMCAS Grade	AMCAS Use
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 601	Cell and Molecular Physiology		4.00	4.00	A+	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	MATH	BMED 602	Biomedical Statistics		3.00	3.00	A+	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 603	Cell Biology and Micro Anatomy		3.00	3.00	A+	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 652	Biomedical Career Pathways		1.00	1.00	A	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S2	BIOL	BMED 604	Fundamentals of Human Physiology		5.00	5.00	A	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S2	BIOL	BMED 605	Intro to Human Anatomy		3.00	3.00	A	A	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S2	BIOL	BMED 651	Physician and Society	Pass/Fail (PF)	1.00		S	P	/
George Mason University	GR	2017 - 2018	S2	BIOL	BMED 550	Evolutionary Medicine		2.00	2.00	A	A	/
Georgetown University	GR	2017 - 2018	S1	BIOL	BMED 500	Joint Program Georgetown/ GMU						/
Georgetown University	GR	2017 - 2018	S2	BIOL	BMED 500	Joint Program Georgetown/ GMU						/
Georgetown University	GR	2018 - 2019	SS	BIOL	PBIO 569	Intro to Neurophysiology		3.00	3.00	A	A	/
Georgetown University	GR	2018 - 2019	SS	BIOL	PBIO 603	Grad Pathophysiology		3.00	3.00	A	A	/
Georgetown University	GR	2018 - 2019	SS	BIOL	PBIO 907	Physiology Literature Research		2.00	2.00	A	A	/

- In summary, because our GeorgeSquared courses had ‘BMED’ in the title, I could comfortably designate them as biomedical science courses.
 - I used my best discretion to place biomedical science courses in the **BIOLOGY** category, even though ‘Biomedical Science’ was not officially listed in the Biology category on the AAMC or AACOMAS manuals.
 - *Remind students to look for this breakdown of categories for their respective application year. In most cases, they will reference the manual I linked above for their application year.
 - **2015 AAMC Course Classification Guide:** https://aamc-orange.global.ssl.fastly.net/production/media/filer_public/e5/68/e5687e03-f55e-4ce6-a4e4-892eaab328dc/amcas_course_classification_guide.pdf

- The only exception was **biostats**—I wanted it to count as a math class and there’s no argument there—Statistics does NOT qualify as a biology class.

<p style="text-align: center;">Chemistry (CHEM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biochemistry ▪ Chemistry ▪ Physical Chemistry ▪ Thermodynamics <p style="text-align: center;">Physics (PHYS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Astronomy ▪ Physics <p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics (MATH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applied Mathematics ▪ Biostatistics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Statistics 	<p style="text-align: center;">Biology (BIOL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anatomy ▪ Biology ▪ Biophysics ▪ Biotechnology ▪ Botany ▪ Cell Biology ▪ Ecology ▪ Entomology ▪ Genetics ▪ Histology ▪ Immunology ▪ Microbiology ▪ Molecular Biology ▪ Neuroscience ▪ Physiology ▪ Zoology
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