

ADVANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
2025 – 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

In joining the ADVANCE partnership, I understand that I am obligated to meet the following program requirements and academic milestones to matriculate to George Mason University.

- Complete ENG 111, ENG 112, and the required math for the ADVANCE pathway with grades of A, B, or C in each course within the first 30 credits of enrollment at NOVA.
- ADVANCE students are expected, but not required, to earn grades of A, B, or C in all courses. George Mason will only award transfer credit for courses graded A, B, or C.
 - A grade of C or higher is required in a college level math course. See your pathway to select the correct math course(s) for your major
 - Select pathways to B.A.S. degrees may not require a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course prior to matriculation. Students will complete any remaining quantitative reasoning requirements at George Mason.
 - A grade of C or higher is required in ENG 111 and ENG 112
 - Select pathways to B.A.S. degrees may not require ENG 112 prior to matriculation. Students will complete any remaining written communication requirements at George Mason.
 - For B.A.S. students matriculating without ENGH 101 credit, if English is not your first language or you have completed ESL coursework, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 prior to matriculating to George Mason University to meet the English Language Proficiency requirement.
 - Select pathways require grades of B or C or higher in additional courses. See the program specific requirements listed on your pathway.
- Students with D/F grades are expected to discuss repeating courses with their Academic Coach.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA. A 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA is required to matriculate to George Mason. Select pathways may have a higher GPA requirement.
- Upon admission to ADVANCE at NOVA, students are expected to be in the NOVA degree and catalog year that aligns with their selected academic pathway. Students in an incorrect NOVA degree and catalog year will not be permitted to matriculate to George Mason.

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent course, with a C or higher.
- ADVANCE students are required to provide George Mason Office of Admissions two official NOVA transcripts. One transcript is required for matriculation. The other transcript must reflect degree conferral.
- Graduate from NOVA with the designated associate degree on the ADVANCE pathway. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the fall semesters must apply for NOVA graduations by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
- Upon graduating from NOVA in the degree program aligned with my ADVANCE Academic Pathway, I will matriculate to George Mason for the following semester to complete my bachelor's degree or have an ADVANCE matriculation deferral approval on file with George Mason's Office of Admissions.
- Maintain communication with ADVANCE Academic Coach each semester while taking courses at NOVA, using VCCS and George Mason email accounts.
- Read and comply with the NOVA and George Mason Codes of Student Conduct at: [NOVA Student Code of Conduct](#) and [George Mason Student Conduct Webpage](#)
- Adhere to the George Mason Honor Code: To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University Community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set for this Honor Code: Student Members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.
- If students complete an approved co-enrollment course to fulfill an ADVANCE pathway requirement, it will initially appear as non-degree credit on the George Mason transcript. However, once a student matriculates to George Mason, ADVANCE Operations will automatically reclassify this credit to fulfill the George Mason degree requirement and count in the degree-seeking, cumulative grade point average.
- I understand that George Mason University will use my information to contact me about enrollment opportunities, such as invitations to recruitment events, reminders about

financial aid, and other events or information related to enrollment. I understand such information will be provided to me by email, phone, and/or text message. When receiving text messages, message and data rates may apply and text message frequency will vary. George Mason University does not sell personal information to third-party organizations. George Mason does share personal information with vendors and affiliates who provide educational support services to George Mason. I understand that I may receive communications from such vendors and affiliates. I understand that I may subsequently opt out of receiving communications from George Mason and its vendors/affiliates. I understand that [George Mason's Internet Privacy Policy](#) and George Mason's [Privacy Notice: Application for Admission](#) provide further information about George Mason's privacy practices, and that I have read and understand the policy and notice.