ADVANCE AGREEMENT

To maintain my enrollment in the ADVANCE/NOVA- MASON partnership, I acknowledge that I will:

- Enroll in a minimum of six credits approved for my Advance pathway each fall semester and each semester.
- Complete ENG 111, ENG 125 and the required math for my Advance pathway with grades of A, B, or C in each course within my first 30 credits of enrollment at NOVA.
- Earn grades of A, B or C in all courses.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average each semester at NOVA.
- Maintain communication with my ADVANCE Success Coach each semester to insure that I am enrolled in the courses leading to completion of my associate's degree.
- Read and comply with the NOVA and MASON Codes of Student Conduct at: *nvcc.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html* and *studentconduct.gmu.edu*
- Adhere to the 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.*
- Be responsible for responding to emails sent to my NOVA and MASON email accounts
- Graduate from NOVA with the applicable Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree.

Administration of ADVANCE

Advance students with 63 or fewer credits are guided by the academic policies of NOVA. Advance students with 64 or more credits are guided by the academic policies of MASON.

Violations of student behavioral codes may be addressed by one or both institutions. The applicable code will be based on location of the incident(s), severity, as well as in collaboration between the conduct offices at both institutions. Additionally, a student may be charged by both institutions if a possible outcome is suspension or dismissal (expulsion).

Referrals for possible violations of Academic Integrity will be addressed according to the host institution of a particular class. This will be determined by the course listing (i.e. either NOVA or MASON) as well as the affiliation of the faculty member instructing the course.

Enrollment and Financial Aid

With the written approval of the Success Coach, ADVANCE students may co-enroll in a maximum of 9 credits at Mason during the first 63 credits of NOVA enrollment. Each lower-level course must be designated 100-299 and be approved to fulfill an associate's degree pathway requirement.

Advance students recognize that academic, registration and payment policies are different at NOVA and MASON. Additionally, the academic calendars of both institutions vary. Students are expected to comply with the deadlines, policies and procedures at the institution where they are taking courses.

For purposes of awarding financial aid, NOVA will be the home school until the student has completed 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, and Mason will be the host school. Upon completion of 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, Mason will become the home school, and NOVA will be the host school.

FERPA and Student Records

NOVA and MASON will share academic and financial aid information about ADVANCE students under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). FERPA protections go into effect on the first day of classes of the student's first term of enrollment.

I agree to abide by the information provided in the ADVANCE Agreement.

Name:_____

EMPL ID:_____

Date:_____

3/1/2019

ADVANCE
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A.A. Liberal Arts/B.A. Religious Studies

2019-20

A.A. Liberal Arts Pathway (Religious Studies)	2019-2020

ADVANCE Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
3. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTE or ENF courses (excluding summer).
4. In the first 30 credits, students must:
   - a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
   - b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.
5. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
6. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
7. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	**SDV Course**	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills **OR** SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	Elective
2	**ENG 111**	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	**World Language #1** *(or Elective if placed out of World Language)*	5-3	ARA 101 Beginning Arabic I **OR** FRE 101 Beginning French I **OR** SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I **OR** Any approved World Language course sequence **OR** General Education Elective	ARAB 101 FREN 101 SPAN 101	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
4	**CST Course**	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking **OR** CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
5	**Open Elective #1**	3	REL 231 Religions of the World I	RELI 212	DEGREE & CHSS Phil/Reli
6	**Science Course #1**	4	BIO 101 General Biology I **OR** CHM 101 General Chemistry I **OR** ENV 121 General Environmental Science I **OR** GOL 105 Physical Geology **OR** PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103 CHEM 103 EVPP 110 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	NAT SCIENCE
7	**ENG 112**	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
8	**Science Course #2**	4	BIO 102 General Biology II **OR** CHM 102 General Chemistry II **OR** ENV 122 General Environmental Science II **OR** GOL 106 Historical Geology **OR** PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 104 CHEM 104 EVPP 111 GEOL 102 PHYS 104	NAT SCIENCE
9	**MTH 154**	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	QUANT
10	**World Language #2** *(or Elective if placed out of World Language)*	5-3	ARA 102 Beginning Arabic II **OR** FRE 102 Beginning French I **OR** SPA 102 Beginning Spanish I **OR** Any approved World Language course sequence **OR** General Education Elective	ARAB 102 FREN 102 SPAN 102	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
11	**ENG Literature Elective**	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story **OR** ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I **OR** ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II **OR** ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I **OR** ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II **OR** ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGH 202	Literature
12	**HIS Course #1**	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I **OR** HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II **OR** HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
13	**MTH 245**	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Elective

#	Course Category	Credits	Course Options		Mason Equivalent	Core/Degree
14	**World Language #3** *(or Elective if placed out of World Language)*	4-3	ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I **OR** FRE 201 Intermediate French I **OR** SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I **OR** SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I **OR** Any approved World Language course sequence **OR** General Education Elective		ARAB 201 FREN 201 SPAN 201 SPAN 210	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
15	**Humanities/Fine Arts**	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation **OR** ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I **OR** ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II **OR** CST 130 Introduction to Theatre **OR** CST 151 Film Appreciation I **OR** MUS 121 Music Appreciation I		ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
16	**Social/Behavioral Sciences #1**	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics **OR** ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics **OR** GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography **OR** HIS 121 United States History I **OR** HIS 122 United States History II **OR** PSY 200 Principles of Psychology **OR** PSY 230 Developmental Psychology **OR** SOC 200 Principles of Sociology **OR** SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II		ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
17	**Open Elective #2** **(This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)**	3	REL 232 Religions of the World II		RELI 211	DEGREE & CHSS Non-Western
18	**World Language #4** *(or Elective if placed out of World Language)*	4-3	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II **OR** FRE 202 Intermediate French II **OR** SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II **OR** SPA 206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II **OR** Any approved World Language course sequence **OR** General Education Elective		ARAB 202 FREN 202 SPAN 202 SPAN 250	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
19	**Social/Behavioral Sciences #2**	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics **OR** GEO 220 World Regional Geography **OR** PLS 241 International Relations I **OR** PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology **OR** SOC 200 Principles of Sociology **OR** SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II		ECON 103 GGS 101 GOVT 132 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav *(Select discipline different from Soc/Behav above)*
20	**HIS Course #2**	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I **OR** HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilization I **OR** HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I **OR** HIS 253 History of Asian Civilization		HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	Global

A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE TOTAL	60-63

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	**Gen Ed: Information Technology**	3	Approved Information Technology Course*	INFO TECH
22	**Comparative or Methodological Aspects of the Study of Religion**	3	ANTH 313 Myth, Magic, and Mind **OR** PHIL 313 Philosophy of Religion **OR** RELI 337 Mysticism: East and West **OR** RELI 341 Global Perspectives on Spirituality and Healing **OR** RELI 376 Special Topics in Religious Thought **OR** RELI 490 Comparative Study of Religions **OR** SOCI 385 Religion and Society	DEGREE
23	**Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)**	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	**Core Courses in the Major**	3	300 or 400 level Religious Studies course	DEGREE
25	**Core Courses in the Major**	3	300 or 400 level Religious Studies course	DEGREE
26	**Electives in the Major**	3	Course selected in consultation with advisor**	DEGREE
27	**Core Courses in the Major**	3	300 or 400 level Religious Studies course	DEGREE
28	**Core Courses in the Major**	3	300 or 400 level Religious Studies course	DEGREE
29	**Electives in the Major**	3	Course selected in consultation with advisor**	DEGREE

30	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
31	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
32	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
33	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
34	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
35	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
36	**Core Courses in the Major**	3	RELI 420 Seminar	Writing Intensive
37	**Gen Ed: Synthesis**	3	Approved Synthesis course (RELI 490 recommended)*	Synthesis
38	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
39	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
40	**General Electives**	0-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
B.A. RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEGREE TOTAL		**120**		

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

*For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/

**Choose from courses in religious studies, related disciplines (including anthropology, art history, and history), or a scriptural language (such as Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit). Up to 6 credits of a scriptural language may be used to fulfill this requirement and the requirement of 12 credits in religious studies at 300 and 400 level.

General Note: Students in this major complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. No course applied to the major in religious studies may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.

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Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements