

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.A. Liberal Arts: Art History Major/
B.A. Art History Pathway
2026-2027

A.A. Liberal Arts: Art History Major

ADVANCE Program Milestones

ADVANCE Milestone Requirements: All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to George Mason University and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to George Mason.

1. Students must graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students must ensure they are enrolled in the matching degree.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to George Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
7. Students must complete a college level math course with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	GEORGE MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	ART 101	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic	ARTH 200	Major
4	World Language #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
5	MTH 154 or MTH 155 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning OR MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning ¹	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
6	ART 102	3	ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern	ARTH 201	Major
7	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
8	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
9	World Language #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
10	ART Elective	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation	ARTH 101	Arts
11	ART 215	3	ART 215 History of Modern Art	ARTH L362	General Elective
12	ENG Literature Course	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature OR ENG 275 Women in Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
13	World Language #3	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

14	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 111 Oceanography I OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGG 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
16	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History
17	Humanities/Fine Arts (<i>This elective must be taken at George Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.</i>)	3	REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 230 Religions of the World OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West	RELI 100 RELI 100 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Reli
18	World Language #4	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
19	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science OR GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR GOL 111 Oceanography I OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GGG 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science
20	MTH 245 ¹ or Transfer Elective (<i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i>)	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGG 103 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav

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DEGREE TOTAL

61-62

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

B.A. Art History

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT	
21	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

22	Core Courses in the Major/Non-Western	3	ARTH 317 The Black Pharaohs: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Nubia OR ARTH 318 Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt OR ARTH 319 Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East OR ARTH 320 Art of the Islamic World OR ARTH 382 Arts of India OR ARTH 383 Arts of Southeast Asia OR ARTH 384 Arts of China OR ARTH 385 Arts of Japan	Major & Non-Western (CHSS)
23	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	Core Courses in the Major	3	300 level ARTH course (See: Advisor) ³	Major
25	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
26	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
27	Core Courses in the Major	3	300 level ARTH course (See: Advisor) ³	Major
28	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
29	Core Courses in the Major	3	300 level ARTH course (See: Advisor) ³	Major
30	Core Courses in the Major	3	300 level ARTH course (See: Advisor) ³	Major
31	Core Courses in the Major	3	ARTH 400 Historiography and Methods of Research in Art History OR ARTH 420 Advanced Studies in Ancient Art OR ARTH 430 Advanced Studies in Medieval or Islamic Art OR ARTH 440 RS: Advanced Studies in Renaissance or Baroque Art OR ARTH 460 RS: Advanced Studies in 20th-Century European Art OR ARTH 471 Advanced Studies in Art of the United States OR ARTH 472 RS: Advanced Studies in 20th-Century Latin American Art OR ARTH 474 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Art OR ARTH 482 RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art OR ARTH 495 RS: Curating an Exhibit OR ARTH 499 Advanced Studies in Art History	Major & Writing Intensive
32	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
33	Core Courses in the Major	3-4	AVT 103 Introduction to the Artist's Studio OR AVT 104 Two-Dimensional Design and Color OR AVT 222 Drawing I OR AVT 232 Painting I OR AVT 243 Printmaking I OR AVT 252 Darkroom Photography I OR AVT 253 Digital Photography I OR AVT 262 Sculpture I	Major
34	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	Core Courses in the Major	3	ARTH 400 Historiography and Methods of Research in Art History OR ARTH 420 Advanced Studies in Ancient Art OR ARTH 430 Advanced Studies in Medieval or Islamic Art OR ARTH 440 RS: Advanced Studies in Renaissance or Baroque Art OR ARTH 460 RS: Advanced Studies in 20th-Century European Art OR ARTH 471 Advanced Studies in Art of the United States OR ARTH 472 RS: Advanced Studies in 20th-Century Latin American Art OR ARTH 474 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Art OR ARTH 482 RS: Advanced Studies in Asian Art OR ARTH 495 RS: Curating an Exhibit OR ARTH 499 Advanced Studies in Art History	Major
37	Gen Ed: Apex	3	ARTH 494 The Museum	Spring Only Major & Apex
38	CHSS Philosophy/Religion or General Electives	3	Any approved PHIL/RELI course ⁴ (<i>if not completed at NOVA</i>) OR General Electives (See: Advisor)	CHSS Phil/Reli or General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
B.A. ART HISTORY DEGREE		120		
TOTAL				

Important Academic Information:

¹ Students who plan to take MTH 245 should take MTH 154 or MTH 161 first. Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 and MTH 245.

² 200-level ENG literature classes include: ENG 225, ENG 230, ENG 236, ENG 237, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 256, ENG 257, ENG 258, ENG 271, ENG 275, and ENG 279.

³ In addition to ARTH courses, art history majors may use one 300-level HIST course to fulfill this requirement.

⁴ For approved College Requirements, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/history-art/art-history-ba/#requirements-text>.

General Education Waiver Policy and Guidance:

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories, which can be found here: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> . 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, with a C or higher.

- When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement **and** a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.

- ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the ADVANCE Program Milestones listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 33 to 34 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Up to 6 credits in art history internships (ARTH 393) may be applied toward ARTH requirements for the major, with permission of the art history undergraduate director. A maximum of 6 credits of ARTH 398 Study Abroad in the History of Art may be applied to the major with permission of department.

- For academic policies and procedures, please see the George Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/> .

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