

ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts: Communication Studies
Specialization / B.A. Communication
Pathway
2021-2022

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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 Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in 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:
 - 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.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	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	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	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
4	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
5	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	CST Course #1	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	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
9	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy I OR PHI 111 Logic I OR PHI 220 Ethics OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 231 Religions of the World I OR REL 232 Religions of the World II	PHIL 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI 100 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Reli

10	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR	ECON 104	Soc/Behav	
			ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR	ECON 103		
			GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR	GGG 103		
			HIS 121 United States History I OR	HIST 121		
			HIS 122 United States History II OR	HIST 122		
			PLS 135 American National Politics OR	GOVT 103		
			PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR	PSYC 100		
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR	PSYC 211		
			SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR	SOCI 101		
			SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ANTH 114		
	11	CST Course #2	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication	COMM L305	Global
	12	ENG Literature	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story OR	ENGH 202	Literature
				ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I OR		
ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II OR						
13	World Language #3	3-4	ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I OR			
			ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II OR			
			ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I			
14	HIS Course #1	3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective	
			Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)			
15	Science Course #1	4	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR	HIST 101	Western Civ	
			HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II OR	HIST 102		
			HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 125		
16	CST Course #3	3	BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science	
			CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR	CHEM 103		
			ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR	EVPP 108/109		
17	World Language #4	3-4	GOL 105 Physical Geology OR	GEOL 101		
			PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	PHYS 103		
			CST 201 Introduction to Communication Theory and Research			
18	CST Course #3	3	(<i>strongly preferred</i>) OR	COMM 200	Major	
			Interpersonal & Org. Communication Concentration:	COMM 201		
			CST 115 Small Group Communication OR	COMM 202		
19	World Language #4	3-4	Media Production & Criticism Concentration:			
			CST 114 Survey of Mass Media			
			Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR	GMU Equivalent		CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
20	HIS Course #2 (<i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach</i>)	3	Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)			
21	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR	HIST 101	General Elective	
			HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II OR	HIST 102		
			HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 125		
22	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science	
			BIO 102 General Biology II OR	BIOL 102		
			CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR	CHEM 103		
23	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR	EVPP 108/109		
			ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR	EVPP 112/113		
			GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR	GGG 102		
24	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	GOL 105 Physical Geology OR	GEOL 101		
			GOL 106 Historical Geology OR	GEOL 102/104		
			PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I OR	PHYS 103		
25	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	PHYS 104		
26	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (<i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i>)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR	GGG 101	CHSS Soc/Behav & Non-Western	
			SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ANTH 114		
27	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	N/A	AA Degree Requirement	
A. A. LIBERAL ARTS (CST)						
DEGREE TOTAL		60-62				
For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - https://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html						

B.A. Communication

Concentrations: Interpersonal and Organizational Communication; Journalism; Media Production and Criticism; Political Communication; Public Relations

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Inquiry Course - 200 level	Major
23	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
25	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course ²	Info Tech
26	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	Major
27	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
28	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
29	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
30	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
31	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
32	Core Course	3	COMM 300 Foundations of Public Communication	Writing Intensive
33	Core Course	3	COMM 400 Research Methods in Communication	Major
34	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
35	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
36	Communication Electives	3	COMM Electives (Excludes COMM 100 and 101) ¹	Major
37	Communication Electives	3	COMM Electives (Excludes COMM 100 and 101) ¹	Major
38	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework ¹	Major
39	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	Approved Synthesis Course Recommended: COMM 326 Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy OR COMM 362 Argument and Public Policy OR COMM 454 Free Speech and Ethics ³	Synthesis
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Elective or Minor Course	1-3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major

B.A. COMMUNICATION DEGREE TOTAL

120

Important Academic Information:

¹For approved COMM Concentration Coursework, COMM Electives, and COMM Inquiry, and Philosophy/Religion courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/communication-ba/#requirements-text>

²For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

³Can double count towards concentration or COMM elective requirement.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 39 credits within the major, with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. Of the 39 credits applied to the major, no more than 10 credits may be from courses listed in the Degree Requirements. In addition to 12 credits of core courses, students take 21 credits of courses in a concentration and 6 credits of additional communication courses. Of these last 27 credits, at least 12 credits must be at the 300-400 level, no more than 6 credits may be in COMM 450 Internship in Communication, and no more than 3 credits may be in COMM 452 Media Production Practicum. COMM 479 Digital Media and Web Design Capstone cannot be used toward the major.
- No more than 3 credits of 100-level RECR courses may apply towards the degree.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatd D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see 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.