

ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts: English Specialization /
B.A. English Pathway
2023-2024

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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-#7, 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 spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at 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 Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent 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	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 ¹	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	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	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
8	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR PHI 111 Logic OR PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 233 Introduction to Islam OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West	PHIL 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI 100 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Reli
9	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 General Environmental Science I OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology 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 PHYS 103	Nat Science
10	CST Elective	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm

11	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics 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 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
12	ENG 200-Level Course	3	ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics OR ENG 210 Advanced Composition OR ENG 211 Creative Writing I OR ENG 212 Creative Writing II OR ENG 215 Creative Writing: Fiction I OR ENG 261 Advanced Creative Writing I OR ENG 262 Advanced Creative Writing II OR Any 200-level Literature course ²	LING L306 ENGH XXX ENGH L396 ENGH XXX ENGH XXX ENGH XXX	General Elective
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	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 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	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	GGs 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103	CHSS Soc/Behav
16	ENG 200-Level Course	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 250 Children's Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature OR ENG 275 Women's Literature OR Other 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	General Elective
17	ENG 200-Level Literature Course	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 250 Children's Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature OR ENG 275 Women in Literature OR Other 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
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	General Education Elective (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West	GGs 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 RELI 100 RELI 212 RELI 211	Global Understanding
20	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I ³ OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
21	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	GENL XXX	General Elective
A. A. LIBERAL ARTS (ENGLISH)			60-62		
DEGREE TOTAL					

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

B.A. English

Concentrations (select one or two): Creative Writing; Cultural Studies; Folklore and Mythology; Linguistics; Literature; Screen Cultures; Writing and Rhetoric

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology Course ⁴	Info Tech
23	Threshold Course	3	ENGH 301 The Fields of English	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Field Introduction Courses	3	ENGH 305 Dimensions of Writing and Literature	Major & Writing Intensive
26	Theory Course	3	ENGH 308 Theory and Inquiry	Major
27	Literature before 1800	3	Approved Literature before 1800 course ⁵	Major
28	Literature before 1915	3	Approved Literature before 1915 course ⁵	Major
29	Field Introduction Courses	3	Approved Field Introduction course ^{5,6}	Major
30	Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Cultural Traditions	3	Approved Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Cultural Traditions Course ⁵	Major
31	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ^{5,6}	Major
32	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
33	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
34	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	College Level Requirement: Non-Western	3	Approved Non-Western course ⁵	CHSS Non-Western
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	Gen Ed: Capstone	3	ENGH 401 RS: Honors Thesis Writing Seminar OR ENGH 417 RS: Topics in Folklore Research OR ENGH 458 RS: Topics in Literary Research OR ENGH 470 RS: Topics in Film/Media History OR LING 480 First Language Acquisition OR ENGH 484 RS: Writing Ethnography OR ENGH 486 RS: Writing Nonfiction for Publication	Capstone/ Synthesis
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.A. ENGLISH DEGREE TOTAL 120

Important Academic Information:

¹Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

²200-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.

³Students who wish to take upper-level Film and Media Studies classes at Mason should take CST 151.

⁴For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

⁵For approved Non-Western, Philosophy/Religion, Field Introduction, Concentration, Literature before 1800, Literature before 1915, and Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Culture Traditions courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/english/english-ba/#requirementstext>

⁶If selected at NOVA, one 200-level ENG Literature course equivalent to ENGH 202 may fulfill one major requirement (a major elective) in addition to the Mason Core literature requirement. Alternatively, one of ENG 211, CST 151, and ENG 200 may be counted as a field introduction course in the major.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 33 credits in English/Linguistics/Folklore beyond ENGH 300 (not including ENGH 302) with a minimum GPA of 2.00. At least 9 credits (including the capstone requirement) must be at the 400 level.
- Students interested in pursuing licensure to teach at the secondary level may add the Undergraduate Certificate: Secondary Education - English to this degree. For more information visit: <https://education.gmu.edu/secondary-education-6-12/academics/>. Some certificate courses can be used to fulfill general elective requirements, but additional credits may be needed to complete the certificate. Students interested in teacher licensure should meet with a Mason pre-teacher advisor. Contact information: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/advising/advising-appointment/>
- 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 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.
- 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.