

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts: English Major/
B.A. English Pathway
2025-2026

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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 graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway 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 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	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 XXX	General Elective
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 or MTH 155 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning OR MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning ²	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
5	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
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
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 ² 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 100T PHIL 173T PHIL 151T RELI 100 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Reli

9	Science Course #2	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 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 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 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 2XX-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 ³	LING L306 ENGH XXX ENGH L396 ENGH XXX 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 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (<i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach</i>)	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 2XX-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 ³	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	General Elective
17	ENG 2XX-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 ³	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	EDU 200 or Transfer Elective	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	GGG 101 HIST L387T HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 252 RELI 212 RELI 211 ANTH 114	CHSS Non-Western
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 ⁴ OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts

A. A. LIBERAL ARTS (ENGLISH)

DEGREE TOTAL

60-62

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
21	General Electives	3	General Electives (See Advisor)	General Elective
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Field Introduction Courses	3	ENGH 305 Dimensions of Writing and Literature	Major & Writing Intensive
24	Theory Course	3	ENGH 308 Theory and Inquiry	Major
25	Literature before 1800	3	Approved Literature before 1800 course ⁵	Major
26	Literature before 1915	3	Approved Literature before 1915 course ⁵	Major
27	Field Introduction Courses	3	Approved Field Introduction course ^{5,6}	Major
28	Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Cultural Traditions	3	Approved Minority, Folkloric, or Popular Literary and Cultural Traditions Course ⁶	Major
29	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ^{5,6}	Major
30	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
31	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
32	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	Major
33	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved concentration course ⁵	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	College Level Requirement: Non-Western or General Electives	3	Select approved Non-Western course ⁵ OR General Elective (Upper-level See: Advisor) <i>(if CHSS Non-Western is completed at NOVA)</i>	CHSS Non-Western or General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

38	Gen Ed: Apex	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	Apex
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	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.

²Students 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.

³200-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.

⁴Students who wish to take upper-level Film and Media Studies classes at Mason should take CST 151.

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/#requirements-text>

⁶If taken 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. If the literature course is taken at Mason, this course 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 taken at NOVA may be counted as a field introduction course in the major.

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 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 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/current-students/advising/>
- 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.