

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Foreign Languages
Pathway
2025-2026

A.A. Liberal Arts

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).

Enhance your World Language experience through study abroad

NOVA offers opportunities to study abroad in a variety of subjects, for more information please see the NOVA Study Abroad website:

<https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/study-abroad/index.html>

Mason offers a variety of study abroad programs that can fulfill elementary, intermediate, or upper level Foreign Language degree requirements. Please visit the following webpages for more information.

Mason Global Education Office (GEO): <http://www.gmu.edu/depts/cge/>

MCL Undergraduate Advisor Xi Chen: xchen8@gmu.edu for help in selecting an appropriate study abroad experience.

	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	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	World Language #1	3-4	ARA 101 Beginning Arabic I OR CHI 101 Beginning Chinese I OR FRE 101 Beginning French I OR SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 101</i>) ²	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 ³	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	World Language #2	3-4	ARA 102 Beginning Arabic II OR CHI 102 Beginning Chinese II OR FRE 102 Beginning French II OR SPA 102 Beginning Spanish II OR SPA 115 Intensive Beginning Spanish OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 102</i>) ²	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 230 Religions of the World OR REL 233 Introduction to Islam OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West	PHIL 100T PHIL 151T PHIL 173T RELI 100 RELI 100 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Rel
	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
	ENG Literature Elective	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 ⁴	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
	World Language #3	3-4	ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I OR CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese I OR FRE 201 Intermediate French I OR SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I OR SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 201</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
	HIS Course #1	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
	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 GGS 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science
	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 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
15	World Language #4	3-4	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II OR CHI 202 Intermediate Chinese II OR FRE 202 Intermediate French II OR SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II OR SPA 206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II OR SPAN 215 Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers (co-enrollment course) OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 202</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

16	Open Elective #1	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
17	Open Elective #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach)	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication OR ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HUM 210 Intro to Women and Gender Studies OR HUM 259 The Greek and Roman Tradition OR PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	COMM L305 ECON 104 GGS 103 WMST 200 CLAS 260 PHIL 100 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	General Elective
18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 252	CHSS Non-Western
19	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 OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (Must take different discipline than Social/Behavioral Science #1)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	GGS 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 GLOA 101	CHSS Soc/Behav
21	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	GENL XXX	General Elective

A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE

TOTAL 60-62

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

B.A. Foreign Languages

Concentrations: Arabic; Chinese; French; Spanish

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
23	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
24	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
25	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
26	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
27	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
28	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
29	Concentration Course	3	Select the writing intensive course in your language concentration: ARAB 331 Reading and Conversation II OR CHIN 480 Fourth-Year Chinese I OR FREN 309 Reading and Writing Skills Development OR SPAN 370 Spanish Writing and Stylistics	Writing Intensive
30	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
31	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6}	Major
32	Concentration Course or General Electives	3	Concentration Course ^{5,6} OR General Elective (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	Major or Elective
33	General Electives	3	General Elective	General Elective
34	Gen Ed: Written Communication	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁶	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁶	General Elective

37	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁶	General Elective
38	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives	General Elective

B.A. FOREIGN LANGUAGES

120

DEGREE TOTAL

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

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 may use credit by exam to fulfill language requirements; minimum exam scores needed for requirements may be different at NOVA and Mason. Student must carefully check that the requirements fulfill BOTH NOVA (<https://www.nvcc.edu/prior-learning/>) and Mason requirements (<https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>). If students plan to use credit by exam for languages at NOVA/Mason, students must complete the exams no later than the semester prior to matriculation. Consult with your ADVANCE Coach or advisor.

³Students 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.

⁴200-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.

⁵For a list of concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/foreign-languages-ba/#requirementstext>.

⁶One of the foreign language concentration courses or upper level general electives must satisfy the Mason Core Apex requirement. Consult your Mason advisor for options that apply to your language concentration. For approved Mason Core courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>.

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 30-33 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- 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.