

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Foreign Languages
Pathway
2026-2027

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 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).

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>

George 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.
George 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	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 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>) ¹	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 ²	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
6 ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	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>) ¹	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

8	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR	PHIL 100T	CHSS Phil/Rel
			PHI 111 Logic OR	PHIL 151T	
			PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR	PHIL 173T	
			REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR	RELI 100	
			REL 230 Religions of the World OR	RELI 100	
9	Science Course #1	4	REL 233 Introduction to Islam OR	RELI L312	Nat Science
			REL 237 Religions of the East OR	RELI 212	
			REL 238 Religions of the West	RELI 211	
			BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	
			CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR	CHEM 103	
10	ENG Literature Elective	3	ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR	EVPP 108/109	Literature
			GOL 105 Physical Geology OR	GEOL 101/103	
			GOL 111 Oceanography I OR	GEOL 120/121	
			PHY 100 Elements of Physics	PHYS 103	
			ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR	ENGL 202 or	
11	World Language #3	3-4	ENG 245 British Literature OR	FRLN L330 (ENG	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
			ENG 246 American Literature OR	255 only)	
			ENG 255 World Literature OR		
			ENG 258 African American Literature OR		
			ENG 275 Women in Literature OR		
12	HIS Course #1	3	Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ³	GMU Equivalent	Global History
			ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I OR		
			CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese I OR		
			FRE 201 Intermediate French I OR		
			SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I OR		
13	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I OR		Nat Science
			Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 201</i>) ¹		
			HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR	HIST 101T	
			HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR	HIST 102T	
			HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 125	
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	Soc/Behav
			BIO 102 General Biology II OR	BIOL 102	
			CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR	CHEM 103	
			ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR	EVPP 108/109	
			ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science OR	EVPP 112/113	
15	World Language #4	3-4	GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR	GGG 102	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
			GOL 105 Physical Geology OR	GEOL 101/103	
			GOL 106 Historical Geology OR	GEOL 102/104	
			GOL 111 Oceanography I OR	GEOL 120/121	
			PHY 100 Elements of Physics	PHYS 103	
14	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 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR	GGG 103	
			HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR	HIST 121	
			HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR	HIST 122	
15	World Language #4	3-4	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR	GOVT 103	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
			PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR	PSYC 100	
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR	PSYC 211	
			SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR	SOCI 101	
			SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114	
15	World Language #4	3-4	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II OR		CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
			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		
15	World Language #4	3-4	SPAN 215 Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers (co-enrollment course) OR	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
			Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language 202</i>) ¹		

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 George Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	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 272 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	GGS 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379	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

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
23	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
24	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
25	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
26	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
27	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
28	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
29	3	Select the writing intensive course in your language concentration: ARAB 331 Narrative and Composition 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	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
31	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5}	Major
32	3	Concentration Course ^{4,5} OR General Elective (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	Major or Elective
33	3	General Elective	General Elective
34	3	Gen Ed: Written Communication ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
35	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁵	General Elective

36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁵	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) ⁵	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 may use credit by exam to fulfill language requirements; minimum exam scores needed for requirements may be different at NOVA and George Mason. Student must carefully check that the requirements fulfill BOTH NOVA (<https://www.nvcc.edu/prior-learning/>) and George 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/George Mason, students must complete the exams no later than the semester prior to matriculation. Consult with your ADVANCE Coach or advisor.

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.

⁴For a list of concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/foreign-languages-ba/#requirementstext>.

⁵One of the foreign language concentration courses or upper level general electives must satisfy the Mason Core Apex requirement. Consult your George 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 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 30-33 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- 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.