

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Global Affairs
Pathway
Online Option Available
2022-2023

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 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	ENGH 101	Written Comm
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	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
5	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	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 101 Introduction to Philosophy OR PHI 111 Logic I OR PHI 220 Ethics 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 #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 110 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
10	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's Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ¹	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
11	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

12	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	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ							
	13	Science #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 GGS 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science						
				14	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 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 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav			
							15	World Language #4	3-4	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
										16	Open Elective #1	3
							17	Open Elective #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach)	3			
										18	HIS Course #2	3
							19	Humanities/Fine Arts	3			
	20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3							PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GOVT 133 GOVT 132	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. Global Affairs												
Concentrations: Environment; Global Economy and Management; Global Governance; Global Inequalities and Responses; Human Security; International Development; Media, Communication, and Culture; Africa; Asia; Europe; Latin America; Middle East and North Africa; North America; Russia and Central Asia; Individualized												
MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT								
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology or General Electives	3	Approved Information Technology Course ² OR General Elective (<i>if Info Tech completed at NOVA</i>)	Info Tech or General Elective								
23	Language Study Beyond Intermediate Proficiency	3	Approved foreign language course ³	Major								

24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Courses in the Major	3	GOVT 322 International Relations Theory	Major
26	Core Courses in the Major	3	CULT 320 Globalization and Culture	Major
27	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁴	Major
28	Core Courses in the Major	3	ECON 385 International Economic Policy	Major
29	Core Courses in the Major	3	CONF 340 Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Major
30	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁴	Major
31	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁴	Major
32	Core Courses in the Major	3	EVPP 337 Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries	Major
33	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
34	Language Study Beyond Intermediate Proficiency	3	Approved foreign language course ³	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	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁴	Major
38	Capstone	3	GLOA 400 Global Affairs Capstone	Synthesis
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.A. GLOBAL AFFAIRS DEGREE

120

TOTAL

Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.

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

Important Academic Information:

¹200-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.

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

³Approved foreign language courses are specifically designed to teach a language other than English and are instructed in that language. To fulfill this requirement, students can continue the study of one language beyond the intermediate proficiency level (required for all BA degrees in the college) or choose to study other languages. After a student has demonstrated intermediate proficiency in one language, an additional six credits of courses taught in a foreign language, at any level, are required.

⁴For approved GLOA Concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/global-affairs-ba/#requirements-text>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 36-39 credits within the major, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Students completing the Smithsonian-Mason semester program will have a total of 40-43 credits. Students must have a minimum grade of 2.00 in each of the core courses and GLOA 400, and a minimum grade of 1.67 in each of the courses used to fulfill the concentration and the language requirement for global affairs majors. Students who major in global affairs may not also earn the minor in global systems.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 final, cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatable 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 Mason 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 provide the Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date and a cumulative NOVA GPA at or above 2.85.
- 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.