

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts /
B.A. Government and International
Politics Pathway
2024-2025

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 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 101	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR 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 ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	World Language 102	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
8	PLS 135 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 245 or General Education Elective)	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics	GOVT 103	Major & Soc/Behav
9	Lab Science Course	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 Foundation 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
10	ENG Literature	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 ³	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
11	World Language 201	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
12	HIS Elective #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 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History

13	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 GGG 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science				
			14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1		3	PLS 200 Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory	GOVT 101	Major
			15	World Language 202		3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ²	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
			16	HIS Elective #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	Non-Western
			17	HUM 298		1	HUM 298 Humanities Seminar	GMU Equivalent	General Elective
			18	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
			19	Open Elective #1		3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	Major
			20	Open Elective #2 (<i>Only three credits of open electives are needed if selected World Languages total more than 15 credits</i>)		3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR PHI 111 Logic OR PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR RELI 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 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI 100 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	SCHAR PHIL/RELI
			21	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2		3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GOVT 132	Major & SCHAR Soc/Behav
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TOTAL		60-62							
For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html									
B.A. Government and International Politics									
Concentrations: American Institutions and Processes; Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; International Relations; Law, Philosophy and Governance; Political Analysis; Political Behavior and Identity Politics; Public Policy and Administration; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Individualized <i>Students interested in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor⁴</i>									
MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT					
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology/Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Info Tech					
23	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective					
24	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major					
25	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper- level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm					

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27	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
32	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{4,5}	Major
33	General Electives	3	General Elective	General Elective
34	General Electives	3	Any PHIL or RELI course ⁵ OR General Elective (<i>if PHIL/RELI is completed at NOVA</i>)	SCHAR PHIL/RELI or General Elective
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	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	Gen Ed: Apex/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar OR GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Apex & Writing Intensive
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	0-2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.A. GOVT & INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 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 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.

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 may complete up to two government concentrations. A concentration consists of four unique courses from the chosen field. If a student has one concentration, then they must complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. If a student selects two concentrations, then they must complete four unique courses for each concentration. Students who do not pursue any government concentration may choose 24 credits (8 courses) from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Advanced government field courses include courses numbered GOVT 301 - GOVT 499.

⁵For approved GOVT Concentration courses and college-level requirement courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/government-international-politics-ba/#requirementstext> .

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 43 credits in GOVT and earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major.
- 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.