

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts /  
B.A. History - No Concentration Pathway  
**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).

The classic "Bachelor of Arts in History - No Concentration" is preferred by many History majors for its flexibility. However, it is possible to pursue a concentration within the major: Digital History, Public History, Global History, U.S. History, or an Individualized Concentration. The A.A. Liberal Arts Pathway for History will put you in the position to pursue any one of these concentrations. Please consult your ADVANCE Coach or Mason Advisor for guidance on the concentration that fits your interests and goals.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> 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	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HUM 220 Introduction to African-American Studies <b>OR</b> HUM 259 The Greek and Roman Tradition <b>OR</b> MTH 245 Statistics I <b>OR</b> PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy I <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	ECON 104 GGS 103 AFAM 200 CLAS 250 STAT 250 PHIL 100 PSYC 100 RELI 100 SOCI 101	General Elective
9	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science

10	ENG Literature Elective	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women's Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
11	World Language #3	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
13	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> 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	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	Soc/Behav
15	World Language #4	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> 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	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations <b>OR</b> HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History <b>OR</b> HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 252	Global
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	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations <b>OR</b> HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History <b>OR</b> HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 252	CHSS Non-Western
19	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy <b>OR</b> PHI 111 Logic I <b>OR</b> PHI 220 Ethics <b>OR</b> REL 233 Introduction to Islam <b>OR</b> REL 237 Religions of the East <b>OR</b> REL 238 Religions of the West	PHIL 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Rel
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 103 GGS 101 GOVT 103 GOVT 132 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	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. History - No Concentration

In some cases, students may double-count Mason degree requirements, freeing up more space for a minor, a second major, or more general electives.  
 Students must consult their History advisor regularly for efficient degree planning and course selection.

MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology Course (HIST 390 Recommended) <sup>2</sup>	Info Tech
23	Major Requirement	3	HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method	Writing Intensive
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	U.S. History Course	3	Approved U.S. History Course (Upper-level) <sup>3</sup>	Major
26	European History Course	3	Approved European History Course (Upper-level) <sup>3</sup>	Major
27	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
28	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
29	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
30	Electives in the Major	3	Select upper-level electives in History	Major
31	Electives in the Major	3	Select upper-level electives in History	Major
32	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
33	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
34	Electives in the Major	3	Select upper-level electives in History	Major
35	Electives in the Major	3	Select upper-level electives in History	Major
36	European History Course	3	Approved European History Course (Upper-level) <sup>3</sup>	Major
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History	Synthesis
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
B.A. HISTORY DEGREE TOTAL		120		
<b>Important Academic Information:</b>				
<sup>1</sup> 200-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.				
<sup>2</sup> For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a>				
<sup>3</sup> For approved U.S. History; European History; Global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern History course, please visit: <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/history-art/history-ba/#requirements-text">https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/history-art/history-ba/#requirements-text</a>				
<b>Additional General Notes &amp; Resources:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students pursuing this degree must complete 36 credits within the major with at least 18 credits at the 300 and 400 levels. Additional credits of history in excess of 36 may be presented as elective credits to be counted toward graduation. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the major. HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) and HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) may not be used to satisfy the geographic distribution requirements in U.S. history, European history, and global, Latin American, African, Asian, or Middle Eastern history. No more than 3 credits of ARTH coursework may apply to the History BA.</li><li>• Students interested in pursuing licensure to teach at the secondary level may add the Undergraduate Certificate: Secondary Education - History to this degree. For more information visit: <a href="https://education.gmu.edu/secondary-education-6-12/academics/">https://education.gmu.edu/secondary-education-6-12/academics/</a>. 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: <a href="https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/advising/advising-appointment/">https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/advising/advising-appointment/</a>. Students interested in exploring a teaching career may take EDU 200 as an Open Elective at NOVA. Students taking EDU 200 should meet with their Mason advisor to ensure they are fulfilling their Mason Core Global Understanding requirement through major coursework or a general elective.</li><li>• ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 final, cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatd 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.</li><li>• For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/</a></li><li>• Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.</li></ul>				