

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Social Sciences: History Major/
B.A. History Pathway
2026-2027

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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.
4. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
5. Students must begin developmental coursework no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
6. 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).
7. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
8. 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).

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 World Language #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 ¹ OR Any Transfer Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
4 CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
5 HIS 101 or HIS 111	3	Global History Concentration: HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE ² All Other Concentrations: HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE ² OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE ²	HIST L387T HIST 101T HIST L387T	Major & Global History
6 MTH 154 or MTH 161 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning ³	MATH 106	Quantitative
7 World Language #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 ¹ OR Any Transfer Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
8 ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
9 HIS 102 or HIS 112	3	Global History Concentration: HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ² All other concentrations: HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE ² OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ²	HIST 125 HIST 102T HIST 125	Major
10 ITE 152 or General Education Elective (<i>This elective must be taken at George Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.</i>)	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations African and African American Studies (AFAM) Minor⁴ HIS 203 History of African Civilizations	HIST 261 HIST 272 HIST 252 HIST 261	Major & CHSS Non-Western
11 MTH 155 or MTH 245 or higher	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning OR MTH 245 Statistics ³	STAT 105T STAT 250	General Elective
12 World Language #3	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 ¹ OR Any Transfer Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

13	HIS Elective #1	3	Public History Concentration: HIS 181 Introduction to Historic Preservation OR HIS 183 Survey of Museum Practice	HIST L397 HIST L397	Major or General Elective				
			Global History Concentration: HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HIS 241 History of Russia OR HIS 243 History of the Ancient World OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civ OR HIS 267 The Second World War	HIST 261 HIST 272 HIST L328 HIST L387 HIST 252 HIST L387					
			U.S. History Concentration: HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR HIS 127 Women in American History OR HIS 141 African-American History I OR HIS 142 African-American History II OR HIS 269 Civil War & Reconstruction OR HIS 276 US History since WWII OR HIS 279 Age of American Revolution OR HIS 281 History of Virginia I	HIST 121 HIST 122 HIST L350 HIST L335 HIST L336 HIST L373 HIST L389 HIST L403 HIST L391					
			Digital History Concentration HIS 218 Introduction to Digital History OR Any history course listed above	HIST L395					
			No Concentration: HIS 180 Historical Archaeology OR HIS 181 Introduction to Historic Preservation OR Any history course listed above	ANTH 120 HIST L397					
			Law & History Concentration: Any history course listed above						
			African and African American Studies (AFAM) Minor⁴: HIS 141 African-American History I OR HIS 142 African-American History II	HIST L335 HIST L336					
			14	PSY 200 or SOC 200		3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	CHSS Soc/Behav
			15	Humanities/Arts #1		3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Ideas and Culture OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 275 Women in Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature (<i>recommended for African & African American Studies minor</i>) ⁴ OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ⁵	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
			16	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
			17	World Language #4		3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 ¹ OR Any Transfer Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

18	HIS Elective #2	3	Public History Concentration: HIS 181 Introduction to Historic Preservation OR HIS 183 Survey of Museum Practice	HIST L397 HIST L397	Major or General Elective						
			Global History Concentration: HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HIS 241 History of Russia OR HIS 243 History of the Ancient World OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civ OR HIS 267 The Second World War	HIST 261 HIST 272 HIST L328 HIST L387 HIST 252 HIST L387							
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			Law & History Concentration: Any history course listed above								
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			19	Humanities/Arts #2		3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR	PHIL 100T	CHSS Phil/Reli		
							PHI 111 Logic OR	PHIL 173T			
							PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR	PHIL 151T			
							REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR	RELI 100			
							REL 237 Religions of the East OR	RELI 212			
			BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105		20	Science Course #2	4	ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR GOL 111 Oceanography I OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES (HISTORY)DEGREE TOTAL 60-62

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

B.A. History

Concentration Options: No Concentration, Digital History, Public History, Global History, U.S. History, Law & History, or Individualized Concentration.

In some cases, students may double-count George 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.

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21 Major Requirement	3	HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method	Writing Intensive

22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	U.S. History Course	3	Approved Upper Level U.S. History Course ⁶	Major
24	European or Global History Course	3	Approved Upper Level European or Global History Course ⁶ (See: Advisor)	Major
25	General Electives	3	General Electives OR African and African American Studies (AFAM) Minor: AFAM 200 Introduction to African Studies	General Elective or Minor
26	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor) OR African and African American Studies (AFAM) Minor: Approved Upper Level AFAM minor course ⁷ (See: Advisor)	General Elective
27	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor) OR African and African American Studies (AFAM) Minor: Approved Upper Level AFAM minor course ⁷ (See: Advisor)	General Elective
28	Concentration Requirement or Electives in the Major	3	Upper Level Concentration Course ⁶	Major
29	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
30	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
31	Concentration Requirement or Electives in the Major	3	Upper Level Concentration Course ⁶	Major
32	Concentration Requirement or Electives in the Major	3	Upper Level Concentration Course ⁶	Major
33	Concentration Requirement or Electives in the Major	3	Upper Level Concentration Course ⁶	Major
34	Concentration Requirement or U.S. History Course	3	Global History Concentration: Upper Level Concentration Course ⁶ All Other Concentrations: Approved Upper Level U.S. History Course ⁶	Major
35	General Elective or CHSS Requirement	3	General Elective (See: Advisor) OR CHSS Non-Western & Global History (<i>if not taken at NOVA</i>)	General Elective or Major
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	European History Course or General Electives	3	Approved Upper Level European History Course ⁶ (See: Advisor) OR General Electives (Upper-level) (See: Advisor)	Major or General Elective
38	Gen Ed: Apex	3	HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History	Apex
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
B.A. HISTORY DEGREE TOTAL		120		

Important Academic Information:

¹Students interested in a foreign language that is not available NOVA may opt to delay language study and complete the History, BA Foreign Language requirement at George Mason. Students should meet with their George Mason advisor to plan their courses carefully. An additional three credits of upper level general electives may be required to meet the total 45 upper level credit requirement.

²Students must take HIS 101/102 or HIS 111/112 as a sequence.

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.

⁴This pathway assumes that students pursuing course recommendations for the African and African American Studies minor will pursue their History, BA with No Concentration. However, it may be possible to combine the minor with other History concentrations without adding credit to the degree total. See your George Mason History advisor to plan your course selections to meet your goals.

⁵200-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.

⁶For approved History concentration requirements, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/history-art/history-ba/#requirementstext>.

⁷For approved AFAM minor courses see: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/african-american-studies/african-american-studies-minor/#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 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 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.
- 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.