

ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts /
B.A. Philosophy Pathway
2023-2024

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 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 ¹	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 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR PHI 220 Ethics and Society	PHIL 100 PHIL 151	CHSS Phil/Rel & Major
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 108/109 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 in Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	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 (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 101 HIST 102 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 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 GGG 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics 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 SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 GGG 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
15	World Language #4	3	Any 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	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 ENGL L372 MUSI 101	Arts
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	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
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 271 HIST 281 HIST 252	Global Understanding
19	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	PHI 111 Logic	PHIL 173	Major
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above)	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 103 GGG 101 GOVT 103 GOVT 132 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav
21	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	GENL XXX	General Elective

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TOTAL

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

B.A. Philosophy

Concentrations: Philosophy and Law; Philosophy; Politics; Economics

NOTE: Students interested in the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics concentration have more complex requirements. Please contact your ADVANCE Coach or a Mason Advisor to create a degree plan.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology or General Electives	3	Approved Information Technology Course ³ OR General Elective (<i>if Info Tech completed at NOVA</i>)	Info Tech or General Elective
23	History of Philosophy	3	PHIL 301 History of Western Philosophy: Ancient	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm

25	History of Philosophy	3	PHIL 303 History of Western Philosophy: Modern	Major
26	Analytic Tradition	3	Approved Analytic Tradition course ⁴	Major
27	Electives in the Major	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course ⁵	Major
28	Continental Tradition	3	Approved Continental Tradition course ⁴	Major
29	Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy	3	Approved Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy course ³	Major
30	Electives in the Major	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course ⁵	Major
31	Electives in the Major	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course (Upper-level) ⁵	Major
32	Electives in the Major	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course (Upper-level) ⁵	Major
33	Electives in the Major	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course (Upper-level) ⁵	Major
34	Electives in the Major/General Elective	3	Any Philosophy (PHIL) course or General Elective ⁵	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	College Level Requirement for the BA Degree: Non-Western	3	Approved Non-Western course (Upper-level) ⁴	CHSS Non-Western
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	PHIL 421 Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

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TOTAL 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.

² 200-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.

³ For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

⁴ For approved Analytic Tradition, Continental Tradition, Ethics and Social and Political Philosophy, and Non-Western course options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/philosophy/philosophy-ba/#requirementstext>

⁵ Philosophy electives may include those from other major requirements that are not used to meet another degree requirement. If both the analytic or continental philosophy and the ethics and political philosophy requirements are met with the same course, the student will complete six elective courses.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. At least 21 credits must be at the 300 level or above, including at least 3 credits in PHIL 421 Seminar (Mason Core)/PHIL 422 Honors Seminar (Mason Core). If a course counts for the requirement in analytic or continental philosophy, and also for the ethics and political philosophy requirement, then both requirements are fulfilled with that course.

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. 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.

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- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.