

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	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
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	HIST 101	Global History	
				HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR	HIST 102		
				HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 125		
	13	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science	
				BIO 102 General Biology II OR	BIOL 102		
				CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR	CHEM 103		
	14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR	EVPP 108/109	Soc/Behav	
				ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR	EVPP 112/113		
				GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR	GGG 102		
15	World Language #4	3-4	GOL 105 Physical Geology OR	GEOL 101/103			
			GOL 106 Historical Geology OR	GEOL 102/104			
			PHY 100 Elements of Physics	PHYS 103			
	16	Open Elective #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR	ECON 104		
				ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR	ECON 103		
				GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR	GGG 103		
	17	Open Elective #2 (<i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach</i>)	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR	HIST 121		
				HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR	HIST 122		
				PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR	GOVT 103		
	18	HIS Course #2	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR	PSYC 100		
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR				PSYC 211			
SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR				SOCI 101			
19	World Language #4	3-4	SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114			
			Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR	GMU Equivalent		CHSS For. Lang or General Elective	
			Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)				
	20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (<i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i>)	3	REL 237 Religions of the East	RELI 212	Major & CHSS Phil/Reli	
				ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104		Info Tech
				HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR	HIST 261		Global Understanding
	21	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR	HIST 271		
				HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR	HIST 281		
				HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 252		
	22	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	REL 238 Religions of the West	RELI 211	Major & CHSS Non- Western	
ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR				ECON 103	CHSS Soc/Behav		
GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR				GGG 101			
23	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (<i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i>)	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR	GOVT 103			
			PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR	GOVT 132			
			PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR	PSYC 100			
24	Soc/Behav	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR	SOCI 101			
			SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114			
A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE							
TOTAL		60-62					
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B.A. Religious Studies							
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	Core Courses in the Major	3	RELI 300 Theories and Methods in Religious Studies	Major
	Gen Ed: Written			
24	Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Courses in the Major	3	300- or 400-level Religious Studies course	Major
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27	Electives in the Major	3	Electives in the Major ⁴	Major
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30	Electives in the Major	3	Electives in the Major ⁴	Major
31	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
32	Electives in the Major	3	Electives in the Major ⁴ (Upper Level See: Advisor)	Major
33	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
34	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	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	Core Courses in the Major	3	RELI 420 Capstone Seminar in the Studies of Religion	Writing Intensive
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	Approved Synthesis course (RELI 490 recommended) ³	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. RELIGIOUS STUDIES

120

DEGREE TOTAL

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.

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

⁴Choose from additional 300- or 400-level courses in religious studies, related disciplines (including anthropology, art history, and history), or a scriptural language (such as Arabic, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese, Classical Greek, Latin, or Sanskrit). For a list of approved options see: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/religious-studies/religious-studies-ba/#requirements-text>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students in this major complete at least 33 credits within the major, earning a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. No course applied to the major in religious studies may be used to fulfill more than one requirement.
- 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.
- 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.