

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Education / B.S.Ed. Secondary
Education-English Concentration Pathway
2026-2027

A.S. Education

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.
7. 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).

ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements:

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure.
2. Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal code of Virginia.
3. Students should reach out to the Secondary Education Program at seed@gmu.edu when they apply for NOVA graduation.

	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 Teaching	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
4	MTH 154 or MTH 161 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Physical or Life Science Elective w/ Lab	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 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics OR PHY 150 Elements of Astronomy	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 ASTR 103/114	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	General Elective
8	MTH 155 or MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning OR MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 105T STAT 250	General Elective
9	Physical or Life Science Elective w/ Lab	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 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics OR PHY 150 Elements of Astronomy	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 ASTR 103/114	Nat Science

10	EDU 207 or PSY 230	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	EDUC L302 PSYC 211	General Elective
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm/Major
12	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	General Elective
13	ENG Literature	3	ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature	ENGH 202 ENGH 202 FRLN L330	Major & Literature
14	Education Elective #1	3	EDU 280 Introduction to Instructional Technologies	ELED 257	Info Tech
15	Social Science Elective	3	ECO 150 Economic Essentials: Theory and Application OR ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR GEO 210 People and the Land: Intro to Cultural Geography OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics	ECON 100 ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 102 GGS 103 GGS 101 GOVT 103	General Elective
16	EDU 250	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	EDSE 201	General Elective
17	Education Elective #2	3	ENG 211 Creative Writing	ENGH L369	Major
18	Education Elective #3	3	ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics	LING L306	Major
19	Education Elective #4	3	EDU 206 Classroom and Behavioral Management OR EDU 270 Intro to Autism OR ENG 255 World Literature	EDSE 251 EDSE 230 FRLN L330	General Elective
20	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 200 ARTH 201 MUSI 101	Arts

A.S. EDUCATION DEGREE

TOTAL 60

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

B.S.Ed. Secondary Education - English Concentration

Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your George Mason Advisor.

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21 Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
22 Core Requirements	3	EDRD 419 Literacy Across the Disciplines	Fall Only Major
23 Core Requirements	3	SEED 407 Assessing Learning and Teaching in the Secondary Classroom	Spring Only Major
24 Core Requirements	3	SEED 408 Creating Advocacy with Adolescent Learners	Fall Only Major
25 Core Requirements	3	SEED 409 Perspectives on Extraordinary Teaching	Fall Only Major
26 Core Requirements	3	SEED 422 Foundations of Secondary Education	Fall Only Major
27 Core Requirements	3	SEED 440 Human Development, Learning, and Teaching	Spring Only Major
28 Core Requirements	3	SEED 477 Studying Teacher Impact on Student Learning	Fall Only Major
29 Core Requirements	3	SEED 478 Implementing Teacher Impact on Student Learning	Spring Only Major
30 Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 469 Teaching English in Secondary School	Spring Only Major
31 Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 479 Advanced Methods of Teaching English in Secondary School	Fall Only Major
32 Gen Ed: Apex/Major Requirement	9	SEED 492 Internship: Secondary Education English	Spring Only Major/Apex

33	Concentration Requirements	3	ENGH 308 Theory and Inquiry	Major
34	Concentration Requirements	3	LING 322 English Grammar and Pedagogy	Major
35	Concentration Requirements	3	English Concentration Literature Elective ¹	Major
36	Concentration Requirements	3	English Concentration Literature Elective ¹	Major
37	Concentration Requirements	3	Select one of the following: ENGH 360 Continental Fiction, 1770-1880 OR ENGH 361 Continental Fiction, 1880-1950 OR ENGH 362 Global Voices OR ENGH 363 Postcolonial Literature OR ENGH 366 The Idea of a World Literature OR ENGH 367 World Literatures in English	Major
38	Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 370 Young Adult Literature in Multicultural Settings	Major

**B.S.ED. SECONDARY
EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120**

Important Academic Information:

¹For approved Literature Concentration elective options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/secondary-education--bsed/#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 must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests, trainings, or certificates needed for the licensure area. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see 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.