

ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts Communication Studies
Specialization/B.A. Communication

2019-20

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ADVANCE Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
3. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTE or ENF courses (excluding summer).
4. In the first 30 credits, students must:
 - a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
 - b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.
5. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
6. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
7. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.

NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	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 Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101 Written Comm
3	World Language #1 <i>(or Elective if placed out of World Language)</i>	5-3	ARA 101 Beginning Arabic I OR FRE 101 Beginning French I OR SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 101 FREN 101 SPAN 101 CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
4	CST Course #1	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101 Oral Comm
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 General Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103 CHEM 103 EVPP 110 GEOL 101 PHYS 103 NAT SCIENCE
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX Elective
7	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106 Quant
8	World Language #2 <i>(or Elective if placed out of World Language)</i>	5-3	ARA 102 Beginning Arabic II OR FRE 102 Beginning French I OR SPA 102 Beginning Spanish I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 102 FREN 102 SPAN 102 CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 102 General Chemistry II OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 104 CHEM 104 EVPP 111 GEOL 102 PHYS 104 NAT SCIENCE
10	CST Course #2	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication	COMM L305 Global
11	World Language #3 <i>(or Elective if placed out of World Language)</i>	4-3	ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I OR FRE 201 Intermediate French I OR SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I OR SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 201 FREN 201 SPAN 201 SPAN 210 CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
12	HIS Course #1	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II OR HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125 Western Civ
13	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250 Elective

14	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I OR ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 121 United States History I OR HIS 122 United States History II OR PLS 135 American National Politics OR PLS 211 United States Government I OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOVI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
16	World Language #4 (or Elective if placed out of World Language)	4-3	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II OR FRE 202 Intermediate French II OR SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II OR SPA 206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 202 FREN 202 SPAN 202 SPAN 250	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
17	ENG Literature or Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story OR ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I OR ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II OR ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I OR ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II OR ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGH 202	Literature
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II	GGS 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav + Non Western (Select discipline different from Soc/Behav above)
19	HIS Course #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I OR HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilization I OR HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR HIS 253 History of Asian Civilization	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	Elective
20	CST 126	3	CST 201 Introduction to Communication Theory and Research	COMM 200	DEGREE
A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE TOTAL		60-62			

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Students must select a concentration:

Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, Journalism, Media Production and Criticism, Political Communication, Public Relations

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Inquiry Course - 200 level	DEGREE
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
24	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course**	Info Tech
25	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	DEGREE
26	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
27	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
28	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
29	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	DEGREE
30	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	DEGREE

31	Core Course	3	COMM 300 Foundations of Public Communication	Writing Intensive
32	Core Course	3	COMM 400 Research Methods in Communication	DEGREE
33	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
34	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	DEGREE
35	Communication Electives	3	COMM Electives (Excludes COMM 100 and 101)*	DEGREE
36	Communication Electives	3	COMM Electives (Excludes COMM 100 and 101)*	DEGREE
37	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	DEGREE
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	Approved Synthesis Course Recommended: COMM 326 Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy OR COMM 362 Argument and Public Policy OR COMM 454 Free Speech and Ethics***	Synthesis
39	College Requirement: Philosophy or Religion Course	3	Approved Philosophy/Religion course*	DEGREE
40	General Elective or Minor Course	1-3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor - requirements may double count)	DEGREE
B.A. COMMUNICATION DEGREE TOTAL		120		

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>

*For approved COMM Concentration Coursework, COMM Electives, and COMM Inquiry, and Philosophy/Religion courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/communication/communication-ba/#requirements>

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

***Can double count towards concentration or COMM elective requirement.

General Note: Students pursuing this degree must complete 39 credits within the major, with a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course. Of the 39 credits applied to the major, no more than 10 credits may be from courses listed in the Degree Requirements. In addition to 12 credits of core courses, students take 21 credits of courses in a concentration and 6 credits of additional communication courses. Of these last 27 credits, at least 12 credits must be at the 300-400 level, no more than 6 credits may be in COMM 450 Internship in Communication, and no more than 3 credits may be in COMM 452 Media Production Practicum. COMM 479 Digital Media and Web Design Capstone cannot be used toward the major.

No more than 3 credits of 100-level RECR courses may apply towards the degree.

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