

# ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts: Communication Studies  
Specialization/ B.A. Communication Pathway  
**2020-2021**

## A.A. Liberal Arts: Communication Studies Specialization

### 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 MTT 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	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> 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	5-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
4	CST Course #1	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> 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	Quantitative
8	World Language #2	5-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 102 Introductory Chemistry II <b>OR</b> ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 106/107 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	4-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
12	HIS Course #1	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History I <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History II <b>OR</b> PLS 135 American National Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 211 United States Government I <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCL 101 ANTH 120	Soc/Behav
16	World Language #4	4-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
17	ENG Literature	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story <b>OR</b> ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGH 202	Literature
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 ( <i>Must select discipline different from Soc/Behav above</i> )	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	GGS 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav + Non-Western
19	CST Course #3	3	CST 201 Introduction to Communication Theory and Research	COMM 200	Major
20	HIS Course #2 ( <i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach</i> )	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Elective

A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE  
TOTAL 60-63

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## B.A. Communication

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

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Inquiry Course - 200 level	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	Major
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)	Major
26	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	Major
27	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	Major
28	Concentration Requirement	3	COMM Concentration Coursework*	Major
29	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
30	General Elective or Minor Course	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major

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

<b>B.A. COMMUNICATION</b>		<b>120</b>		
<b>DEGREE TOTAL</b>				

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

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\*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/#requirementstext>

\*\*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.