

## A.A. Liberal Arts Pathway (Government and International Politics)

### 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	SCHAR For. Lang <b>OR</b> Elective
4	CST Course	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	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
8	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
9	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	SCHAR For. Lang <b>OR</b> Elective
10	ENG Literature Elective	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
11	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
12	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Elective
13	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	SCHAR For. Lang <b>OR</b> 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	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	Major & Global
16	Open Elective #1	3	PLS 135 American National Politics	GOVT 103	Major & Soc. Behav
17	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	SCHAR For. Lang OR Elective
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 132	Major
19	Open Elective #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT L304	Elective
20	HIS Course #2	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	SCHAR Soc/Behav

**A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE**  
**TOTAL** 60-63

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## B.A. Government and International Politics

**Concentrations:** American Institutions and Processes; Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; International Relations; Law, Philosophy and Governance; Political Analysis; Political Behavior and Identity Politics; Public Policy and Administration; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Individualized.

**Students interest in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor.\***

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Information Technology/Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Info Tech
22	Core Courses	3	GOVT 101 Democratic Theory and Practice	Major
23	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
27	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major

30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course**	Major
32	College Requirement: Non- Western	3	Approved Non-Western course ***	SCHAR Non-Western
33	College Requirement: Philosophy/Religion	3	Any PHIL or RELI course	SCHAR Phil/Reli
34	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	Major
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar <b>OR</b> GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	Major
40	General Electives	0-2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	Major

**B.A. GOVT & INTERNATIONAL  
POLITICS DEGREE TOTAL 120**

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

\*Students may complete a government concentration (four courses) in one field, then complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. Students who do not pursue a government concentration may choose 24 credits from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Advanced government field courses include courses numbered GOVT 301 - GOVT 499.

\*\*For approved GOVT Concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/government-international-politics-ba/#requirements>

General Note: Students pursuing this degree must complete 43 credits in GOVT and earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major.

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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 requirements.