# 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-#6, 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 graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in 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:
   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.

## NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT

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<td>ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts OR ITE 119 Information Literacy</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 231 Religions of the World I OR RELI 232 Religions of the World II</td>
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**A.A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE**

**TOTAL 60-62**

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

**B.A. Environmental & Sustainability Studies**

Concentrations: Business and Sustainability; Climate Change and Society; Environmental Policy and Economics; Equity and Environmental Justice; Sustainable Food and Agriculture; Conservation and Sustainability.

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**B.A. ENVR & SUST. STUDIES DEGREE TOTAL** 120

**Important Academic Information:**
1. For approved Mason Core courses, please visit: https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/
2. For approved concentration or college requirement course, please visit: https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/environmental-policy/environmental-sustainability-studies-ba-cos/#requirementstext

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**
- Students pursuing this degree must complete a minimum of 60 credits within the major, with a minimum grade of C in each course.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeated D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- 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.