

# ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Foreign Languages  
Pathway  
2021-2022

## 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.

### Enhance your World Language experience through study abroad

Both NOVA and Mason offer a variety of study abroad programs that can fulfill elementary, intermediate, or upper level Foreign Language degree requirements. Please visit the following webpages for more information.

NOVA Study Abroad: <https://www.nvcc.edu/international/abroad.html>

Mason Global Education Office (GEO): <http://www.gmu.edu/depts/cge/>

MCL Undergraduate Advisor Xi Chen: [xchen8@gmu.edu](mailto:xchen8@gmu.edu) for help in selecting an appropriate study abroad experience.

	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	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	World Language #1	3-4	ARA 101 Beginning Arabic I <b>OR</b> CHI 101 Beginning Chinese I <b>OR</b> FRE 101 Beginning French I <b>OR</b> SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language 101</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
5	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	World Language #2	3-4	ARA 102 Beginning Arabic II <b>OR</b> CHI 102 Beginning Chinese II <b>OR</b> FRE 102 Beginning French II <b>OR</b> SPA 102 Beginning Spanish II <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language 102</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
8	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy I <b>OR</b> PHI 220 Ethics <b>OR</b> PHI 111 Logic I <b>OR</b> REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion <b>OR</b> REL 231 Religions of the World I <b>OR</b> REL 232 Religions of the World II <b>OR</b> REL 233 Introduction to Islam	PHIL 100 PHIL 151 PHIL 173 RELI 100 RELI 212 RELI 211 RELI 272	CHSS Phil/Rel

9	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 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
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	World Language #3	3-4	ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I <b>OR</b> CHI 201 Intermediate Chinese I <b>OR</b> FRE 201 Intermediate French I <b>OR</b> SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I <b>OR</b> SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language 201</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General 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	Science Course #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I <b>OR</b> PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GGS 102 GEOL 101 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 PHYS 104	Nat Science
14	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> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOC 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
15	World Language #4	3-4	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II <b>OR</b> CHI 202 Intermediate Chinese II <b>OR</b> FRE 202 Intermediate French II <b>OR</b> SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II <b>OR</b> SPA 206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II <b>OR</b> <b>SPAN 212 Intermediate Spanish II: Local and Global Contexts (co-enrollment course) OR</b> <b>SPAN 215 Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers (co-enrollment course) OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language 202</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
16	Open Elective #1	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts <b>OR</b> ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
17	Open Elective #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication <b>OR</b> ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> PHI 101 Introductio to Philosophy I <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	COMM L305 ECON 104 GGS 103 PHIL 100 PSYC 100 SOC 101 ANTH 114	General Elective

18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilizations I <b>OR</b> HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 253 History of Asian Civilization I	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	CHSS Non-Western
19	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 ENGL L372 MUSI 101	Arts
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2 (Must take different discipline than Social/Behavioral Science #1)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 111 History of World Civilization I <b>OR</b> PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 241 International Relations I <b>OR</b> PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b> SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	GGG 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 GLOA 101	Global & CHSS Soc/Behav
21	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Seminar and Project - Liberal Arts	N/A	AA Degree Requirement

**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. Foreign Languages

**Concentrations:** Arabic, Chinese, French, and Spanish

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
23	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
24	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
25	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
26	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
27	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
28	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
29	Concentration Course	3	<b>Select the writing intensive course in your language concentration:</b> ARAB 331 Reading and Conversation II <b>OR</b> CHIN 480 Fourth-Year Chinese I <b>OR</b> FREN 309 Reading and Writing Skills Development <b>OR</b> SPAN 370 Spanish Writing and Stylistics	Writing Intensive
30	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
31	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup>	Major
32	Concentration Course	3	Concentration Course <sup>1,2</sup> or General Elective (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	Major or Elective
33	General Electives	3	General Elective	General Elective
34	Gen Ed: Written Communication	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor) <sup>2</sup>	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor) <sup>2</sup>	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor) <sup>2</sup>	General Elective
38	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives	General Elective

**B.A. FOREIGN LANGUAGES**  
**DEGREE TOTAL** 120

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

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>For a list of concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/modern-classical-languages/foreign-languages-ba/#requirements>

<sup>2</sup>One of the foreign language concentration courses or upper level general electives must satisfy the Mason Core Synthesis or Capstone experience requirement. Consult your Mason advisor for options that apply to your language concentration. For approved Mason Core courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 30-33 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatable 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.