

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Business Administration/
B.S. Business - Financial Planning and Wealth
Management Concentration Pathway
Online Option Available
2023-2024

A.S. Business Administration

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-#7, 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 spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework 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 complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
7. Students must complete a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to Business	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
5	ITE 140	3	ITE 140 Spreadsheets for Business	IT XXX	General Elective
6	MTH 161 or Higher	3	MTH 161 Pre-Calculus I	MATH 103T	General Elective
7	BUS 100	3	BUS 100 Introduction to Business	BUS 100	Soc/Behav
8	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
9	MTH 261	3	MTH 261 Applied Calculus I	MATH 108	Quantitative
10	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
11	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
12	ACC 211	3	ACC 211 Principles of Accounting I	See #17	General Elective
13	BUS 280	3	BUS 280 Introduction to International Business	BUS 200	Global
14	ECO 201	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 104	Major

15	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature OR ENG 275 Women in Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
16	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
17	ACC 212	3	ACC 212 Principles of Accounting II	ACCT 203-2XX ³	Major
18	ECO 202	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 103	Major
19	BUS 224	3	BUS 224 Statistical Analysis for Business	BUS 210	Major
20	BUS 270	3	BUS 270 Interpersonal Dynamics	BUS 103	Major

A. S. BUSINESS DEGREE TOTAL 60

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

B.S. Business - Financial Planning and Wealth Management Concentration

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course		MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Business Core	3	FNAN 303 Financial Management ⁴		Major
22	Business Foundations	3	BUS 310 Business Analytics II		Major
23	Business Core	3	BULE 303 Legal Environment of Business		Major
24	Business Core	3	ACCT 303 Accounting for Decision Making ⁴		Major
25	Business Core	3	MGMT 303 Principles of Management		Major
26	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Major
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28	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Business Section)		Written Comm
29	Gen Ed: Information Technology/Business Core	3	MIS 303 Introduction to Business Information Systems		Info Tech & Major
30	Business Core	3	MKTG 303 Principles of Marketing		Major
31	Business Core	3	BUS 303 Develop Professional Skills II: Advanced Elements		Major
32	Business Core	3	OSCM 303 Operations Management		Major
33	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Major
34	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Major
35	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Major
36	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Writing Intensive & Concentration
37	General Electives	3	General Elective		General Elective
38	Financial Planning Concentration	3	Financial Planning Concentration Course ⁵		Major
39	Capstone	3	BUS 498 Business Capstone: Advanced Business Models		Synthesis & Major

40	General Electives	3	General Elective	General Elective
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B.S. BUSINESS DEGREE TOTAL 120

Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.

Important Academic Information:

¹Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

²200-level ENG literature classes include: ENG 225, ENG 230, ENG 236, ENG 237, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 256, ENG 257, ENG 258, ENG 271, ENG 275, and ENG 279.

³Students must take ACC 211 and ACC 212 in order to receive credit for ACCT 203.

⁴Financial Planning and Wealth Management Concentration students are required to have a B- or higher in FNAN 303 and ACCT 303.

⁵For approved Financial Planning and Wealth Management Concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/business/business-bs/#requirements-text>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits of School of Business core and concentration courses at Mason, of which at least 9 credits required for the specific major and BUS 498. All business foundations, business core, and concentration requirements must have a grade of C or higher. Students are not permitted to take more than three attempts to achieve a C or higher in any of the Business Foundation, Business Core, and business concentration requirements. Those who do not successfully complete the Business foundations, core, or concentration requirements within three attempts will be terminated from the School of Business and not eligible to receive a degree from the School of Business.
- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.