

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Global Affairs
Pathway
Online Option Available
2023-2024

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-#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 XXX	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	World Language #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</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 ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	World Language #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
8	MTH 245 or Transfer Elective	3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy OR PHI 111 Logic I OR PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 233 Introduction to Islam OR REL 237 Religions of the East OR REL 238 Religions of the West	PHIL 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI 100 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	CHSS Phil/Reli
9	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 110 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
10	ENG Literature Elective	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

11	World Language #3	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective <i>(if placed out of World Language)</i>	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective	
	12	HIS Course #1	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR	HIST 101	Global History
				HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR	HIST 102	
				HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE <i>(recommended)</i>	HIST 125	
	13	Science #2 or General Education Elective	3-4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
				BIO 102 General Biology II OR	BIOL 102	
				CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR	CHEM 103	
				ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR	EVPP 108/109	
				ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR	EVPP 112/113	
				GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR	GGG 102	
GOL 105 Physical Geology OR				GEOL 101/103		
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	GOL 106 Historical Geology OR	GEOL 102/104	Soc/Behav	
			PHY 100 Elements of Physics	PHYS 103		
			ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR	ECON 104		
			ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR	ECON 103		
			GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR	GGG 103		
			HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR	HIST 121		
			HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR	HIST 122		
15	World Language #4	3-4	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR	PSYC 100	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective	
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR	PSYC 211		
			SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR	SOCI 101		
			SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114		
			World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR	GMU Equivalent		
			Any General Education Elective <i>(if placed out of World Language)</i>			
			SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs OR GLOA 101 Introduction to Global Affairs (co-enrollment course)	GLOA 101		Global Understanding
16	Open Elective #1	3				
17	Open Elective #2 <i>(This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your ADVANCE Coach)</i>	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech	
18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR	HIST 261	CHSS Non-Western	
			HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR	HIST 271		
19	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR	HIST 281	Arts	
			HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 252		
			ART 100 Art Appreciation OR	ARTH 101		
			ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR	ARTH 200		
			ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR	ARTH 201		
			CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR	THR 101		
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR	ENGH L372	CHSS Soc/Behav	
			MUS 121 Music in Society	MUSI 101		
21	HUM 298	1	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR	GOVT 133	CHSS Soc/Behav	
			PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GOVT 132		
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. Global Affairs						
Concentrations: Environment; Global Economy and Management; Global Governance; Global Inequalities and Responses; Human Security; International Development; Media, Communication, and Culture; Africa; Asia; Europe; Latin America; Middle East and North Africa; North America; Russia and Central Asia; Individualized						

MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT			Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology or General Electives	3	Approved Information Technology Course ³ OR General Elective <i>(if Info Tech completed at NOVA)</i>		Info Tech or General Elective
23	Language Study Beyond Intermediate Proficiency	3	Approved foreign language course ⁴		Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
25	Core Courses in the Major	3	GOVT 322 International Relations Theory		Major
26	Core Courses in the Major	3	CULT 320 Globalization and Culture		Major
27	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁵		Major
28	Core Courses in the Major	3	ECON 385 International Economic Policy		Major
29	Core Courses in the Major	3	CONF 340 Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution		Major
30	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁵		Major
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32	Core Courses in the Major	3	EVPP 337 Environmental Policy Making in Developing Countries		Major
33	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)		Major
34	Language Study Beyond Intermediate Proficiency	3	Approved foreign language course ⁴		Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)		General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)		General Elective
37	Concentrations in the Major	3	Approved GLOA Concentration course ⁵		Major
38	Capstone	3	GLOA 400 Global Affairs Capstone		Synthesis
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)		General Elective
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
41	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
B.A. GLOBAL AFFAIRS DEGREE TOTAL		120			
Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.					
Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your ADVANCE Coach to enroll.					
Important Academic Information:					
¹ Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.					
² 200-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.					
³ For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/					
⁴ Approved foreign language courses are specifically designed to teach a language other than English and are instructed in that language. To fulfill this requirement, students can continue the study of one language beyond the intermediate proficiency level (required for all BA degrees in the college) or choose to study other languages. After a student has demonstrated intermediate proficiency in one language, an additional six credits of courses taught in a foreign language, at any level, are required.					
⁵ For approved GLOA Concentration courses, please visit - https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/global-affairs/global-affairs-ba/#requirementstext					
Additional General Notes & Resources:					
• Students pursuing this degree must complete 36-39 credits within the major, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00. Students completing the Smithsonian-Mason semester program will have a total of 40-43 credits. Students must have a minimum grade of 2.00 in each of the core courses and GLOA 400, and a minimum grade of 1.67 in each of the courses used to fulfill the concentration and the language requirement for global affairs majors. Students who major in global affairs may not also earn the minor in global systems.					
• 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.					
• 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.					