

# ADVANCE

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A.A. Liberal Arts /  
B.A. Government and International  
Politics Pathway  
**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 <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	World Language 101	4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR 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 <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	World Language 102	4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
8	PLS 135 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 245 or General Education Elective)	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics	GOVT 103	Major & Soc/Behav
9	Lab Science Course	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
10	ENG Literature	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women's Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>3</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
11	World Language 201	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
12	HIS Elective #1	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History

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 <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 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GGS 102 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PLS 200 Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory	GOVT 101	Major
15	World Language 202	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
16	HIS Elective #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilizations <b>OR</b> HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History <b>OR</b> HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 252	Non-Western
17	HUM 298	1	HUM 298 Humanities Seminar	GMU Equivalent	General Elective
18	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
19	Open Elective #1	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	Major & Global Understanding
20	Open Elective #2 ( <i>Only three credits of open electives are needed if selected World Languages total more than 15 credits</i> )	3	PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy <b>OR</b> PHI 111 Logic <b>OR</b> PHI 220 Ethics and Society <b>OR</b> REL 233 Introduction to Islam <b>OR</b> REL 237 Religions of the East <b>OR</b> REL 238 Religions of the West	PHIL 100 PHIL 173 PHIL 151 RELI L312 RELI 212 RELI 211	SCHAR PHIL/RELI
21	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GOVT 132	SCHAR Soc/Behav

**A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE** 60-62

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

**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 interested in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor*<sup>4</sup>

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
22	Gen Ed: Information Technology/Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Info Tech
23	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
24	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
25	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
27	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major

28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
32	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>4,5</sup>	Major
33	General Electives	3	General Elective	General Elective
34	General Electives	3	Any PHIL or RELI course <sup>5</sup> <b>OR</b> General Elective (if PHIL/RELI is completed at NOVA)	SCHAR PHIL/RELI
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	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar <b>OR</b> GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	General Electives	0-2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

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

**Important Academic Information:**

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

<sup>2</sup>Students may use credit by exam to fulfill language requirements; minimum exam scores needed for requirements may be different at NOVA and Mason. Student must carefully check that the requirements fulfill BOTH NOVA (<https://www.nvcc.edu/prior-learning/>) and Mason requirements (<https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>). If students plan to use credit by exam for languages at NOVA/Mason, students must complete the exams no later than the semester prior to matriculation. Consult with your ADVANCE Coach or advisor.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For approved GOVT Concentration courses and college-level requirement courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/government-international-politics-ba/#requirementstext>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- 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.
- 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.