

## **ADVANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 2026 – 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**In joining the ADVANCE partnership, I understand that I am obligated to meet the following program requirements and academic milestones to matriculate to George Mason University.**

- Complete ENG 111, ENG 112, and the required math for the ADVANCE pathway with grades of A, B, or C in each course within the first 30 credits of enrollment at NOVA.
  - Select pathways to B.A.S. degrees may not require ENG 112 and/or a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course prior to matriculation. Students will complete remaining written communication and/or quantitative reasoning requirements at George Mason.
  - For B.A.S. students matriculating without ENGH 101 credit, if English is not your first language or you have completed ESL coursework, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 prior to matriculating to George Mason University to meet the English Language Proficiency requirement.
- ADVANCE students are expected, but not required, to earn grades of A, B, or C in all courses. George Mason will only award transfer credit for courses with a final grade of A, B, or C.
  - Select pathways require specific grades (e.g., B or C or higher) in additional courses. See the program specific requirements listed on your pathway.
  - Students with D/F grades are expected to discuss repeating courses with their ADVANCE Academic Coach.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA. A 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA is required to matriculate to George Mason. Select pathways may have a higher GPA requirement.
- Upon admission to ADVANCE at NOVA, students are expected to be in the NOVA degree that aligns with their selected academic pathway. Students in an incorrect NOVA degree will not be permitted to matriculate to George Mason. Students are highly encouraged to be in the NOVA catalog year that aligns with their selected academic pathway.
- 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 George 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 course, with a C or higher.
- ADVANCE students are required to provide George Mason's Office of Admissions two official NOVA transcripts. One official transcript is required for matriculation. The other transcript must be sent after the NOVA degree is awarded to reflect degree conferral.

- Graduate from NOVA with the designated associate degree on the ADVANCE pathway. Students who wish to enroll at George Mason must apply for NOVA graduation by the following deadlines:
  - Spring Graduation: March 1
  - Summer Graduation: June 1
  - Fall Graduation: October 1
- Upon graduating from NOVA in the degree program aligned with my ADVANCE Academic Pathway, I will matriculate to George Mason and complete courses for the following semester or have an ADVANCE matriculation deferral approval on file with George Mason's Office of Admissions.
- Maintain communication with ADVANCE Academic Coach each semester while taking courses at NOVA, using VCCS and George Mason email accounts.
- If students complete an approved co-enrollment course to fulfill an ADVANCE pathway requirement, it will initially appear as non-degree credit on the George Mason transcript. However, after a student matriculates to George Mason, ADVANCE will reclassify this credit to fulfill the George Mason degree requirement and count in the degree-seeking, cumulative grade point average.
- Students are expected to read and comply with policies at Northern Virginia Community College and George Mason University, including but not limited to the following:
  - [NOVA policies](#)
  - [George Mason policies](#)
  - [NOVA's Student Code of Conduct](#)
  - [George Mason's Student Conduct Webpage](#)
  - [George Mason's Academic Standards Code](#)
- I understand that George Mason University will use my information to contact me about enrollment opportunities, such as invitations to recruitment events, reminders about financial aid, and other events or information related to enrollment. I understand such information will be provided to me by email, phone, and/or text message. When receiving text messages, message and data rates may apply and text message frequency will vary. George Mason University does not sell personal information to third-party organizations. George Mason does share personal information with vendors and affiliates who provide educational support services to George Mason. I understand that I may receive communications from such vendors and affiliates. I understand that I may subsequently opt out of receiving communications from George Mason and its vendors/affiliates. I understand that [George Mason's Internet Privacy Policy](#) and George Mason's [Privacy Notice: Application for Admission](#) provide further information about George Mason's privacy practices, and that I have read and understand the policy and notice.