



NOVA

Northern Virginia
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ADVANCE

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Introduction

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Context

Mason

- Total Enrollment: 37,677
Undergraduate: 25,508
- Over 3,000 new transfer undergraduates per year
- 45% of undergrad pop. is transfer
- 90% of VCCCS transfers are from NOVA

NOVA

- NOVA Total Undergraduate Enrollment: 71,837
- Over 60% of NOVA transfers go to Mason

In VA, articulation agreements are independent

Data from 19-20 reporting

http://relations.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/18-384_StateGovtKeyFacts_2.pdf

<https://www.nvcc.edu/oieess/docs/oir/Fact-Book-2015-2020.pdf>

<https://research.schev.edu/TR01.asp>

Definitions

- Pathway document
 - Four* year, dual degree-completion plan
 - Included in “agreement” students sign when entering program
 - Updated every year; agreement year functions like catalog year
- Co-enrollment
 - Courses taken at Mason while degree-seeking at NOVA
 - About half of the pathways have either optional or required co-enrollment

What's on a pathway?

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A.S. Business Administration/
B.S. Business - Accounting Concentration
Pathway
2020-2021

Degree Titles

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Comprehensive
Degree and
Equivalency
Info

A.S. Business Administration				
ADVANCE Program Milestones				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTT or ENF courses (excluding summer). In the first 30 credits, students must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree. 				
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	Elective
2 CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
3 ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR	ENGH 101 HIST 101	Written Comm

Milestone
requirements

Overview: Pathway Numbers

- Total Pathway documents by catalog year
 - 18-19: 21
 - 19-20: 102
 - 20-21: 95
 - 21-22: 80
 - Reduction generally from consolidating pathway documents built by major concentration into one document

Early Steps in Pathway Development Process

Create

Create cross-institutional understanding of academic areas

Review

Review program curriculum (learning outcomes and expectations)

Refine

Refine pathway requirements and progression milestones

Communicate

Communicate agreements to stakeholders (advising, student services, dean's level representatives, etc.)

Build

Build connections

Assess

Assess student success

Maintenance Steps: Lifecycle Process

ADVANCE Pathway Review Process Timeline	Deadline
Faculty Summit	Mid-October
Faculty Summit revisions applied Pathways sent to NOVA faculty/Pathway Council	Mid-November
NOVA Pathway Councils return with feedback/approval	End of January
Pathways sent to Mason faculty with revisions/questions	Mid-February
Mason Faculty return with feedback /approval	Mid-March
Mason Catalog Published (NOVA's is earlier)	April 1
Feedback reconciled and final formatting applied Final review and revision by Academic Affairs staff	Mid-April
Pathways published to web and loaded to declaration	May 1

Pathway Lifecycle: Faculty Summit

- Mid-October strategic in catalog cycle
- Opportunity for NOVA and Mason faculty to discuss:
 - Issues and opportunities for engagement
 - Curriculum updates, course transferability
 - Patterns in students' experience/success
 - **Build trust, cultivate relationships**
- Provided: draft pathway(s), a review checklist, and a facilitator/note taker.

Lessons Learned

- Project management is key; significant time investment
- Must have clear guidelines for pathway development and specific timeline for changes
- Document clarity requires considerable refinement
- **Faculty engagement = collaboration and troubleshooting**
- Student feedback:
 - Pathway document
 - Success Coach

Questions?

Q&A

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