

A NOVA TO B MASON

ASSOCIATE'S TO BACHELOR'S
PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL PROGRAM
FOR ADULTS 25 AND OLDER

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

NOVA
Northern Virginia
Community College



**GEORGE
MASON
UNIVERSITY**

NOVA-Mason Associate's to Bachelor's Professional Credential Program

The goal of this program is to provide working adults a seamless transition between educational institutions. The transition utilizes existing policy, procedures, and courses to provide a student-centered three-step process to earning a bachelor's degree focused on their professional area of interest. Each institution has features which make this transition effective and efficient.

In combination, these two programs allow students to efficiently transition from a certificate or an associate's degree to a bachelor's degree program. These features allow students to transition into Mason without losing earned credits.

NOVA's Specialized Degree Programs

NOVA has created a two-year Associate's degree schedule that allows students to take courses on Fridays, weekends, and or online. The curriculum has been created to offer benchmarks as the student progresses through the courses. First, students can earn professional certifications such as Business Management, Accounting, Information Technology, and Administration of Justice; and lastly, complete a related associate's degree prior to transitioning to Mason. Coursework is chosen to fit the professional focus for the student and meet general education requirements for Mason. When students have completed the course sequence from NOVA they have acquired 75 transferable credits to finish a bachelor's degree at Mason by completing 45 upper-level course credits.

- Class meeting times that fit into Fridays, weekends, and online.
- Customized selection of courses that fit student current employment or employment goals.
- Benchmark credentials that attest to students' increased knowledge and skills
- Earned credits that transfer to Mason and meet general education/core requirements.



The Bachelor of Individualized Study at George Mason

The Bachelor of Individualized Study (BIS Program) at George Mason is structured to serve the needs of adult students by offering a liberal transfer credit policy and degree program design which can be customized to fit specific professional and personal educational goals.

- Allows transfer of earned credits toward graduation with little or no loss of credits.
- Allows Military Veterans to apply earned ACE credits from their Joint Services Transcript.
- Customized program of upper-level courses that includes a sequence of research and writing intensive classes that build both skills and knowledge as well as critical thinking skills.
- A degree program that is a gateway for an advanced degree depending on student needs for further credentialing.

Administration of Justice - NOVA

NOVA Associate of Science in General Studies with Administration of Justice: National Security Certificate and Administration of Justice: Security Management Certificate

SDV 100	College Success Skills
ENG 111	College Composition I
ENG 112	College Composition II
ENG 210	Advanced Composition
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Applications and Concepts
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization
CST 227	Business and Professional Communication
ECO 201	Principle of Macroeconomics
ECO 202	Principle of Microeconomics
MTH 154	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I
GOL 105	Physical Geology
GOL 106	Historical Geology
ACC 211	Principles of Accounting
ADJ 133	Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional
ADJ 163	Crime Analysis and Intelligence
ADJ 234	Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
ADJ 250	Global Security Concepts for Law Enf. and National Security
ADJ 252	Counterintelligence Concept for Law Enf. and National Security
ADJ 255	Security Management
ADJ 159	Physical Security
ADJ 256	Information Security
	3 credit Elective: HUM/Fine Arts

Total Credits 63

Additional Elective Courses

ENG 205	Technical Editing
BUS 204	Project Management (optional)
BUS 220	Introduction to Business Statistics
BUS 265	Ethical Issues in Management
BUS 270	Interpersonal Dynamics in the Business Organization

Total credits for the Administration of Justice: National Security Certificate = 19
Total credits for the Security Management Certificate = 16-18
Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 60 (63)

Administration of Justice - MASON

Mason-BIS UPPER LEVEL Coursework at GMU - Law Enforcement -
Corrections Management Pathway

UNIV 304	Higher Education Transition
ENG 302	Advanced Composition
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies
MBUS 300	Accounting in a Global Economy
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy
MBUS 302	Managing Information in a Global Economy
MBUS 303	Marketing in a Global Economy
MBUS 306	Managing Projects and Operations
CRIM 301	Public Law and the Judicial Process
CRIM 302	Delinquency
CRIM 305	Crime and Crime Policy
CRIM 405	Criminal Justice Management
CONF 300	Conflict Resolution Techniques and Practice
CONF 330	Community, Group, and Organizational Conflict Analysis and Resolution
CONF 425	Mediating Conflict
BIS 390	The Research Process
BIS 490	Senior Project
BIS 491	Senior Project Presentation

Credits transferred from NOVA: 70-75
Total credits completed at Mason: 45-50
Total credits for graduation: 120-125

Information Technology - NOVA

NOVA Associate of Science in General Studies with Information Systems Technology Certificates

SDV 100	College Success Skills or BIS 300
ENG 111	College Composition I
ENG 131	Technical Report Writing
ENG 112	College Composition II
ENG 210	Advanced Composition
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Applications and Concepts
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization
CST 227	Business and Professional Communication
ECO 201	Principle of Macroeconomics
ECO 202	Principle of Microeconomics
MTH 154	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I
GOL 105	Physical Geology
GOL 106	Historical Geology
ITD 132	Structured Query Language
ITP 100	Software Design
ITD 134	PL/SQL Programming
ITD 260	Data Modelling and Design
ITP 120	Java Programming I
ITP 246	Java: Server-Side Programming
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology
	HUM/Fine Arts Elective

Total Credits 60 (63)

Additional Elective Courses

ENG 205	Technical Editing
BUS 204	Project Management (optional)
BUS 220	Introduction to Business Statistics
BUS 265	Ethical Issues in Management
BUS 270	Interpersonal Dynamics in the Business Organization

Total credits for the Career Studies Certificate in Database Specialist = 15
Total credits for the Career Studies Certificate in Application Programming = 11
Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 60 (62)

Information Technology - MASON

Mason - BIS UPPER LEVEL Coursework at GMU - Business
Communication and Technical Writing Pathway

UNIV 304	Higher Education Transition
ENG 302	Advanced Composition
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies
MTH 125	Discrete Mathematics
IT 105	Architecture Fundamentals
IT 213	Multimedia and Web Design
IT 214	Database Fundamentals
IT 223	Information Security Fundamentals
IT 106	Intro to IT Problem Solving
IT 304	IT in the Global Economy
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy
MBUS 303	Marketing in a Global Economy
IT 343	Project Management
MBUS 305	Introduction to International Business
BIS 390	The Research Process
BIS 490	Senior Project
BIS 491	Senior Project Presentation

Credits transferred from NOVA: 70-75
Total credits completed at Mason: 45-50
Total credits for graduation: 120-125

Leadership Management - NOVA

NOVA Associate of Science in General Studies with Business Management Certificates

SDV 100	College Success Skills
ENG 111	College Composition I
ENG 112	College Composition II
ENG 131	Technical Report Writing
ENG 205	Technical Writing
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Applications and Concepts
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization
CST 227	Business and Professional Communication
ECO 201	Principle of Macroeconomics
ECO 202	Principle of Microeconomics
MTH 154	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I
GOL 105	Physical Geology
GOL 106	Historical Geology
BUS 100	Intro to Business
BUS 111	Principles of Supervision or BUS 201 Organization Behavior
BUS 117	Leadership Development or BUS 297 Cooperative Education
BUS 201	Organization Behavior
BUS 205	Human Resource Management
BUS 297	Cooperative Education
BUS 241	Business Law I
BUS 242	Business Law II
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology
PSY 265	Psychology of Men and Women
PBS 105	Personnel Management in the Public Sector
	3 credit electives: HUM/Fine Arts

Total Credits 72

Total credits for the Leadership Development Career Studies Cert. = 16
Total credits for the Business IT Career Studies Certificate = 16
Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 60

Leadership Management - MASON

Mason - BIS UPPER LEVEL Coursework at GMU - Management and Leadership Pathway

UNIV 304	Higher Education Transition
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy
MBUS 302	Managing Information in a Global Economy
MBUS 306	Managing Projects and Operations
INTS 204	Leadership Theory and Practice
INTS 404	Ethics and Leadership
INTS 435	Leadership in a Changing Environment
COMM 300	Foundations of Public Communication
COMM 301	Foundations of Interpersonal Communication
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication
BIS 390	The Research Process
BIS 490	Senior Project
BIS 491	Senior Project Presentation

Credits transferred from NOVA: 70-75
Total credits completed at Mason: 45-50
Total credits for graduation: 120-125

Marketing - NOVA

NOVA Associate of Science in General Studies with Marketing Certificate

SDV 100	College Success Skills
ENG 111	College Composition I
ENG 112	College Composition II
ENG 131	Technical Report Writing
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Applications and Concepts
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization
CST 227	Business and Professional Communication
ECO 201	Principle of Macroeconomics
ECO 202	Principle of Microeconomics
MTH 154	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I
GOL 105	Physical Geology
GOL 106	Historical Geology
MKT 201	Intro. to Marketing
MKT 221	Public Relations
MKT 200	Consumers, Marketing and Society
MKT 215	Sales and Marketing Management
MKT 282	Principle of E-Commerce
MKT 284	Social Media Marketing
MKT 228	Promotion
	3 credits HUM/Fine Arts Elective

Total Credits 63

Additional Elective Courses

ENG 205	Technical Editing
BUS 204	Project Management (optional)
BUS 220	Introduction to Business Statistics
BUS 265	Ethical Issues in Management
BUS 270	Interpersonal Dynamics in the Business Organization

Total credits for Marketing Career Studies Certificate = 22
Total credits for the Promotion and Public Relations Career Studies Cert. = 19
Total credits for the Social Media Career Studies Certificate = 16
Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 63
Additional credits that can be taken at NOVA = 15
Total transfer credits for GMU/BIS = 75

Marketing - MASON

Mason - BIS UPPER LEVEL Coursework at GMU - Business Communication and Marketing Pathway

UNIV 304	Higher Education Transition
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies
MBUS 300	Accounting in a Global Economy
MBUS 301	Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy
MBUS 302	Managing Information in a Global Economy
MBUS 303	Marketing in a Global Economy
MBUS 306	Managing Projects and Operations
COMM 300	Foundations of Public Communication
COMM 301	Foundations of Public Communication
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication
BIS 390	The Research Process
BIS 490	Senior Project
BIS 491	Senior Project Presentation

Credits transferred from NOVA: 70-75
Total credits completed at Mason: 45-50
Total credits for graduation: 120-125

Professional Writing - NOVA

NOVA Associate of Science in General Studies with Professional Writing for Business, Government, and Industry Certificates

SDV 100	College Success Skills
ENG 111	College Composition I
ENG 112	College Composition II
ENG 131	Technical Report Writing
ENG 205	Technical Writing
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Applications and Concepts
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization
CST 227	Business and Professional Communication
ECO 201	Principle of Macroeconomics
ECO 202	Principle of Microeconomics
MTH 154	Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I
GOL 105	Physical Geology
GOL 106	Historical Geology
ENG 115	Technical Writing
ENG 116	Writing for Business
ENG 205	Technical Editing
ENG 123	Writing for the World Wide Web
ENG 121	Introduction to Journalism I
ENG 122	Introduction to Journalism II
ENG 210	Advanced Composition

Total Credits 63

Additional Elective Courses

ENG 210	Advanced Composition
BUS 204	Project Management (optional)
BUS 220	Introduction to Business Statistics
BUS 265	Ethical Issues in Management
BUS 270	Interpersonal Dynamics in the Business Organization
	3 credit HUM/Fine Arts Electives

Total credit for the Professional Writing for Business, Government, and Industry Certificate = 30
Total credits for the A.S. Degree in General Studies = 63
Additional credits that can be taken at NOVA = 15

Professional Writing - MASON

Mason - BIS UPPER LEVEL Coursework at GMU - Business
Communication and Technical Writing Pathway

UNIV 304	Higher Education Transition
BIS 300	Understanding Interdisciplinary Studies
ENG 302	Advanced Composition
ENG 388	Professional and Technical Writing
ENG 396	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENG 399	Creative Nonfiction Writing
ENG 410	Tech & Report Writing
ENG 505	Comp Asst Pub Writing/Design
ENG 613	Tech & Scientific Writing
COMM 300	Foundations of Public Communication
COMM 301	Foundations of Public Communication
COMM 302	Foundations of Media Theory
COMM 303	Writing Across the Media
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication
BIS 390	The Research Process
BIS 490	Senior Project
BIS 491	Senior Project Presentation

Credits transferred from NOVA: 70-75
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Total credits for graduation: 120-125

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