

# UNDERSTANDING ADVANCE MISALIGNMENT

## Navigating Misalignment

Misalignment occurs when your NOVA degree or the catalog year (the semester you started at NOVA) does not match the bachelor's degree or the catalog year of the ADVANCE pathway you selected.

Failure to align your NOVA degree and ADVANCE pathway will impact your transition to George Mason University.

Example:

- You started at NOVA in the academic year of **2024-25**
- Then you joined ADVANCE in **Fall 2025**
- So, your NOVA catalog year should be changed to **2025-26**

You can resolve this by following these three steps below!



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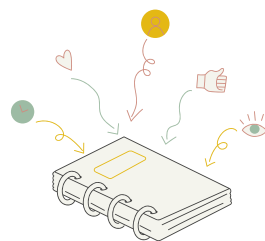
## Verify Your Degree and Catalog Year

1. Log in to myNOVA and click SIS: Student Information System.
2. Click on Academic Records & Progress.
3. On the left, click My Academic Requirements.
4. Click Expand All or View Report as PDF.

On the top of the PDF, this will show you your current degree and catalog year. Both must match your ADVANCE Pathway.

**02.**

## Check Your ADVANCE Pathway



Look for an email from the ADVANCE team in your NOVA VCCS email. Search your inbox for "ADVANCE" to quickly find your pathway details. Make sure it aligns with your NOVA degree. If you are unable to locate your pathway, please email [advance@nvcc.edu](mailto:advance@nvcc.edu).

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## Reach Out for Help

Your coach is ready to help! Email or meet with them to align your degree with your ADVANCE pathway.

For questions, feel free to reach out to [advance@nvcc.edu](mailto:advance@nvcc.edu).



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