

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Science / B.S. Physics -
Astrophysics Concentration Pathway
2020-2021

A.S. Science

ADVANCE Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
3. 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).
4. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
5. Students must complete all Mathematics and Physics courses with a C or better.
6. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
7. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
8. Students must approve 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 XXX	UNIV 100	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II OR HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
4	MTH 263	4	MTH 263 Calculus I	MATH 113	Quantitative
5	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
6	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
7	Science Course #1	5	PHY 231 General University Physics I	PHYS 160-161-266	Nat Science
8	MTH 264	4	MTH 264 Calculus II	MATH 114	Major
9	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 121 United States History I OR HIS 122 United States History II OR PLS 135 American National Politics OR PLS 211 United States Government I OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOC 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
10	Math or Science #1	4	MTH 265 Calculus III	MATH 213	Major
11	Science Course #2	4	ASTR 210 Introduction to Astrophysics AND ASTR 124 Introductions to Observational Astronomy <i>(Typically only offered in Spring terms)</i>	ASTR 210 ASTR 124	Major
12	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I OR ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
13	Math or Science #2	5	PHY 232 General University Physics II	PHYS 260-261-XXX	Nat Science
14	ITE 115 or General Education	3	PHYS 251 Introduction to Computer Techniques in Physics	PHYS 251	Info Tech
15	Math or Science #3	3	MTH 267 Differential Equations	MATH 214	Major

16	MTH 167 or Science	4	PHY 243 Modern Physics*	PHYS L308	Major
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR	GGS 101	Global
			PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Gov't OR PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 133 GOVT 132	
18	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story OR	ENGH 202	Literature
			ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I OR		
			ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II OR		
			ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I OR ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II OR ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I		

A.S. SCIENCE DEGREE TOTAL 61

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B.S. Physics - Astrophysics Concentration

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
19	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
20	Physics Core Courses	3	PHYS 301 Analytical Methods of Physics	Major
21	Physics Core Courses	3	PHYS 303 Classical Mechanics	Major
22	Physics Core Courses	3	PHYS 305 Electromagnetic Theory	Major
23	Intermediate Laboratory	3	PHYS 311 Instrumentation	Major
24	Mathematics/Computational Physics	3	ASTR 401 Computer Simulation in Astronomy	Major
25	Astronomy and Physics Theory	3	ASTR 328 Stars	Major
26	Intermediate Laboratory	3	PHYS 312 Waves and Optics	Major
27	Physics Core Courses	3	PHYS 402 Introduction to Quantum Mechanics and Atomic Physics	Major
28	Astronomy and Physics Theory	3	ASTR 403 Planetary Science	Major
29	General Elective	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major
30	Physics Core Courses	3	PHYS 307 Thermal Physics	Major
31	Astronomy and Physics Theory	3	ASTR 404 Galaxies and Cosmology	Major
32	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	4	ASTR 402 RS: Methods of Observational Astronomy OR PHYS 407 Senior Laboratory in Modern Physics OR PHYS 410 Computational Physics Capstone	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
33	Physics Core Courses	1	PHYS 416 Special Topics in Undergraduate Physics	Major
34	General Elective	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major
35	Astronomy and Physics Theory	3	PHYS 306 Wave Motion and Electromagnetic Radiation	Major
36	Astronomy and Physics Theory	3	PHYS 428 Relativity	Major
37	Research, Internship, or Independent Study	3	ASTR 405 Honors Thesis in Astronomy I OR	Major
			ASTR 406 Honors Thesis in Astronomy II OR	
			ASTR 408 Senior Research OR	
			ASTR 409 Astronomy Internship OR	
			PHYS 326 Problems in Physics II OR	
			PHYS 405 Honors Thesis in Physics I OR PHYS 406 Honors Thesis in Physics II OR PHYS 408 Senior Research OR PHYS 409 Physics Internship	
38	General Elective	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major

B.S. PHYSICS DEGREE TOTAL 120

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

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***PHY 243 is only offered in the spring semester. If PHY 243 is not available, students should take CHM 111, BIO 101, GOL 105, PHY 150 and will need to take PHYS 308 at Mason in the first "General Elective" space. Consult your Success Coach for more information.**

General Note: Students must complete a total of 75 credits in the major (69 credits if completing a second major), including at least 11 credits in mathematics, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students must complete the coursework described below and either select a concentration or select the "BS without Concentration" option.

Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.