

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /  
B.A. Government and International  
Politics Pathway  
**2021-2022**

## A.S. Social Sciences

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must:
  - a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
  - b. Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

| NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT  | Credits | Courses   | MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT  | MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT           |
|--|---------|---|--|--|
| 1 SDV Course   | 1       | SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b><br>SDV 101 Orientation to XXX  | UNIV 100   | General Elective                       |
| 2 ENG 111  | 3       | ENG 111 College Composition I   | ENGH 101   | Written Comm                           |
| 3 HIS Elective   | 3       | HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b><br>HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b><br>HIS 112 History of World Civilization II   | HIST 101<br>HIST 102<br>HIST 125   | Western Civ                            |
| 4 MTH 154  | 3       | MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning  | MATH 106   | Quantitative                           |
| 5 Science Course #1  | 4       | BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b><br>CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b><br>ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b><br>GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b><br>PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I   | BIOL 103/105<br>CHEM 103<br>EVPP 108/109<br>GEOL 101<br>PHYS 103   | Nat Science                            |
| 6 Transfer Elective #1   | 3-4     | Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b><br>Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )   | GMU Equivalent   | SCHAR For. Lang or<br>General Elective |
| 7 ENG 112  | 3       | ENG 112 College Composition II  | ENGH XXX   | General Elective                       |
| 8 PLS 135 Required<br>(NOVA Catalog: ITE 115 or ITE 119 or General Education Elective) | 3       | PLS 135 American National Politics  | GOVT 103   | Major &<br>Soc/Behav                   |
| 9 MTH 245  | 3       | MTH 245 Statistics I  | STAT 250   | General Elective                       |
| 10 Science Course #2   | 4       | BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b><br>BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b><br>CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b><br>ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b><br>ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b><br>GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b><br>GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b><br>PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I <b>OR</b><br>PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II | BIOL 103/105<br>BIOL 102<br>CHEM 103<br>EVPP 108/109<br>EVPP 112/113<br>GEOL 101<br>GEOL 102/104<br>PHYS 103<br>PHYS 104 | Nat Science                            |
| 11 Transfer Elective #2  | 3-4     | Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b><br>Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )   | GMU Equivalent   | SCHAR For. Lang or<br>General Elective |

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| 12 | Social/Behavioral Sciences #1   | 3   | PLS 200 Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory  | GOVT 101   | Major                               |
| 13 | CST Course  | 3   | CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b><br>CST 110 Introduction to Communication   | COMM 100<br>COMM 101   | Oral Comm                           |
| 14 | Humanities/Fine Arts #1   | 3   | ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story <b>OR</b><br>ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I <b>OR</b><br>ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II <b>OR</b><br>ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I <b>OR</b><br>ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II <b>OR</b><br>ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I   | ENGH 202   | Literature                          |
| 15 | PSY 200 or SOC 200  | 3   | PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b><br>SOC 200 Principles of Sociology  | PSYC 100<br>SOCI 101   | SCHAR Soc/Behav                     |
| 16 | General Education Elective  | 3-4 | Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b><br>Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )  | GMU Equivalent   | SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective |
| 17 | Social/Behavioral Sciences #2   | 3   | PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics   | GOVT 133   | Major & Global                      |
| 18 | Social/Behavioral Sciences #3   | 3   | PLS 241 International Relations I  | GOVT 132   | Major                               |
| 19 | Humanities/Fine Arts #2   | 3-4 | Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b><br>Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )   | GMU Equivalent   | SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective |
| 20 | Social/Behavioral Sciences #4<br>( <i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach</i> ) | 3   | SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I (non-west) <b>OR</b><br>GEO 220 World Regional Geography (non-west) <b>OR</b><br>ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b><br>ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b><br>GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b><br>HIS 121 United States History I <b>OR</b><br>HIS 122 United States History II <b>OR</b><br>PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b><br>PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b><br>SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b><br>SOC 268 Social Problems <b>OR</b><br>SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs | ANTH 114<br>GGS 101<br>ECON 104<br>ECON 103<br>GGS 103<br>HIST 121<br>HIST 122<br>PSYC 100<br>PSYC L379<br>SOCI 101<br>SOCI L352<br>GLOA 101 | Non-Western or General Elective     |

**A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEGREE TOTAL**

**60-62**

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

**B.A. Government and International Politics**

**Concentrations:** American Institutions and Processes; Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; International Relations; Law, Philosophy and Governance; Political Analysis; Political Behavior and Identity Politics; Public Policy and Administration; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Individualized

*Students interest in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor. <sup>2</sup>*

|    | MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT                            | Credits | Course   | MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT |
|----|---|---------|--|------------------------------|
| 21 | Gen Ed: Information Technology/Core Course          | 4       | GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis                       | Info Tech                    |
| 22 | Gen Ed: Arts  | 3       | Approved Mason Core Arts course <sup>1</sup>                 | Arts                         |
| 23 | Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses | 3       | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>2,3</sup> | Major                        |
| 24 | Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)         | 3       | ENGH 302 Advanced Composition                                | Written Comm                 |
| 25 | Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses | 3       | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>2,3</sup> | Major                        |
| 26 | Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses | 3       | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>2,3</sup> | Major                        |

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| 27 | Govt. Concentration or<br>Advanced Govt. Field<br>Courses | 3   | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>2,3</sup>  | Major                            |
| 28 | Govt. Concentration or<br>Advanced Govt. Field<br>Courses | 3   | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>3</sup>  | Major                            |
| 29 | Govt. Concentration or<br>Advanced Govt. Field<br>Courses | 3   | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>3</sup>  | Major                            |
| 30 | Govt. Concentration or<br>Advanced Govt. Field<br>Courses | 3   | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>3</sup>  | Major                            |
| 31 | Govt. Concentration or<br>Advanced Govt. Field<br>Courses | 3   | Any approved Advanced Government field course <sup>3</sup>  | Major                            |
| 32 | College Requirement: Non-<br>Western                      | 3   | Approved Non-Western course <sup>3</sup> <b>OR</b><br>General Elective ( <i>if Non-West Culture is completed at NOVA or<br/>as a major elective</i> ) | SCHAR Non-Western                |
| 33 | College Requirement:<br>Philosophy/Religion               | 3   | Any PHIL or RELI course   | SCHAR Phil/Reli                  |
| 34 | General Electives   | 3   | General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |
| 35 | General Electives   | 3   | General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |
| 36 | General Electives   | 3   | General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |
| 37 | General Electives   | 3   | General Electives (See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |
| 38 | Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core<br>Requirement                     | 3   | GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar <b>OR</b><br>GOVT 491 Honors Seminar   | Synthesis &<br>Writing Intensive |
| 39 | General Electives   | 3   | General Electives (See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |
| 40 | General Electives   | 0-2 | General Electives (See: Advisor)  | General Elective                 |

**B.A. GOVT &  
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 120**

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

<sup>2</sup>Students may complete a government concentration (four courses) in one field, then complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. Students who do not pursue a government concentration may choose 24 credits from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Advanced government field courses include courses numbered GOVT 301 - GOVT 499.

<sup>3</sup>For approved GOVT Concentration courses and college-level requirement courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/government-international-politics-ba/#requirements>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 43 credits in GOVT and earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeated D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.