# 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:
   - Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
   - Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

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<th>NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT</th>
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<td>1 SDV Course</td>
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<td>SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to XXX</td>
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<td>2 ENG 111</td>
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<td>3 CST Course</td>
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<td>BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I</td>
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<td>ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story OR 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</td>
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### B.A. Human Development & Family Science

Students will select 12 credits of major electives. Elective choices follow career and professional interests. Elective courses are suggested by advisors and mentors and approved by the Academic Program Coordinator. Areas of focus include: Families and Individuals Across the Life Span, Family Advocacy, Research and Policy.

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<td>22 Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)</td>
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<td>HDFS 200 Individual and Family Development (if not taken through co-enrollment)</td>
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<td>SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry OR PSYC 301 Research Methods in Psychology OR INTS 434 Research for Social Change</td>
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**B.A. HDFS DEGREE TOTAL 120**

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

**Important Academic Information:**
1. For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/
2. For approved HDFS major electives, please visit - https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/human-development-family-science-ba/

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**
- 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.