

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.

- 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.
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
- 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.
- Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
- 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).
- 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.

ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements: Some INTS courses are more than 3 credits and may cover other requirements. Students should see a Mason advisor to help plan their degree program to meet degree requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives.

	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	General 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 154 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	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	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	ITE 115 or ITE 119 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts OR ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
8	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I OR PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 PHYS 104	Nat Science

10	Social/Behavioral Science #1	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 241 International Relations I OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 103 GGS 101 GOVT 132 PSYC 100 PSYC 231 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	General Elective
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
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 ENGL L372 MUSI 101	Arts
13	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	Soc/Behav
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 International Relations I OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology	GGS 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379	Global
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 111 History of World Civilization I OR HIS 112 History of World Civilization II OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	GGS 103 HIST L387 HIST 125 PSYC 231 PSYC 211 ANTH 114	General Elective
16	General Education Elective	3	INTS 202 Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills OR INTS 204 Leadership Theory and Practice OR INTS 210 Sustainable World OR INTS 244 Beats, Rhyme, and Culture OR INTS 245 Visual Culture and Society OR INTS 249 Digital Literacy	INTS 202 INTS 204 INTS 210 INTS 244 INTS 245 INTS 249	Major
17	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	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	ENGL 202	Literature
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4	3	GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 111 History of World Civilization I OR HIS 112 History of World Civilization II OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	GGS 103 HIST L387 HIST 125 PSYC 231 PSYC 211 ANTH 114	General Elective (Students are encouraged to potentially use this category to fulfill any 100/200 level concentration coursework available at NOVA)
19	Transfer Elective #1	3	HIS 121 United States History I OR HIS 122 United States History II OR HIS 203 History of African American Civilization I OR HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilizations I OR PLS 135 American National Politics	HIST 121 HIST 122 HIST 261 HIST 271 GOVT 103	General Elective (Students are encouraged to potentially use this category to fulfill any 100/200 level concentration coursework available at NOVA)
20	Transfer Elective #2	3	INTS 202 Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills OR INTS 204 Leadership Theory and Practice OR INTS 210 Sustainable World OR INTS 244 Beats, Rhyme, and Culture OR INTS 245 Visual Culture and Society OR INTS 249 Digital Literacy	INTS 202 INTS 204 INTS 210 INTS 244 INTS 245 INTS 249	Major

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE	60
TOTAL	

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

B.A. Integrative Studies

Concentrations: Childhood Studies; International Studies; Leadership and Organizational Development; Legal Studies; Liberal Arts for the Teaching Professions; Social Innovation; Social Justice and Human Rights; Social Science for Education; Women and Gender Studies; Individualized.¹

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework (See: Advisor)	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper Level)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework (See: Advisor)	Major
24	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	INTS 391 Understanding Integrative Studies	Major
25	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
26	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
27	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
28	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
29	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
30	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
31	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
32	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
33	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
34	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
35	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
36	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
37	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
38	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
39	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ²	Major
40	General Electives	3	General Elective (See: Advisor; may need to be upper level)	General Elective

B.A. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES DEGREE TOTAL¹ 120

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

Important Academic Information:

¹A concentration is the equivalent of a major in a traditional degree program. Students choose from an established multidisciplinary concentration or create with faculty an individualized program of study to fit their interests and needs. Concentration coursework combines integrative studies (INTS) classes with coursework from other Mason units (departments, schools, and colleges). While fulfilling the concentration requirements, students are also responsible for completing a minimum of 30 credits of INTS coursework. Any INTS courses required for the concentration will apply. Students must present a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the concentration.

²For approved INTS Concentration Courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/integrative-studies/integrative-studies-ba/#requirementstext>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students must fulfill all requirements for Bachelor's Degrees including the Mason Core. Integrative studies students may fulfill lower level Mason Core requirements through approved integrative studies (INTS) coursework. Students pursuing a BA in integrative studies must complete a minimum of 30 credits of (INTS) coursework, with at least 18 credits at the 300 and 400 levels. These 30 INTS credits fulfill the writing intensive and synthesis Mason Core requirements. In addition, students must complete ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core). Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the major. Before registering, students should see an advisor to help plan their degree program to meet Mason requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives or a minor.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatd 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.