

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /
B.A. Sociology 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 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 Elective	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	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5 Transfer Elective #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ¹	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
6 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
7 ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8 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
9 MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10 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
11 Transfer Elective #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>) ¹	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	ECON 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 231 PSYC 211	CHSS Soc/Behav
13	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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	ENGH 202	Literature
15	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	SOCI 101	Soc/Behav
16	General Education Elective	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 History of World Civilization I OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 International Relations I OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	GGG 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 GLOA 101	Global
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	SOC 215 Sociology of the Family OR SOC 225 Sociology of Gender OR SOC 236 Criminology OR SOC 266 Race and Ethnicity OR SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L309 SOCI 215 SOCI L301 SOCI 208 SOCI L352	Major
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ANTH 114	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. Sociology

Concentrations: Childhood and Youth; Deviance, Crime, and Social Control; Global Sociology; Inequity and Social Change²

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Additional Core Courses	3	SOCI 311 Sociological Theory	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper- level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
24	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ²	Major
25	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
26	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ²	Major
27	Additional Core Courses	3	SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry	Major
28	Additional Core Courses	4	SOCI 313 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	Major
29	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
30	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ²	Major
31	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective

32	Additional Core Courses	3	SOCI 412 Contemporary Sociological Theory	Writing Intensive
33	Capstone Experience/Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	SOCI 485 Sociological Analysis and Practice OR SOCI 416 Internship in Sociology OR SOCI 481 RE: Honors Seminar in Sociology II	Synthesis & Major
34	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ²	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	CHSS Philosophy/Religion	3	Any approved CHSS Philosophy/Religion course ³	CHSS Phil/Reli
37	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course ⁴	Arts
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	3-5	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.A. SOCIOLOGY DEGREE		120		
TOTAL				

Important Academic Information:

¹If students test out of World Language/ASL 101/102, students may take SOC 211 and up to two of the following: SOC 268, SOC 225, or SOC 266.

²Students are required to take 15 credits of upper-level SOCI electives. Students may structure 12 of these elective credits into an approved concentration: Childhood & Youth; Deviance, Crime, & Social Control; Global Sociology; or Inequality & Social Change.

³For a list of approved college-level requirement courses, please visit <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/sociology-ba/#requirementstext>

⁴For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00 overall and a minimum GPA of 2.00 in each core course. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C-or D) may be applied toward the major electives requirement.
- 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.