

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /
B.A. Anthropology Pathway
2022-2023

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-#7, 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 spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework 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.
7. Students must complete a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

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 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	HIST 101 HIST 102 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 OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6 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
7 ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8 ITE 152 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	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 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 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	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	SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114	Major & Soc/Behav
13 CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm

14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature OR ENG 275 Women's Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ²	ENGL 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
15	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	CHSS 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	HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 268 Social Problems	HIST L387 GOVT 103 GOVT 133 PSYC 231 PSYC 211 SOCI L352	General Elective
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations	GGG 101 HIST L387 HIST 252	CHSS Non-Western
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 (<i>This elective must be taken at Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more</i>)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations 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

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DEGREE TOTAL

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

B.A. Anthropology

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Core Courses in the Major	3	ANTH 120 Unearthing the Past: Prehistory, Culture and Evolution	Major
22	Core Courses in the Major: Theory Courses	3	ANTH 390 Theories, Methods, and Issues I	Major
23	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	Core Courses in the Major: Introductory Courses	3	ANTH 135 Introduction to Biological Anthropology	Major
25	Core Courses in the Major: Cultural Anthropology	3	Any approved Cultural Anthropology course ³	Major
26	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
27	Core Courses in the Major: Archaeology	3	Any approved Archaeology course ³	Major
28	Core Courses in the Major: Biological Anthropology	3	Any approved Biological Anthropology course ³	Major
29	Electives in the Major	3	Any ANTH course at the 300-400 level (Writing Intensive - See: Advisor) ³	Writing Intensive
30	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
31	Electives in the Major	3	Any ANTH course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ³	Major
32	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
33	Core Courses in the Major: Methods Course	3	ANTH 386 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology OR ANTH 450 Qualitative Methods: Nonstatistical Approaches in Culture and Social Research	Major
34	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	Approved Synthesis course (ANTH 400 recommended) ⁴	Synthesis
35	Electives in the Major	3	Any ANTH course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ³	Major

36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	Electives in the Major	3	Any ANTH course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) ³	Major
38	General Electives	1-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course ⁴	Arts
40	CHSS Philosophy/Religion	3	Any approved CHSS Philosophy/Religion course	CHSS Phil/Reli

B.A. ANTHROPOLOGY		120		
DEGREE TOTAL				

Important Academic Information:

¹If students test out of World Language/ASL 101/102, it is recommended students complete a course that fulfills Mason's Art requirement and/or the CHSS Philosophy/Religion requirement.

²200-level ENG literature classes include: ENG 225, ENG 230, ENG 236, ENG 237, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 256, ENG 257, ENG 258, ENG 271, ENG 275, and ENG 279.

³For approved Cultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Biological Anthropology and college requirement course options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/anthropology-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 36 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 final, 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 Mason 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 provide the Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date and a cumulative NOVA GPA at or above 2.85.
- 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.