

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /
B.A. Economics Pathway
Online Option Available
2023-2024

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 ¹	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 (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
4	MTH 161 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 154 or Higher)	3	MTH 161 PreCalculus I	MATH 103T	General Elective
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>) ²	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
6	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
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	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 261 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 245 or higher)	3	MTH 261 Applied Calculus I	MATH 108	Quantitative
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>) ²	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 104	Soc/Behav & Major

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	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
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	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 103	Major
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	GGG 101 HIST L387 ANTH 114	Non-Western
18	General Education Elective	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	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 in Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ³	ENGL 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (<i>This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more</i>)	3	ECO 230 Money and Banking OR 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	ECON L310 GGG 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379	Major or Global Understanding

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. Economics

Concentration: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

NOTE: Students should meet with a Mason Economics Advisor to create a graduation plan.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics	Major
22	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 309 Economic Problems and Public Policies	Major
23	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 311 Intermediate Macroeconomics	Major
24	Major Core Courses	3	STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I	Major
25	Major Core Courses	3	STAT 350 Introductory Statistics II	Major
26	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
27	Electives in Major or Global	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385) OR Approved Global Understanding (<i>if ECO 230/ECON L310 taken at NOVA</i>)	Major or Global
28	Electives in Major	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385)	Major
29	Electives in Major	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385)	Major
30	Electives in Major	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385)	Major
31	Electives in Major	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385)	Major
32	Electives in Major	3	Approved ECON Writing Intensive course (See: Advisor)	Writing Intensive
33	Electives in Major	3	Any 400-level Economics (ECON) coursework	Major
34	General Electives	3	General Elective (Upper Level See: Advisor)	General Elective
35	CHSS Phil/Reli	3	Any approved PHIL/RELI course ⁴	CHSS Phil/Reli
36	Mason Core: Arts	3	Any approved Arts course ⁴	Arts

37	Capstone Requirement	3	ECON 491 Capstone in Economics OR ECON 493 Capstone Internship OR ECON 495 RS: Honors Thesis in Economics	Capstone/ Synthesis
38	General Electives	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	1-3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	General Elective
B.A. ECONOMICS DEGREE		120		
TOTAL				

Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.

Important Academic Information:

¹Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

²If students test out of World Language/ASL 101, it is recommended students take MTH 245. If students test out of World Language/ASL 102, it is recommended they take a class that fulfills the Arts Mason Core requirement.

³200-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.

⁴For approved Mason Core or CHSS required courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/economics/economics-ba/#requirements>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete a minimum of 59 credits of required coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students completing a concentration will complete additional credits.
- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher..
- 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.