

# ADVANCE

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A.S. Psychology / B.S. Psychology Pathway  
2023-2024

## A.S. Psychology

### 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	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
4	MTH 154 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning <b>OR</b> MTH 261 Applied Calculus I	MATH 106 MATH 108	Quantitative
5	PSY 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
6	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
10	PSY 200-level Course #1	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology	PSYC 231	Major
11	BIO 101	4	BIO 101 General Biology I	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
12	ENG Literature Elective	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women in Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>2</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
13	PSY 210	4	PSY 210 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	PSYC L300	Major
14	PSY 200-level Course #2	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	Major

15	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 HIST 121 GOVT 103 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Additional Soc/Behav
16	BIO 102	4	BIO 102 General Biology II	BIOL 102	Nat Science
17	PSY 211	4	PSY 211 Research Methodology for Behavioral Sciences	PSYC 201T	Major
18	PSY 200-level Course #3	3	PSY 215 Psychopathology ( <b>recommended</b> ) <b>OR</b> PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 235 Child Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 225 Theories of Personality <b>OR</b> PSY 240 Health Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 260 Psychopharmacology and Substance Abuse <b>OR</b> PSY 270 Psychology of Human Sexuality	PSYC L325 PSYC L379 PSYC L313 PSYC L324 PSYC XXX PSYC XXX HEAL L325	Major or General Elective
19	General Education Elective #1	3	REL 100 Introduction to Study of Religion <b>OR</b> REL 237 Religions of the East <b>OR</b> REL 238 Religions of the West	RELI 100 RELI 212 RELI 211	Global Understanding & Humanities
20	General Education Elective #2 or ITE 152	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>			

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## B.S. Psychology

**Concentrations:** Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, Work and Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Educational Psychology, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience.

**Courses required for a concentration may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements. The concentrations in Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, and Work and Organizational Psychology meet the applied psychology requirement.**

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Supporting Courses	3-4	Elective Science Course - any Natural Science	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Supporting Courses	3-4	Elective Science Course - any Natural Science	Major
24	Foundation Courses	3	PSYC 317 Cognitive Psychology	Major
25	Biopsychology	3-6	PSYC 372 Biopsychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 375 Brain and Sensory Processes <b>AND</b> PSYC 376 Brain and Behavior	Major
26	Psychology Lab Course	2-4	PSYC 373 Biopsychology Lab <b>OR</b> PSYC 304 Principles of Learning <b>OR</b> PSYC 309 Sens/Percept/Info Processing <b>OR</b> PSYC 320 Psych Test and Measurement	Major
27	Applied Psychology Courses	3-4	PSYC 320 Psych Test and Measurement <b>OR</b> PSYC 325 Psychopathology <b>OR</b> PSYC 333 Industrial/Organizational Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 340 Human Factors Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 379 Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 381 Mental Illness and Criminal Justice <b>OR</b> PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change <b>OR</b> PSYC 430 Clinical Practicum in Psychology	Major
28	Applied Psychology Courses or Major Elective	3-4	PSYC 320 Psych Test and Measurement <b>OR</b> PSYC 325 Psychopathology <b>OR</b> PSYC 333 Industrial/Organizational Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 340 Human Factors Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 379 Applied Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 381 Mental Illness and Criminal Justice <b>OR</b> PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change <b>OR</b> PSYC 430 Clinical Practicum in Psychology <i>(See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)</i>	Major

29	Professional Development	3	PSYC 399 College to Career <b>OR</b> PSYC 327 Psychology in the Community <b>OR</b> PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change <b>OR</b> PSYC 430 Clinical Practicum in Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 491 Psychology Honors II <b>OR</b> PSYC 492 RS: Psychology Honors III <b>OR</b> PSYC 461 Special Topics (with approval) <i>(See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)</i>	Major
30	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	PSYC 405 Mystery, Madness, and Murder <b>OR</b> PSYC 406 Psychology of Communication <b>OR</b> PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change	Synthesis
31	Supporting Courses: Technical Writing	4	PSYC 304 Principles of Learning <sup>3</sup> <b>OR</b> PSYC 309 Sens/Percept/Info Processing <sup>3</sup>	Major & Writing Intensive
32	Electives in the Major	3	300/400 Psychology Elective (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
33	Electives in the Major	3	300/400 Psychology Elective (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
34	General Electives or Electives in the Major	3	General Elective (Upper Level See: Advisor) <b>OR</b> 300/400 Psychology Elective ( <i>if major course not taken in line #18</i> )	General Elective or Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper Level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper Level See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper Level See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	General Electives	0-3	General Electives	General Elective
39	General Electives	0-3	General Electives	General Elective
40	General Electives	0-1	General Electives	General Elective

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**TOTAL**

**Important Academic Information:**

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

<sup>2</sup>200-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.

<sup>3</sup>Student must select a designated Writing Intensive option when choosing a technical writing elective.

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in major courses with a minimum grade of 1.67 (C-) in each one. Courses taken to fulfill these requirements may simultaneously satisfy a concentration.
- Students complete the 39 required credits with electives in psychology (PSYC) with the following restrictions:
  1. A maximum of 6 credits of PSYC 327 Psychology in the Community and PSYC 328 Psychology in the Community Laboratory may be applied to required psychology credits.
  2. A maximum of 6 credits of PSYC 260 Basic Research Methods in Psychology, PSYC 350 Directed Reading and Research in Psychology, and PSYC 460 Independent Study in Psychology may be applied to required psychology credits.
  3. No more than 9 credits of PSYC 327 Psychology in the Community, PSYC 328 Psychology in the Community Laboratory, PSYC 260 Basic Research Methods in Psychology, PSYC 350 Directed Reading and Research in Psychology, and PSYC 460 Independent Study in Psychology can be taken without written permission of the department chair.
  4. No more than 6 credits of D may be applied toward this requirement.
- If an approved psychology course is used to meet the technical writing requirement, it may also be applied as a psychology elective.
- 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.