

ADVANCE AGREEMENT

To maintain my enrollment in the ADVANCE/NOVA- MASON partnership, I acknowledge that I will:

- Enroll in a minimum of six credits approved for my Advance pathway each fall semester and each semester.
- Complete ENG 111, ENG 125 and the required math for my Advance pathway with grades of A, B, or C in each course within my first 30 credits of enrollment at NOVA.
- Earn grades of A, B or C in all courses.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average each semester at NOVA.
- Maintain communication with my ADVANCE Success Coach each semester to insure that I am enrolled in the courses leading to completion of my associate's degree.
- Read and comply with the NOVA and MASON Codes of Student Conduct at: ***nvcc.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html*** and ***studentconduct.gmu.edu***
- Adhere to the Mason Honor Code: *To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University Community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set for this Honor Code: Student Members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.*
- Be responsible for responding to emails sent to my NOVA and MASON email accounts
- Graduate from NOVA with the applicable Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree.

Administration of ADVANCE

Advance students with 63 or fewer credits are guided by the academic policies of NOVA. Advance students with 64 or more credits are guided by the academic policies of MASON.

Violations of student behavioral codes may be addressed by one or both institutions. The applicable code will be based on location of the incident(s), severity, as well as in collaboration between the conduct offices at both institutions. Additionally, a student may be charged by both institutions if a possible outcome is suspension or dismissal (expulsion).

Referrals for possible violations of Academic Integrity will be addressed according to the host institution of a particular class. This will be determined by the course listing (i.e. either NOVA or MASON) as well as the affiliation of the faculty member instructing the course.

Enrollment and Financial Aid

With the written approval of the Success Coach, ADVANCE students may co-enroll in a maximum of 9 credits at Mason during the first 63 credits of NOVA enrollment. Each lower-level course must be designated 100-299 and be approved to fulfill an associate's degree pathway requirement.

Advance students recognize that academic, registration and payment policies are different at NOVA and MASON. Additionally, the academic calendars of both institutions vary. Students are expected to comply with the deadlines, policies and procedures at the institution where they are taking courses.

For purposes of awarding financial aid, NOVA will be the home school until the student has completed 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, and Mason will be the host school. Upon completion of 63 credits toward their associate's degree in the Advance Program at NOVA, Mason will become the home school, and NOVA will be the host school.

FERPA and Student Records

NOVA and MASON will share academic and financial aid information about ADVANCE students under the terms of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). FERPA protections go into effect on the first day of classes of the student's first term of enrollment.

I agree to abide by the information provided in the ADVANCE Agreement.

Name: _____

EMPL ID: _____

Date: _____

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Science Geospatial
Specialization/B.S. Geography

2019-20

A.S. Social Science Geospatial Specialization Pathway

2019-2020

ADVANCE Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
3. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTE or ENF courses (excluding summer).
4. 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.
5. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
6. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
7. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.

NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE		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	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
4	GIS 101	3	GIS 101 Introduction to Geospatial Technology I	GGG 110	DEGREE
5	MTH 154 or Higher	5	MTH 167 Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry	MATH 105	Elective
6	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 General Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I OR	BIOL 103 CHEM 103 EVPP 110 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	NAT SCIENCE
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
8	PSY 200	3	PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 102 General Chemistry II OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 104 CHEM 104 EVPP 111 GEOL 102 PHYS 104	NAT SCIENCE
10	GIS 200	4	GIS 200 Geographical Information Systems I	GGG L311	DEGREE
11	ITE 115	3	CDS 130 Computing for Scientists	CDS 130	Info Tech
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 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
13	MTH 245 or Higher	4	MTH 263 Calculus I	MATH 113	Quant
14	GIS 201	4	GIS 201 Geographical Information Systems II	GGG L470	DEGREE
15	GEO 200	3	GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography	GGG 102	DEGREE
16	ENG Literature Elective	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
17	GIS 203	3	GIS 203 Cartography for GIS	GGG L310	DEGREE
18	Social/Behavioral Science #1	3	GEO 210 People and the Land: Intro to Cultural Geography	GGG 103	DEGREE

19	Social/Behavioral Science #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGS 101	Global
20	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
A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREE TOTAL		65			

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

MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE			Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Outside Requirements	3	STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I		DEGREE
22	Core Courses	3	GGG 379 Remote Sensing OR GGG 412 Air Photography Interpretation		DEGREE
23	Breadth and Experience Courses	3	Approved Advanced Technique Courses*		DEGREE
24	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (Upper-level See: Advisor)		DEGREE
25	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		DEGREE
26	Core Courses	3	GGG 300 Quantitative Methods for Geographical Analysis		DEGREE
27	Breadth and Experience Courses	3	Approved Advanced Technique Courses*		DEGREE
28	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
29	Core Courses	1	GGG 400 Colloquium in Geoinformational Science**		DEGREE
30	Gen Ed: Synthesis and Geography Electives	3	GGG 303 Geography of Resource Conservation OR GGG 304 Population Geography		DEGREE + Synthesis
31	Breadth and Experience Courses	3	Approved Systematic Course*		DEGREE
32	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (Upper-level See: Advisor)		DEGREE
33	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (Upper-level See: Advisor)		DEGREE
34	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor)		DEGREE
35	Core Courses	3	GGG 415 Seminar in Geography**		Writing Intensive
36	Geography Electives	3	Any 300- or 400-level GGG course		DEGREE
37	Breadth and Experience Courses	3	Approved Regional Course*		DEGREE
38	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (Upper-level See: Advisor)		DEGREE
39	General Electives	3	General Electives or Minor (Upper-level See: Advisor)		Synthesis
B.S. GEOGRAPHY DEGREE TOTAL		120			

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

*For approved Breadth and Experience courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/geography-geoinformation-science/geography-bs/#requirementstext>

**GGG 400 is generally offered during the Fall term and GGG 415 is generally offered in the Spring term.

General Note: Candidates for the Geography degree must complete the following Core, Breadth and Experience, and Geography Elective courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

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Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements