

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: _____

A.A. Liberal Arts Pathway (Psychology BA)

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	World Language #1 (or Elective if placed out of World Language)	5-3	ARA 101 Beginning Arabic I OR FRE 101 Beginning French I OR SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 101 FREN 101 SPAN 101	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
4	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
5	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
6	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I (recommended) 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	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	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II (recommended) OR CHM 102 General Chemistry II OR ENV 122 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
9	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quant
10	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology	PSYC 231	DEGREE
11	World Language #2 (or Elective if placed out of World Language)	5-3	ARA 102 Beginning Arabic II OR FRE 102 Beginning French I OR SPA 102 Beginning Spanish I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 102 FREN 102 SPAN 102	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
12	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
13	HIS Course #1	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
14	Open Elective #1	3	PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology	PSYC L379	DEGREE & Global
15	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Elective

16	World Language #3 (or Elective if placed out of World Language)	4-3	ARA 201 Intermediate Arabic I OR FRE 201 Intermediate French I OR SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I OR SPA 205 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 201 FREN 201 SPAN 201 SPAN 210	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
17	Humanities/Fine Arts	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
18	Open Elective #1 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	DEGREE
19	World Language #4 (or Elective if placed out of World Language)	4-3	ARA 202 Intermediate Arabic II OR FRE 202 Intermediate French II OR SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II OR SPA 206 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II OR Any approved World Language course sequence OR General Education Elective	ARAB 202 FREN 202 SPAN 202 SPAN 250	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
20	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I OR HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilization I OR HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR HIS 253 History of Asian Civilization	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	CHSS Soc/Behav (Select discipline different from Soc/Behav above)
A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE TOTAL			60-63		

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

<p align="center">Students may choose to complete a concentration:</p> <p align="center">Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, Work and Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Educational Psychology, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology</p> <p align="center">Courses required for a concentration may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements and may have differing GPA standards. The concentrations in Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, and Work and Organizational Psychology meet the applied psychology requirement.</p>			

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course*	INFO TECH
22	College Requirement: Philosophy/Religion & Non-Western	3	Any approved RELI Non-Western course**	DEGREE
23	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	Research Methods Courses	4	PSYC 300 Statistics in Psychology	DEGREE
25	Foundation Courses	3	PSYC 317 Cognitive Psychology	DEGREE
26	Biopsychology	3-6	PSYC 372 Physiological Psychology OR PSYC 375 Brain and Sensory Processes AND PSYC 376 Brain and Behavior	DEGREE
27	Research Methods Courses	4	PSYC 301 Research Methods in Psychology	Writing Intensive
28	Electives in Major/Optional Concentration	3	Upper-level Psychology (PSYC) course	DEGREE
29	Electives in Major/Optional Concentration	3	Upper-level Psychology (PSYC) course	DEGREE
30	Electives in Major	3	Upper-level Psychology (PSYC) course	DEGREE
31	Electives in Major/Optional Concentration	3	Any Psychology (PSYC) course (Upper-level)	DEGREE
32	Electives in Major/Optional Concentration	3	Any Psychology (PSYC) course (Upper-level)	DEGREE
33	Electives in Major	3	Any Psychology (PSYC) course (Upper-level)	DEGREE
34	Electives in Major	3	Any Psychology (PSYC) course (Upper-level)	DEGREE
35	Electives in Major/Optional Concentration	3	Any Psychology (PSYC) course	DEGREE
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
37	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Professional Development	3	PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change	Synthesis

38	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
40	General Electives	0-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
B.A. PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE TOTAL		120		

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

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

**For approved Additional Social & Behavioral Science, Concentration, Non-western culture courses, please visit:
<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-ba/#requirements>
 Students complete the 37 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.

PSYC 465 Pioneering Ideas in Psychology is strongly recommended for all students who plan to attend graduate school in psychology.

General Note: Students pursuing this degree must complete 37 credits within the major, with 24 credits at the 300 and 400 level. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in these courses with a minimum grade of 1.67 (C-) in each one.

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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