

# 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](http://nvcc.edu/students/handbook/conduct.html)*** and ***[studentconduct.gmu.edu](http://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 Political Science  
Specialization/B.S. Public Administration

2019-20

## A.S. Social Science Political Science Specialization Pathway (Public Administration) 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 <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quant
5	PLS 120	3	PLS 120 Introduction to Political Science	GOVT XXX	Elective
6	PLS Course #1	3	PLS 135 American National Politics	GOVT 103	DEGREE
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
8	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	DEGREE
10	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 General Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I <b>OR</b>	BIOL 103 CHEM 103 EVPP 110 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	NAT SCIENCE
11	PLS Course #2	3	PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT L304	DEGREE
12	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
13	General Education	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History I <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History II <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGG 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
14	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 102 General Chemistry II <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 104 CHEM 104 EVPP 111 GEOL 102 PHYS 104	NAT SCIENCE
15	ITE 115	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts	IT 103	Elective

16	PLS Course #3	3	PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 132	Global
17	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story <b>OR</b> ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGH 202	Literature
18	SOC Course	3	SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 212 Principles of Anthropology II <b>OR</b> SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI 101 ANTH 114 SOCI L308	Elective
19	PLS Course #4	3	PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT L304	Elective
20	Social/Behavioral Science	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	DEGREE
<b>A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCE DEGREE TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>			

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

**Students may select a concentration:\***

Administration and Management; Public Policy; Nonprofit Management; US Government Institutions; Economic Policy Analysis; International Political Economy; Individualized

**Note: Students pursuing a concentration will complete the degree by taking four courses (minimum of 12 credits) within one concentration, chosen from the lists of advanced field courses shown below, to complete a minimum of 24 credits of field courses.**

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT SEQUENCE	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Core Course	3	GOVT 101 Democratic Theory and Practice	DEGREE
22	Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	INFO TECH
23	Core Course	3	GOVT 351 Administration in the Political System	DEGREE
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Course	3	GOVT 367 Money, Markets and Economic Policy <b>(Fall only)</b>	DEGREE
26	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
27	Core Course	3	GOVT 368 Tools for Economic Policy Analysis <b>(Spring only)</b>	DEGREE
28	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
29	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
30	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
31	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
32	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
33	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
34	Govt. Conc. or Adv. Govt. Field Courses	3	See catalog for approved course list**	DEGREE
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	DEGREE
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar <b>OR</b> GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
40	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	DEGREE
<b>B.S. PUBLIC ADMIN DEGREE TOTAL</b>		<b>121</b>		

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

\*Students may complete a concentration of at least 12 credits in one field to fulfill a concentration. Students who do not wish to pursue a concentration may choose at least 24 credits from any of the advanced public administration courses listed below (with restrictions noted below) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

General Note: Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major, including GOVT courses as well as the supporting courses in other disciplines used to fulfill the requirements below. See an advisor before registering.

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 requirements**