

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Science: Mathematics Major / B.S.
Computational and Data Sciences Pathway
Online Option Available
2026-2027

A.S. Science: Mathematics Major 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 George Mason University and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to George Mason.

1. Students must graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students must ensure they are enrolled in the matching degree.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to George Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at George 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 George 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 college level math course 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	GEORGE MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	GEORGE 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	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	HIS Course	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 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History
4	MTH 167	5	MTH 167 PreCalculus with Trigonometry ¹	MATH 105	General Elective
5	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	MTH 263	4	MTH 263 Calculus I	MATH 113	Major & Quantitative
8	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
9	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm

10	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 ²	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
11	MTH 264	4	MTH 264 Calculus II	MATH 114	Major
12	MTH Course #1	3	CDS 130 Computing For Scientists	CDS 130	Major & Info Tech
13	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GGG 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132	General Elective
14	Science Course #1	4	PHY 241 University Physics I	PHYS 160-161	Nat Science
15	MTH Course #2	4	CDS 101/102 Introduction to Computational and Data Sciences + Lab	CDS 101 CDS 102	Major
16	MTH 265	4	MTH 265 Calculus III	MATH 213	General Elective
17	MTH Course #3	3	MTH 266 Linear Algebra	MATH 203	Major
18	Science Course #2	4	PHY 242 University Physics II	PHYS 260-261	Nat Science
19	General Education Elective (This course must be taken at George Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more.)	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major

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TOTAL 60-61

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

B.S. Computational and Data Sciences

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
20 Extended Multidisciplinary Courses	0-3	STAT 250 Introductory Statistics (<i>if not already taken at NOVA</i>)	Major
21 Extended Multidisciplinary Courses	3	STAT 350 Introduction to Statistics II OR STAT 344 Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists I OR STAT 346 Probability for Engineers	Major
22 Core Required Courses	1	CDS 151 Data Ethics in an Information Society	Major
23 Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper Level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Natural Science Section)	Written Comm
24 Core Required Courses	3	CDS 301 Scientific Information and Data Visualization	Major
25 Core Required Courses	3	CDS 303 Scientific Data Mining	Major
26 Core Required Courses	3	CDS 302 Scientific Data and Databases	Writing Intensive
27 Core Required Courses	3	CDS 230 Modeling and Simulation I	Major
28 Extended Multidisciplinary Courses or General Elective	3	MATH 446 Numerical Analysis I OR General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
29 Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses ³	Major
30 Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses ³	Major
31 Extended Multidisciplinary Courses	3	Any College of Science or College of Engineering and Computing Course (Upper-level)	Major
32 General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
33 Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses ³	Major
34 Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses (Upper-level) ³	Major

35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses (Upper-level) ³	Major
37	Extended Multidisciplinary Courses	3	Any College of Science or College of Engineering and Computing Course (Upper-level)	Major
38	Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses (Upper Level) ³	Major
39	Extended Core Courses	3	Approved Extended Core Courses (Upper Level) ³	Major
40	General Electives	0-1	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
41	Gen Ed: Apex	3	Approved Apex course ⁴	Apex

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Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University while attending NOVA. Failure to complete your co-enrollment course(s) while attending NOVA can significantly affect your timeline for George Mason graduation. Please see your ADVANCE Coach for more information and to enroll.

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

Important Academic Information:

¹If students are placed into MTH 263 and do not need MTH 167, students should take MTH 288 Discrete Mathematics.

²200-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.

³For approved Extended Core Courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/computational-data-sciences/computational-data-sciences-bs/#requirementstext>

⁴For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

General Education Waiver Policy and Guidance:

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories, which can be found here: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George 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.
- When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement **and** a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
- ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the ADVANCE Program Milestones listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- For academic policies and procedures, please see the George 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.