

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences / B.S. Conflict Analysis
and Resolution Pathway
2025-2026

A.S. Social Sciences

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 graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway 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 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	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	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 ¹	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 154 or MTH 161 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 111 Oceanography I OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	ITE 152 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
8	MTH 245 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 155 or MTH 245 or Higher)	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science OR ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR GOL 111 Oceanography I OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science

10	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	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 SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 268 Social Problems (<i>strongly recommended</i>)	GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 ANTH 114 SOCI L352	General Elective
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
12	Transfer Elective #1	3	CONF 101 Conflict and our World ²	CONF 101	Major
13	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 ENGL L372 MUSI 101	Arts
14	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	Soc/Behav
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology (<i>strongly recommended</i>)	GGS 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379	General Elective
16	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	CONF 210 Theories of Conflict Analysis and Resolution	CONF 210	Major
17	General Education Elective	3	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 HUM 210 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 268 Social Problems	GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 WMST 200 ENGL 202 GOVT 103 ANTH 114 SOCI L352	General Elective
18	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 ³	ENGL 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
19	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	3	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 PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 268 Social Problems	GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 GOVT 132 ANTH 114 SOCI L352	General Elective
20	Transfer Elective #2	3	PHI 111 Logic OR PHI 220 Ethics and Society OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 237 Religions of the East	PHIL 173T PHIL 151T RELI 100 RELI 212	General Elective

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEGREE TOTAL
60

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

Concentrations: Building Peace in Divided Societies; Global Engagement; Political and Social Action; Justice and Reconciliation; Interpersonal Dynamics; Collaborative Leadership; Environmental Conflict and Collaboration; Individualized; No Concentration

NOTE: At least four courses must be taken from the selected concentration category. The remaining two supporting courses may be selected from any of the concentration lists or may be any CONF course not applied to another degree requirement. Three of the six courses must be in-residence CONF coursework. CONF 397 Study Abroad Special Topics and courses transferred from another institution may be substituted for concentration requirements, but cannot fulfill the in-residence requirement.

MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Research Methods Course	3	Approved Research Methods Course ⁴	Major
22	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 300 Conflict Resolution Techniques and Practice	Major
23	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 320 Interpersonal Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
26	Skills and Practice	3 4	Approved Skills and Practice course ⁵	Major
27	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 330 Community, Group, and Organizational Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Major
28	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 340 Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution	Major
29	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 301 Research and Inquiry in Conflict Resolution	Major
30	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
31	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
32	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
33	Required Core Courses	3	CONF 302 Culture, Identity, and Conflict	Writing Intensive
34	Field Experience	3	Approved Field Experience course ⁴	Major
35	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	Major Elective or Concentration Course	3	Approved Concentration or CONF elective course ⁴	Major
39	General Electives	2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	Gen Ed: Apex/Core Requirement	3	CONF 490 RS: Integration	Apex
B.S. CONFLICT ANALYSIS & RESOLUTION DEGREE TOTAL		120		

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 Mason graduation. Please see your ADVANCE Coach for more information and to enroll.

Important Academic Information:

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

²Students who have completed PLS 250 have fulfilled this requirement and do not need to co-enroll in CONF 101.

³200-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.

⁴For approved Research Methods, CONF Concentration, Skills and Practice, and Field Experience courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/conflict-analysis-resolution-bs/#requirementstext>.

⁵For the Skills and Practice requirement, students have the option to take one 3-credit course or three 1-credit courses. For options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/peace-conflict-resolution/conflict-analysis-resolution-bs/#requirementstext>.

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 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:

- Students cannot use more than 12 credits of coursework within the major with a C- or D grade to count towards the Conflict Analysis and Resolution, BS. If a student receives C- or D grades in excess of the allowed number, they may retake courses to meet the major coursework grade requirement for graduation. Students taking a graduate course for undergraduate credit must achieve a grade of B- or higher for graduate course credits to count towards their undergraduate degree.
- 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.