

A.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice

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-#6, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

- Students must complete their NOVA degree 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.
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
- Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA graduation by March 1 for spring graduation or June 1 for summer graduation. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA graduation by October 1 for winter graduation.
- Students must begin developmental coursework in no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
- 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).
- In the first 30 credits, students must:
 - Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
 - Complete the first college-level MTH course with a C or better.

	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	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	ADJ 100	3	ADJ 100 Survey of Criminal Justice	CRIM 100	Major & Soc/Behav
4	HIS 112	3	HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 125	Western Civ
5	MTH 154 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quant
6	ADJ 107	3	ADJ 107 Survey of Criminology	CRIM 210	Major
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 115 or ITE 119	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts OR ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
9	CST 110	3	CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 101	Oral Comm
10	PSY 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Add'l Soc/Behav
11	ADJ 211	3	ADJ 211 Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures I	CRIM L490	Major
12	ADJ 234 or ADJ 236	3	ADJ 234 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism OR ADJ 236 Principles of Criminal Investigations	CRIM L475 CRIM L410	Major
13	BIO 101	4	BIO 101 General Biology I	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
14	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
15	SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	SOCI 101	General Elective
16	ART 101 or CST 151	3	ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I	ARTH 200 ENGH L372	Arts
17	ADJ 105 or ADJ 140	3	ADJ 105 the Juvenile Justice System OR ADJ 140 Introductions to Corrections	CRIM L490 CRIM L402	Major
18	ADJ 133	3	ADJ 133 Ethics and the Criminal Justice Profession	CRIM L306	Major
19	BIO 102	4	BIO 102 General Biology II	BIOL 102	Nat Science

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

B.A. Criminology, Law and Society

Optional Concentrations: Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Justice, Law and Society

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Core Courses in the Major	3	CRIM 315 Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology	Major
22	College Requirement: Foreign Language	6	Approved foreign language course ¹ <i>Students may opt to take a two course, 101/102 sequence if available</i>	Major
23	Gen Ed: Global	3	Approved Global Understanding course (Upper-level) ²	Global
24	College Requirement: Non-Western	3	Approved Non-Western Culture course (Upper-level) ³	CHSS Non-Western
25	Core Courses in the Major	3	CRIM 424 Constitutional Law: Criminal Process and Rights	Major
26	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
27	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
28	College Requirement: Foreign Language	3	Approved foreign language course ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
29	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
30	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
31	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
32	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
33	College Requirement: Phil/Reli	3	Approved course in Philosophy or Religion ³	CHSS Phil/Reli
34	College Requirement: Foreign Language	3	Approved foreign language course ¹	CHSS Foreign Language
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	CRIM 495 Capstone in Criminology, Law and Society	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper level, See: Advisor)	General Elective

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Important Academic Information:

¹For approved Foreign Language Courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/criminology-law-society/criminology-law-society-ba/#requirements-text>

²For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

³For approved College Requirements and CRIM Electives, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/criminology-law-society/criminology-law-society-ba/>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 42 credits within the major, with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students may apply a maximum of 18 credits of transferable ADJ courses from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) or comparable courses at another community college to fulfill the degree requirements. Once a student matriculates at Mason, no courses may be taken at another institution without prior written approval from the program and the dean. No more than 12 credits of CRIM 485 Study Abroad can be applied to the major. No more than 15 credits of CRIM 490 Special Topics can be applied to the major. A maximum of 6 credits of INTS 417 Human Trafficking and Smuggling and/or CRIM 490 Special Topics when topic is Human Trafficking can be applied to the major.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatable D/F grades may be eligible to receive a waiver for any lower-level Mason Core courses not already completed. To be eligible for the core waiver, students must also complete the requirements of the AA or AS degree listed on their pathway, and apply to graduate from NOVA by the deadline (see milestone #3). Students must meet these criteria by the time of matriculation to Mason and provide the Office of Admissions a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date.
- 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.