

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

1. 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.
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 Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent 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 101	Written Comm
3	ADJ 100	3	ADJ 100 Survey of Criminal Justice	CRIM 100	Major & Soc/Behav
4	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 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
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 ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 152	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
9	CST 100 or CST 110	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 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 or General Education Elective	3	MTH 245 Statistics I OR CST 229 Intercultural Communication OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion	STAT 250 COMM L305 GOVT 132 RELI 100	General Elective or Global Understanding
15	SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 101	General Elective
16	Humanities/Fine Arts	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

17	ADJ 105 or ADJ 140	3	ADJ 105 the Juvenile Justice System OR ADJ 140 Introductions to Corrections	CRIM L302 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 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
A.S. CRIMINOLOGY & CRIM JUSTICE DEGREE TOTAL 60					
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 ³ <i>Students may opt to take a two course, 101/102 sequence if available</i>		CHSS Foreign Language
23	Gen Ed: Global or General Electives	3	Approved Global Understanding course (Upper-level) ⁴ OR General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor) <i>(if CST 229, PLS 241, or REL 100 completed at NOVA)</i>		Global Understanding or General Elective
24	College Requirement: Non-Western	3	Approved Non-Western Culture course (Upper-level) ⁵		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) ⁵		Major
27	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ⁵		Major
28	College Requirement: Foreign Language	3	Approved foreign language course ³		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) ⁵		Major
31	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ⁵		Major
32	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ⁵		Major
33	College Requirement: Phil/Reli	3	Approved course in Philosophy or Religion ⁵		CHSS Phil/Reli
34	College Requirement: Foreign Language	3	Approved foreign language course ³		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
B.A. CRIM, LAW AND SOCIETY DEGREE TOTAL 120					

Important Academic Information:

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

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

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

⁵For 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.
- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. 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.
- 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.

