

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice /
B.S. Criminology, Law and Society Pathway
2025-2026

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 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	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 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History
5	MTH 154 or MTH 155	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning OR MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
6	ADJ 201	3	ADJ 201 Criminology	CRIM 210	Major
7	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
8	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
9	ITE 152	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
10	PSY 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	General Elective
11	ADJ 105, ADJ 211, ADJ 234	3	ADJ 105 Juvenile Justice System ADJ 211 Criminal Law, Evidence, and Procedures I OR ADJ 234 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	CRIM L302 CRIM L490 CRIM L475	Major
12	ADJ 140	3	ADJ 140 Introduction to Corrections	CRIM L402	Major
13	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

14	Physical Life Science or Life Science Elective with Lab	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
15	SOC 266 or SOC 268 or General Education Elective	3	SOC 266 Race and Ethnicity OR SOC 268 Social Problems OR CST 229 Intercultural Communication OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion OR REL 237 Religions of the East	SOCI L308 SOCI L352 COMM L305 GOVT 132 RELI 100 RELI 212	General Elective
16	SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 101	General Elective
17	ADJ 133	3	ADJ 133 Ethics and the Criminal Justice Profession	CRIM L306	Major
18	ADJ 229 or ADJ 236	3	ADJ 229 Community Policing Modern Society OR ADJ 236 Principles of Criminal Investigations	CRIM L409 CRIM L410	Major
19	Physical Life Science or Life Science Elective with Lab	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
20	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

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.S. Criminology, 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	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level, See: Advisor)	General Elective
23	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
24	Core Courses in the Major	3	CRIM 424 Constitutional Law: Criminal Process and Rights	Major
25	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
26	Internship or Area of Specialization in the Major	3	CRIM 479 Preparation for Internship ⁴	Major
27	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
28	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
29	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
30	Internship or Area of Specialization in the Major	12	CRIM 480 Internship (540 intern hours total required) ⁴	Major
31	Electives in the Major	3	Upper-level CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major
32	Electives in the Major	3	CRIM Elective (Major) ³	Major

33	Gen Ed: Apex	3	CRIM 495 Capstone in Criminology, Law and Society	Apex & Writing Intensive
34	Internship or Area of Specialization in the Major	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
35	Internship or Area of Specialization in the Major	3	General Electives or Minor (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
37	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.S. CRIM, LAW AND SOCIETY		120	DEGREE TOTAL	
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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. Students are encouraged to complete this course prior to their last semester at NOVA.

³For approved CRIM Electives, please visit -

<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/criminology-law-society/criminology-law-society-bs/#requirementstext> .

⁴Students may elect to complete a minor, second major, or dual degree instead of an internship. For additional information on these options, please visit:

<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/criminology-law-society/criminology-law-society-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 pursuing this degree with an approved area of specialization (minor, 2nd major or dual degree) must complete 45 CLS major credits in addition to the credits required for the area of specialization, some of which may overlap with the CLS major. Students completing an area of specialization must meet with an advisor in that program to verify requirements and add the program to their record.
- A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required. 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.
- 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.