

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /  
B.A. Economics Pathway  
*Online Option Available*  
**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.

- 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.
- 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 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.
- Students must begin developmental coursework 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.
- 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 <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	Written Comm
3	HIS Elective	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
4	MTH 161 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 154 or MTH 161 or higher)	3	MTH 161 PreCalculus I	MATH 103T	General Elective
5	Transfer Elective #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
6	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 111 Oceanography I <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 120/121 PHYS 103	Nat Science
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	General Elective
8	ITE 152 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
9	MTH 261 Required (NOVA Catalog: MTH 155 or MTH 245 or higher)	3	MTH 261 Applied Calculus I	MATH 108	Major & Quantitative
10	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> ENV 122 Applications in Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 111 Oceanography I <b>OR</b> 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
11	Transfer Elective #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 104	Soc/Behav & Major
13	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
15	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	CHSS Soc/Behav
16	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 103	Major
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 203 History of African Civilizations <b>OR</b> HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History <b>OR</b> HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	GGS 101 HIST L387 HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 252 ANTH 114	CHSS Non-Western
18	General Education Elective	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women in Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>3</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	3	ECO 230 Money and Banking <b>OR</b> GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 203 History of African Civilizations <b>OR</b> HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History <b>OR</b> HIS 254 History of Modern East Asian Civilizations <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON L310 GGS 101 HIST L387 HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 252 ANTH 114	Major or General Elective

#### A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### DEGREE TOTAL

60-61

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

### B.A. Economics

**Concentration:** Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

**NOTE:** Students should meet with a Mason Economics Advisor to create a graduation plan.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics	Major
22	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 309 Economic Problems and Public Policies	Major
23	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 311 Intermediate Macroeconomics	Major
24	Major Core Courses	3	STAT 250 Introductory Statistics I	Major
25	Major Core Courses	3	STAT 350 Introductory Statistics II	Major
26	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
27	Electives in Major or General Electives	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385) <b>OR</b> General Elective ( <i>if ECO 230/ECON L310 taken at NOVA</i> )	Major or General Elective
28	Major Core Courses	3	ECON 345: Introduction to Econometrics	Major
29	Electives in Major	3	Any 300-400 level Economics (ECON) coursework (excludes ECON 385)	Major
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32	Electives in Major	3	Approved ECON Writing Intensive course (See: Advisor)	Writing Intensive
33	Electives in Major	3	Any 400-level Economics (ECON) coursework	Major
34	Electives in Major or General Electives	3	Any 400-level Economics (ECON) coursework <b>OR</b> Upper-level General Elective (See: Advisor) if course taken for Apex requirement is ECON 491, 493, or 495	Major
35	CHSS Phil/Reli	3	Any approved PHIL/RELI course <sup>4</sup>	CHSS Phil/Reli
36	Mason Core: Arts	3	Any approved Arts course <sup>4</sup>	Arts
37	Apex Requirement	3	ECON 491 Capstone in Economics <b>OR</b> ECON 493 Capstone Internship <b>OR</b> ECON 495 RS: Honors Thesis in Economics <b>OR</b> Other approved course for Apex requirement	Apex
38	General Electives	3	Upper-level General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major
39	General Electives	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	1-3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	General Elective

#### **B.A. ECONOMICS DEGREE**

**TOTAL 120**

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

#### **Important Academic Information:**

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

<sup>2</sup>If students test out of World Language/ASL 101, it is recommended students take MTH 245. If students test out of World Language/ASL 102, it is recommended they take a class that fulfills the Arts Mason Core requirement.

<sup>3</sup>200-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.

<sup>4</sup>For approved Mason Core or CHSS required courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/economics/economics-ba/#requirements>

#### **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 must complete a minimum of 59 credits of required coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students completing a concentration will complete additional credits.
- 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.