

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences: Teacher Education  
Specialization / B.S.Ed. Elementary Education,  
PK-6 Licensure Pathway  
**2022-2023**

## A.S. Social Sciences: Teacher Education Specialization

### 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).

### ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements:

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure.
2. Before matriculating to Mason, students should attempt the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA).
3. Students must complete the application to the major process prior to matriculating to Mason. For more information about the application, see <https://education.gmu.edu/elementary-education/current-student-information/application-to-the-major>
4. Students must meet with a Mason Content Area Advisor prior to completing the application to the major: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	EDU 207	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development	EDUC L302	General Elective
4	MTH 154 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	HIS 121	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877	HIST 121	Soc/Behav
8	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
9	MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10	Science Course #2 (Select discipline different from Natural Science above)	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
11	EDU 280	3	EDU 280 Technology Standards for Teachers	ELED 257	Info Tech
12	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
13	ENG Literature	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature	ELED 258	Literature
14	GEO 220	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGG 101	Global

15	HIS 122	3	HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 122	General Elective
16	EDU 254	3	EDU 254 Teaching Basic Academic Skills to Exceptional Students	EDUC L301	Major
17	HIS 101 or HIS 102	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE	HIST 101 HIST 102	Western Civ
18	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 200 ARTH 201 MUSI 101	Arts
19	Open Elective	3	<b>ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed (co-enrollment course)</b> <b>OR</b> ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	<b>ELED 242</b> ECON 104 ECON 103 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Major or General Elective
20	PLS 135 or PLS 136	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics	GOVT 103 GOVT L304	General Elective

**A.S. SOCIAL SCIENCES  
(TEACHER ED) DEGREE TOTAL**      **60**

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

## B.S.Ed. Elementary Education

**Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your Mason Advisor.**

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course		MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
22	Major or Elective Requirements	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed ( <i>if not taken through co-enrollment at NOVA</i> ) <b>OR</b> General Elective (See: Advisor)		Major or General Elective
23	Major Requirements	3	ELED 305 Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
24	Major Requirements	3	ELED 410 Emergent and Early Literacy	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
25	Major Requirements	3	ELED 443 Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
26	Major Requirements	3	ELED 454 Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
27	Major Requirements	3	ELED 401 Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
28	Major Requirements	3	ELED 411 Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
29	Major Requirements	3	ELED 452 Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
30	Major Requirements	3	ELED 453 Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
31	Major Requirements	3	ELED 402 Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
32	Major Requirements	3	ELED 421 STEM in the Elementary Classroom	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
33	Major Requirements	3	<b>Elem Ed Elective:</b> ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6 <b>OR</b> EDCI 423 Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms <b>OR</b> EDSE 241 Characteristics or Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b> EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b> ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings <b>OR</b> PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers		Major
34	Major Requirements	3	ELED 412 Writing Development, Processes and Pedagogy	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
35	Major Requirements	3	ELED 480 Practicum in Elementary Education	<b>Fall only</b>	Major

36	Major Requirements	3	ELED 459 Research and Assessment in Elementary Education	Spring only	Writing Intensive
37	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Major Requirement	9	ELED 490 Internship in Elementary Education	Spring only	Synthesis
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
<b>B.S.ED. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120</b>					
<b>Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your ADVANCE Coach to enroll.</b>					
<b><u>Additional General Notes &amp; Resources:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.</li> <li>Termination from the major may be imposed as a result of excessive repeating of required courses without achieving the minimum standard, and for other evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward completion of the major, including failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and failure to exhibit professional dispositions. A grade of C or higher is required in each of the Elementary Education major courses (see Requirements section in the catalog for list of 17 required major courses). Students will not be permitted to make more than three graded attempts to achieve a C or higher in each course. Those who do not successfully complete a major course within three attempts will be terminated from the major.</li> <li>ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 final, cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeatd 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 Mason 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 provide the Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date and a cumulative NOVA GPA at or above 2.85.</li> <li>For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/</a></li> <li>Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.</li> </ul>					