

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /
B.A. Government and International
Politics Pathway
2021-2022

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-#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	HIS Elective	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I OR HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II OR HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	Transfer Elective #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	PLS 135 Required (NOVA Catalog: ITE 115 or ITE 119 or General Education Elective)	3	PLS 135 American National Politics	GOVT 103	Major & Soc/Behav
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II OR CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I OR PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103 PHYS 104	Nat Science
11	Transfer Elective #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective

12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PLS 200 Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory	GOVT 101	Major
13	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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
15	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	SCHAR Soc/Behav
16	General Education Elective	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	Major & Global
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 132	Major
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	SCHAR For. Lang or General Elective
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I (non-west) OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography (non-west) OR ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 121 United States History I OR HIS 122 United States History II OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 268 Social Problems OR SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	ANTH 114 GGS 101 ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC L379 SOCI 101 SOCI L352 GLOA 101	Non-Western or General Elective

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEGREE TOTAL 60-62

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

B.A. Government and International Politics

Concentrations: American Institutions and Processes; Comparative Politics; International Political Economy; International Relations; Law, Philosophy and Governance; Political Analysis; Political Behavior and Identity Politics; Public Policy and Administration; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Individualized

Students interest in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor. ²

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Information Technology/Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Info Tech
22	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Mason Core Arts course ¹	Arts
23	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{2,3}	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{2,3}	Major
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{2,3}	Major

27	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{2,3}	Major
28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ³	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ³	Major
30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ³	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ³	Major
32	College Requirement: Non- Western	3	Approved Non-Western course ³ OR General Elective (<i>if Non-West Culture is completed at NOVA or as a major elective</i>)	SCHAR Non-Western
33	College Requirement: Philosophy/Religion	3	Any PHIL or RELI course	SCHAR Phil/Reli
34	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
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 (See: Advisor)	General Elective
38	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	3	GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar OR GOVT 491 Honors Seminar	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	0-2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

B.A. GOVT & INTERNATIONAL POLITICS 120

Important Academic Information:

¹For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

²Students may complete a government concentration (four courses) in one field, then complete any four more advanced government field courses to satisfy this requirement. Students who do not pursue a government concentration may choose 24 credits from the advanced government field courses listed below (with restriction) for a broader learning experience. Up to three credits of GOVT 399 Research Practicum and GOVT 480 Internship may be used to fulfill the field course requirement with prior advisor approval. Up to six credits of GOVT 496 Directed Readings and Research may be used to fulfill this requirement with prior advisor approval. GOVT 490 Synthesis Seminar (Mason Core) or GOVT 491 Honors Seminar (Mason Core) may not be used to fulfill this requirement. Advanced government field courses include courses numbered GOVT 301 - GOVT 499.

³For approved GOVT Concentration courses and college-level requirement courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/government-international-politics-ba/#requirementstext>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 43 credits in GOVT and earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course 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.