

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /
B.A. Government and International
Politics Pathway
2022-2023

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.

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	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Elective	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	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 OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 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 152 or General Education Elective)	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and 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 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 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 BIOL 102 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 EVPP 112/113 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	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 Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm

14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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's Literature OR Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ¹	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
15	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to 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 Introduction to International Relations	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 is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography (Non-West) OR HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology (Non-West) OR SOC 268 Social Problems OR SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 GGS 101 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT L304 PSYC 100 PSYC L379 SOCI 101 ANTH 114 SOCI L352 GLOA 101	Non-Western or General Elective

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES

60-62

DEGREE TOTAL

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 interested in Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics concentration should contact their Mason Advisor.*³

	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 ²	Arts
23	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	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 ^{3,4}	Major
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major
27	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major

28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major
30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Any approved Advanced Government field course ^{3,4}	Major
32	College Requirement: Non- Western	3	Approved Non-Western course ⁴ 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 ⁴	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:

¹200-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.

²For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

³Students 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.

⁴For 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 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.
- 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.