

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences / B.A. Integrative
Studies Pathway
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.

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).

ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements: Some INTS courses are more than 3 credits and may fulfill other requirements. Students should see a Mason advisor to help plan their degree program to meet degree requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives. Contact sisinfo@gmu.edu.

	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	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
4	MTH 154 or MTH 161 or higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning ²	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	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
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	ITE 152 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
8	MTH 155 or MTH 245 or higher	3	Childhood Studies: MTH 245 Statistics I All other concentrations: MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning OR MTH 245 Statistics I ²	STAT 250 STAT 105T STAT 250	General Elective

9	Science Course #2	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
10	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
11	Social/Behavioral Science #1	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology African and African American Studies concentration: SOC 266 Race and Ethnicity	ECON 103 GGS 101 GOVT 132 PSYC 100 PSYC 231 SOCI 101 ANTH 114 SOCI 208	General Elective
12	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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
13	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	PSYC 100 SOCI 101	Soc/Behav
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology	GGS 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379	General Elective
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology African and African American Studies concentration: HIS 141 African-American History I OR HIS 142 African-American History II	GGS 103 HIST L387T HIST 125 PSYC 231 PSYC 211 ANTH 114 HIST L335 HIST L336	General Elective or Major
16	General Education Elective	3	INTS 202 Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills OR INTS 204 Leadership Theory and Practice OR INTS 210 Sustainable World OR INTS 244 Beats, Rhyme, and Culture OR INTS 245 Visual Culture and Society OR INTS 249 Digital Literacy	INTS 202 INTS 204 INTS 210 INTS 244 INTS 245 INTS 249	Major
17	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Ideas and Culture OR ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature OR ENG 255 World Literature OR ENG 275 Women in Literature OR ENG 258 African American Literature (<i>recommended for African & African American Studies concentration</i>) Any 200-Level ENG Literature course ³	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature

18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This elective is not needed if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	3	GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography OR HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE OR PSY 216 Social Psychology OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology African and African American Studies concentration: HIS 203 History of African Civilizations	GGIS 103 HIST L387 HIST 125 PSYC 231 PSYC 211 ANTH 114 HIS 261	General Elective ⁴ or Major
			HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 OR HIS 203 History of African Civilizations OR HIS 231 Introduction to Latin American History OR HUM 210 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR REL 230 Religions of the World African and African American Studies concentration: HUM 220 Introduction to African-American Studies	HIST 121 HIST 122 HIST 261 HIST 271 WMST 200 GOVT 103 RELI --- AFAM 200	
			INTS 202 Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills OR INTS 204 Leadership Theory and Practice OR INTS 210 Sustainable World OR INTS 244 Beats, Rhyme, and Culture OR INTS 245 Visual Culture and Society OR INTS 249 Digital Literacy	INTS 202 INTS 204 INTS 210 INTS 244 INTS 245 INTS 249	
19	Transfer Elective #1	3			General Elective ⁴ or Major
20	Transfer Elective #2	3			Major
A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE					
TOTAL		60			

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

B.A. Integrative Studies

Concentrations: African and African American Studies; Childhood Studies; Leadership and Organizational Development; Legal Studies; Education Studies; Social Justice and Human Rights; Social Science for Education; Women and Gender Studies; Individualized.⁵

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework (See: Advisor)	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper Level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework (See: Advisor)	Major
24	Integrative Studies Coursework	1	INTS 391 Understanding Integrative Studies	Major
25	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
26	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
27	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
28	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	Integrative Studies Coursework - 300/400 level (See: Advisor)	Major
29	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved Upper Level INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ^{5,6} African and African American Studies concentration: Approved Upper Level African Studies course ⁶	Major
			Approved Upper Level INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ^{5,6} African and African American Studies concentration: Approved Upper Level Race and Ethnicity course ⁵	
30	Concentration Requirements	3		Major

31	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (Upper Level, See: Catalog) ^{5,6} or General Elective (Upper Level)	Major or General Elective
32	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (Upper Level, See: Catalog) ^{5,6} or General Elective (Upper Level)	Major or General Elective
33	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (Upper Level, See: Catalog) ^{5,6} or General Elective (Upper Level)	Major or General Elective
34	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (Upper Level, See: Catalog) ^{5,6} or General Elective (Upper Level)	Major or General Elective
35	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (Upper Level, See: Catalog) ^{5,6} or General Elective (Upper Level)	Major or General Elective
36	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ^{5,6} African and African American Studies concentration: Approved Social Justice course ⁶	Major
37	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved Upper-Level INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ^{5,6} African and African American Studies concentration: Approved Social Justice course ⁶	Major
38	Concentration Requirements	3	Approved Upper Level INTS Concentration Course (See: Catalog) ^{5,6}	Major
39	Integrative Studies Coursework	3	INTS 491 Senior Capstone	Major
40	General Electives	5	General Elective (See: Advisor; may need to be upper level)	General Elective

B.A. INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

120

DEGREE TOTAL

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University while attending NOVA. Failure to complete your co-enrollment course(s) while attending NOVA can significantly affect your timeline for Mason graduation. Please see your ADVANCE Coach for more information and to enroll.

Important Academic Information:

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

²Students who plan to take MTH 245 should take MTH 154 or MTH 161 first. Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 and MTH 245.

³200-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.

⁴Students are encouraged to use this category to fulfill any 100/200 level concentration coursework available at NOVA. For more information, please contact a Integrative Studies advisor (sisinfo@gmu.edu) or visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/integrative-studies/integrative-studies-ba/#requirements-text>.

⁵A concentration is the equivalent of a major in a traditional degree program. Students choose from an established multidisciplinary concentration or create with faculty an individualized program of study to fit their interests and needs. Concentration coursework combines integrative studies (INTS) classes with coursework from other Mason units (departments, schools, and colleges). While fulfilling the concentration requirements, students are also responsible for completing a minimum of 30 credits of INTS coursework. Any INTS courses required for the concentration will apply. Students must present a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the concentration.

⁶For approved INTS Concentration Courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/integrative-studies/integrative-studies-ba/#requirements-text>

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 must fulfill all requirements for Bachelor's Degrees including the Mason Core. Integrative studies students may fulfill lower level Mason Core requirements through approved integrative studies (INTS) coursework. Students pursuing a BA in integrative studies must complete a minimum of 30 credits of (INTS) coursework, with at least 15 credits at the 300 and 400 levels. These 30 INTS credits fulfill the writing intensive and synthesis Mason Core requirements. In addition, students must complete ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Mason Core). Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in courses applied to the major. Before registering, students should see an advisor to help plan their degree program to meet Mason requirements. The advisor also can help students choose electives or a minor.
- 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.