

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A. Liberal Arts / B.A. Psychology Pathway
2020-2021

A.A. Liberal Arts

ADVANCE Program Milestones

- Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
- Students must begin Developmental coursework in 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 MTT or ENF 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.
- Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.

	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	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	World Language #1	5-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
4	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
5	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
6	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I (recommended) 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 CHEM 103 EVPP 110 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
8	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II (recommended) OR CHM 102 Introductory Chemistry II OR ENV 122 General Environmental Science II OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 102 Introduction to Physics II	BIOL 106/107 CHEM 104 EVPP 111 GEOL 102 PHYS 104	Nat Science
9	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
10	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology	PSYC 231	Major
11	World Language #2	5-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
12	ENG Literature Elective	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
13	HIS Course #1	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
14	Open Elective #1	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	Major
15	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Elective

16	World Language #3	4-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
17	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation OR ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I OR ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II OR CST 130 Introduction to Theatre OR CST 151 Film Appreciation I OR MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
18	HIS Course #2	3	HIS 203 History of African Civilization I OR HIS 231 History of Latin American Civilization I OR HIS 251 History of Middle East Civilization I OR HIS 253 History of Asian Civilization	HIST 261 HIST 271 HIST 281 HIST 251	CHSS Soc/Behav
19	World Language #4	4-3	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 OR Any General Education Elective (<i>if placed out of World Language</i>)	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang OR Elective
20	Open Elective #2 (This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach)	3	PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology	PSYC L379	Global & Major

A. A. LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE
TOTAL 60-63

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

B.A. Psychology

Concentrations: Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, Work and Organizational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Educational Psychology, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology.

Courses required for a concentration may simultaneously satisfy other degree requirements and may have differing GPA standards. The concentrations in Forensic Psychology, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, and Work and Organizational Psychology meet the applied psychology requirement.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology Course*	Info Tech
22	College Requirement: Philosophy/Religion & Non- Western	3	Any approved PHIL/RELI & Non-Western course**	Major
23	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
24	Research Methods Courses	4	PSYC 300 Statistics in Psychology	Major
25	Foundation Courses	3	PSYC 317 Cognitive Psychology	Major
26	Biopsychology	3-6	PSYC 372 Physiological Psychology OR PSYC 375 Brain and Sensory Processes AND PSYC 376 Brain and Behavior	Major
27	Research Methods Courses	4	PSYC 301 Research Methods in Psychology	Major
28	Optional Concentration/General Elective	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course or General Elective (Upper level)	Major
29	Optional Concentration/General Elective	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course or General Elective (Upper level)	Major
30	Electives in Major/Applied Psychology Course	3	Applied Psychology (PSYC) course (See: Advisor as some requirements may double count)	Major
31	Optional Concentration/General Elective	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course or General Elective (Upper level)	Major

32	Optional Concentration/General Elective	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course or General Elective (Upper level)	Major
33	Electives in Major	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course	Major
34	Electives in Major	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course	Major
35	General Elective	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
37	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Professional Development	3	PSYC 427 Community Engagement for Social Change	Synthesis
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
40	General Electives	0-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	Major

B.A. PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE

120

TOTAL

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

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

****For approved Additional Social & Behavioral Science, Concentration, Non-western culture courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-ba/#requirements>**

Students complete the 37 required credits with electives in psychology (PSYC) with the following restrictions:

1. A maximum of 6 credits of PSYC 327 Psychology in the Community and PSYC 328 Psychology in the Community Laboratory may be applied to required psychology credits.
2. A maximum of 6 credits of PSYC 260 Basic Research Methods in Psychology, PSYC 350 Directed Reading and Research in Psychology, and PSYC 460 Independent Study in Psychology may be applied to required psychology credits.
3. No more than 9 credits of PSYC 327 Psychology in the Community, PSYC 328 Psychology in the Community Laboratory, PSYC 260 Basic Research Methods in Psychology, PSYC 350 Directed Reading and Research in Psychology, and PSYC 460 Independent Study in Psychology can be taken without written permission of the department chair.
4. No more than 6 credits of D may be applied toward this requirement.

PSYC 465 Pioneering Ideas in Psychology is strongly recommended for all students who plan to attend graduate school in psychology.

General Note: Students pursuing this degree must complete 37 credits within the major, with 24 credits at the 300 and 400 level. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 in these courses with a minimum grade of 1.67 (C-) in each one.

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Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.