

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	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	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
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 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR BIO 102 General Biology II (recommended) 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
10	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
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	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology	PSYC 231	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	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	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
16	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	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
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	Major
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR HIS 111 History of World Civilization I OR PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics OR PLS 241 International Relations I OR PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology OR SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	GGG 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 GLOA 101	Global
19	ITE 115 or ITE 119 or General Education Elective	3-4	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 General Elective
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (<i>This elective must be taken at Mason if total language credits are 15 or more - Please see your Success Coach</i>)	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	GGG 101 ANTH 114	CHSS Soc/Behav & Non-Western

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TOTAL 60-62

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: Info Tech	3	Approved Information Technology Course ¹ OR General Elective ²	Info Tech or General Elective
22	College Requirement: Philosophy/Religion	3	Any approved PHIL/RELI ³	CHSS Phil/Reli
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	Writing Intensive
28	Optional Concentration/General Elective	3	Upper level Psychology (PSYC) course or General Elective (Upper level)	Major

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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 or College- Level Requirements	3	General Electives OR Approved CHSS Soc/Behav & Non-Western course ³ (<i>if not taken at NOVA</i>)	General Elective or CHSS Soc/Behav & Non-Western
36	General Electives	3	General Electives	General Elective
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)	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	0-3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective

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TOTAL 120

Important Academic Information:

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

²If students fulfill the Information Technology requirement by taking PSYC 300, PSYC 301, and PSYC 372, this becomes a general elective.

³For approved CHSS required courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/psychology/psychology-ba/#requirementstext>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- 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.
- 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. A minimum grade of C is needed for any course used to fulfill the Applied Psychology requirement.
- ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 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 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.