

A.S. Social Sciences: Political Science Specialization

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 Course	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	PLS 135	3	PLS 135 American National Politics	GOVT 103	Major
6	PLS 241	3	PLS 241 International Relations I	GOVT 132	Global
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 115 or ITE 119	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts OR ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
10	PLS 136	3	PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT L304	Major
11	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
12	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
13	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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
14	PLS 140	3	PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics	GOVT 133	General Elective

15	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
			SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I OR SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI 101 ANTH 114 SOCI L308	
16	SOC Course	3			General Elective
17	PLS 200	3	PLS 200 Introduction to Political and Democratic Theory	GOVT 101	Major
18	General Education Elective	3	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 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
			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	
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3			Literature
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	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 230 Developmental Psychology OR SOC 200 Principles of Sociology OR SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	General Elective

**A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES
(POLITICAL SCI) DEGREE
TOTAL**

60

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B.S. Public Administration

Concentrations: Administration and Management; Public Policy; Nonprofit Management; US Government Institutions; Economic Policy Analysis; International Political Economy; Individualized.¹

Note: Students pursuing a concentration will complete the degree by taking four courses (minimum of 12 credits) within one concentration, chosen from the lists of advanced field courses shown below, to complete a minimum of 24 credits of field courses.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
22	Core Course	4	GOVT 300 Research Methods and Analysis	Major
23	Core Course	3	GOVT 351 Administration in the Political System	Major
24	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper- level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
25	Core Course	3	GOVT 367 Money, Markets and Economic Policy	Fall only Major
26	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course ^{1,2}	Major
27	Core Course	3	GOVT 368 Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	Spring only Major

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31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course ²	Major
32	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course ²	Major
33	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course ²	Major
34	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course ²	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (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	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
B.S. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION		121		
DEGREE TOTAL				

Important Academic Information:

¹Students may complete a concentration of at least 12 credits in one field to fulfill a concentration. Students who do not wish to pursue a concentration may choose at least 24 credits from any of the advanced public administration courses listed below (with restrictions noted below) 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.

²For a list of approved Field Study or Concentration courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/public-administration-bs/>

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in each course applied to the major, including GOVT courses as well as the supporting courses in other disciplines used to fulfill the requirements below. See an advisor before registering.
- 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.