

# ADVANCE

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A.S. Social Sciences: Political Science  
Specialization /  
B.S. Public Administration Pathway  
**2023-2024**

## 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-#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 <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Global History
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	PLS 135	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics	GOVT 103	Major
6	PLS 241	3	PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations	GOVT 132	Global Understanding
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 152	3	ITE 152 Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	IT 104	Info Tech
9	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
10	PLS 136	3	PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics	GOVT L304	Major
11	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 100 Elements of Physics	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 EVPP 108/109 GEOL 101/103 PHYS 103	Nat Science
12	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
13	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	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 <b>OR</b> BIO 102 General Biology II <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> ENV 121 General Environmental Science I <b>OR</b> ENV 122 General Environmental Science II <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> 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
16	SOC Course	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology <b>OR</b> SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI 101 ANTH 114 SOCI L352	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 <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 <b>OR</b> HUM 210 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies <b>OR</b> HUM 256 Comparative Mythology <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 WMST 200 ENGH 202 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	General Elective
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 225 Reading Literature: Culture and Ideas <b>OR</b> ENG 245 British Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 246 American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 255 World Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 258 African American Literature <b>OR</b> ENG 275 Women in Literature <b>OR</b> Any 200-Level ENG Literature course <sup>2</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 People and the Land: An Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865 <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav

#### A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES

(POLITICAL SCI) DEGREE 60  
TOTAL

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

### B.S. Public Administration

**Concentrations:** Administration and Management; Public Policy; Nonprofit Management; US Government Institutions; Economic Policy Analysis; International Political Economy; Individualized.<sup>2</sup>

**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 <sup>3,4</sup>	Major
27	Core Course	3	GOVT 368 Tools for Economic Policy Analysis	Spring only Major
28	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>3,4</sup>	Major
29	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>3,4</sup>	Major
30	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>3,4</sup>	Major
31	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>4</sup>	Major
32	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>4</sup>	Major
33	Govt. Concentration or Advanced Govt. Field Courses	3	Approved Field Study or Concentration Course <sup>4</sup>	Major
34	General Elective	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 (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 <b>OR</b> 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
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<p><b>Important Academic Information:</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.</p> <p><sup>2</sup>200-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.</p> <p><sup>3</sup>Students 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.</p> <p><sup>4</sup>For a list of approved Field Study or Concentration courses, please visit - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/public-administration-bs/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/public-administration-bs/</a></p>				
<p><b>Additional General Notes &amp; Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, &amp; AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. 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.</li> <li>For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/</a></li> <li>Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.</li> </ul>				