

ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Education: Grades 6-12 Social Studies
Education Major/ B.S.Ed. Secondary Education-
History and Social Science
2026-2027

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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 George Mason University and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to George Mason.

1. Students must graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students must ensure they are enrolled in the matching degree.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to George Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at George 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 George 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:

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure.
2. Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal code of Virginia.
3. Students should reach out to the Secondary Education Program at seed@gmu.edu when they apply for NOVA graduation.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	GEORGE MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV 100 or SDV 101	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
4	EDU 207 or PSY 230	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	EDUC L302 PSYC 211	General Elective
5	MTH 154 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	General Elective
7	EDU 250	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	EDSE 201	General Elective
8	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
9	HIS 121	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877	HIST 121	Major
10	ECO 201	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics ¹	ECON 104	Major
11	ENG 245 or ENG 246	3	ENG 245 British Literature OR ENG 246 American Literature	ENGH 202 ENGH 202	Literature
12	BIO 101 or ENV121	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science	BIOL 103/105 EVPP 108/109	Nat Science
13	CST 100 or CST 110	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	HIS 111 or HIS 112	3	HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE	HIST 125	Major & Global History
15	HIS 122	3	HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 122	Major
16	CHM 101 OR GOL 105 OR GOL 106 OR PHY 150	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 150 Elements of Astronomy	CHEM 103 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 ASTR 103/114	Nat Science

17	ECO 202	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics ¹	ECON 103	Major
18	GEO 200, GEO 210, or GEO 220	3	GEO 200 Introduction to Physical Geography OR	GGS 102	Major
			GEO 210 People & the Land: Intro. to Cultural Geography	GGS 103	
19	PLS 135 or PLS 136	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR	GOVT 103	Major
			PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics	GOVT L304	
20	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	REL 237 Religions of the East	RELI 211	Major
			REL 238 Religions of the West	RELI 212	

A.S. EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 60

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

B.S.Ed. Secondary Education - History and Social Science Concentration

Note: Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and earn a grade of C or higher in all major content and core classes. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your George Mason Advisor.

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT	
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
22	Core Requirements	3	EDRD 419 Literacy Across the Disciplines	Fall Only	Major
23	Core Requirements	3	SEED 407 Assessing Learning and Teaching in the Secondary Classroom	Fall Only	Major
24	Core Requirements	3	SEED 408 Creating Advocacy with Adolescent Learners	Fall Only	Major
25	Core Requirements	3	SEED 409 Perspectives on Extraordinary Teaching	Fall Only	Major
26	Core Requirements	3	SEED 422 Foundations of Secondary Education	Fall Only	Major
27	Core Requirements	3	SEED 440 Human Development, Learning, and Teaching	Spring Only	Major
28	Core Requirements	3	SEED 477 Studying Teacher Impact on Student Learning	Fall Only	Writing Intensive
29	Core Requirements	3	SEED 478 Implementing Teacher Impact on Student Learning	Spring Only	Major
30	Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 367 Teaching History and Social Science in Secondary School	Spring Only	Major
31	Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 405 Teaching and Learning Difficult Histories	Spring Only	Major
32	Concentration Requirements	3	SEED 467 Advanced Methods of Teaching History and Social Science in the Secondary School	Fall Only	Major
33	Gen Ed: Apex/Concentration Requirements	9	SEED 495 Internship: Secondary Education History and Social Science	Spring Only	Major & Apex
34	Concentration Requirements	3	GGS 102 Physical Geography OR		Major
			GGS 103 Human Geography (<i>depending on GEO 200 or GEO 210 selection at NOVA</i>)		
35	General Elective	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
36	Concentration Requirements	3	GOVT 103 Introduction to American Government OR GOVT-prefixed course (<i>if GOVT 103 was taken at NOVA</i>)		Major
37	Concentration Requirements	3	HIST 391 History of Virginia to 1800		Major
38	Concentration Requirements	3	Non-US History Course (See: Advisor)		Major

B.S.ED. SECONDARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120

Important Academic Information:

¹See Secondary Education advisor to request a substitution to allow ECO 201 and ECO 202 to fulfill ECON 196 degree requirement.

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 George 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:

- There may be additional content area coursework needed to fulfill requirements for licensure. See this CEHD Content Area Review page for the content area courses needed for your intended license.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and earn a grade of C or higher in all major content and core classes.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see George 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.