ADVANCE
A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

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.

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 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.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework in 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:
    a. Complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
    b. 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	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science & Major
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	ITE 115 or ITE 119 or General Education Elective	3	ITE 115 Introduction to Computer Applications and Concepts **OR** ITE 119 Information Literacy	IT 103 IT 104	Info Tech
8	MTH 245	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
9	Science Course #2	4	BIO 102 General Biology II	BIOL 102	Nat Science
10	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	Soc/Behav
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking **OR** CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100	Oral Comm
12	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
13	PSY 200 or SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	SOCI 101	Major
14	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	SOCW 200 Introduction to Social Work	SOCW 200	Major
15	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology **OR** PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR** PSY 230 Developmental Psychology **OR** SOC 268 Social Problems	PSYC 231 PSYC L379 PSYC 211 SOCI L352	General Elective

16	**General Education Elective**	3	REL 100 Introduction to the Study of Religion **OR**	RELI 100	Global
			REL 231 Religions of the World I **OR**	RELI 212	
			REL 232 Religions of the World II	RELI 211	
17	**Humanities/Fine Arts #2**	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story **OR**	ENGH 202	Literature
			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		
18	**Social/Behavioral Sciences #4**	3	PSY 216 Social Psychology **OR**	PSYC 231	General Elective
			PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR**	PSYC L379	
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology **OR**	PSYC 211	
			SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L352	
19	**Transfer Elective #1**	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication **OR**	COMM L305	General Elective
			PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology **OR**	PSYC L325	
			PSY 216 Social Psychology **OR**	PSYC 231	
			PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR**	PSYC L379	
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology **OR**	PSYC 211	
			SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L352	
20	**Transfer Elective #2**	3	CST 229 Intercultural Communication **OR**	COMM L305	General Elective
			PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology **OR**	PSYC L325	
			PSY 216 Social Psychology **OR**	PSYC 231	
			PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology **OR**	PSYC L379	
			PSY 230 Developmental Psychology **OR**	PSYC 211	
			SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L352	

A. S. SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE TOTAL	**60**	

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B.S.W. Social Work

Social Work field requirements are ONLY offered during the daytime hours.

Social Work Program Requirements:

1. Students must complete 45 credit hours with a cumulative Mason GPA of 2.5 or higher.

2. Students must either complete or be registered for BIO 101 (BIOL 103), ENG 111 (ENGL 101), SOC 200 (SOCI 101), PSY 200 (PSYC 100).

3. Students must earn a C or better in SOCW 200, 357, 361, and at least two of the following courses: SOCW 311, 312, 375, 380.

4. Students must be enrolled in all other required 300-level SOCW courses.

5. Students must complete the Social Work application and successfully matriculate into the program prior to beginning senior field practicum.

6. Students must submit their application by the posted deadline, in January of the year they will begin their field placement (See: Advisor).

7. Students must complete the following courses (including prerequisites) before beginning the fall semester when you begin the senior field practicum: SOCW 200, 311, 312, 357, 361, 358, 362, 375, 380.

8. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA once admitted to the major.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	**Credits**	**Course**		**MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT**
21	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 311 Building Professional Social Work Skills		Major
22	**Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)**	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition (Social Science section)		Written Comm
23	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 357 Methods of Social Work Intervention I	**Fall only**	Major
24	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 361 Methods of Social Work Interventions: Lab	**Fall only**	Major
25	**Gen Ed: Synthesis/Major Requirement**	3	SOCW 375 Human Behavior and the Family Life Course		Major
26	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
27	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 312 Knowledge Building for Helping Professionals		Major
28	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 358 Methods of Social Work Intervention II	**Spring only**	Major
29	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 362 Methods of Social Work Intervention II: Lab	**Spring only**	Major
30	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 380 Changing Social Policies and Systems		Major
31	**General Electives**	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
32	**Major Requirements**	3	SOCW 471 Research in Social Work	**Fall only**	Major

33	Major Requirements	3	Any 400- or 500- level SOCW course not listed above		Major
34	Major Requirements	5	SOCW 495 Field Practicum and Seminar I	**Fall only**	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
36	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective
37	Social Work Elective	3	Any 400- or 500- level SOCW course not listed above		Major
38	Major Requirements	3	SOCW 472 RS: Integrative Methods in Social Action and Social Change	**Spring only**	Synthesis
39	Major Requirements	5	SOCW 496 Field Practicum and Seminar II	**Spring only**	Major

B.S.W. SOCIAL WORK DEGREE TOTAL — **121**

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

Additional General Notes & Resources:

• Students must earn a C or above in all Social Work classes applied to the major and must achieve an overall GPA of 2.5. Class attendance is required for all Social Work courses. Before beginning SOCW 495, students must successfully complete all required 200- and 300- level courses. Social Work faculty evaluate student performance periodically and may require students to withdraw from the program when, in their judgment, performance is not satisfactory.

• ADVANCE students who earn at least a 2.85 cumulative GPA and no more than 9 credits of unrepeated 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.

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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.