

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences /  
B.A. Sociology Pathway  
Online Option Available  
**2023-2024**

## 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-#7, 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 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.
- Students must begin developmental coursework 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.
- 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 Elective	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	Transfer Elective #1	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 101 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
6	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
7	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
8	ITE 152 or General Education Elective	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	General Elective
10	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
11	Transfer Elective #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 102 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> ) <sup>2</sup>	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective

12	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	ECON 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211	CHSS Soc/Behav
13	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	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>3</sup>	ENGH 202 or FRLN L330 (ENG 255 only)	Literature
15	SOC 200	3	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 101	Soc/Behav
16	General Education Elective	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 201 <b>OR</b> Any General Education Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 111 World Civilizations Pre-1500 CE <b>OR</b> PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 241 Introduction to International Relations <b>OR</b> PSY 219 Cross-Cultural Psychology <b>OR</b> SSC 115 Introduction to Global Affairs	GGG 101 HIST L387 GOVT 133 GOVT 132 PSYC L379 GLOA 101	Global
18	Social/Behavioral Sciences #3	3	SOC 211 Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 114	CHSS Non-Western
19	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3-4	Any World Language/ASL course sequence 202 <b>OR</b> Any Humanities/Fine Arts Elective ( <i>if placed out of World Language</i> )	GMU Equivalent	CHSS For. Lang or General Elective
20	Social/Behavioral Sciences #4 (This course must be taken at Mason if selections for all other requirements total 60 credits or more)	3	SOC 215 Sociology of the Family <b>OR</b> SOC 225 Sociology of Gender <b>OR</b> SOC 236 Criminology <b>OR</b> SOC 266 Race and Ethnicity <b>OR</b> SOC 268 Social Problems	SOCI L309 SOCI 215 SOCI L301 SOCI 208 SOCI L352	Major

**A.S. SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE**  
**TOTAL** 60-62

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

## B.A. Sociology

**Concentrations:** Childhood and Youth; Deviance, Crime, and Social Control; Global Sociology; Inequity and Social Change<sup>3</sup>

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Additional Core Courses	3	SOCI 311 Sociological Theory	Major
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper- level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
23	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
24	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup>	Major
25	Electives in the Major or General Electives	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup> ( <i>if not taken at NOVA</i> ) <b>OR</b> General Electives (See: Advisor)	Major or General Elective
26	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup>	Major
27	Additional Core Courses	3	SOCI 303 Methods and Logic of Inquiry	Writing-Intensive
28	Additional Core Courses	4	SOCI 313 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	Major
29	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
30	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup>	Major
31	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective

32	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup>	Major
33	Capstone Experience/Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	SOCI 485 Sociological Analysis and Practice <b>OR</b> SOCI 416 Internship in Sociology <b>OR</b> SOCI 481 RE: Honors Seminar in Sociology II	Synthesis & Major
34	Electives in the Major	3	Any sociology (SOCI) course at the 300-400 level (See: Advisor) <sup>4</sup>	Major
35	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
36	CHSS Philosophy/Religion	3	Any approved CHSS Philosophy/Religion course <sup>5</sup>	CHSS Phil/Reli
37	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course <sup>6</sup>	Arts
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (Upper-level - See: Advisor)	General Elective
39	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
40	General Electives	0-2	General Electives (See: Advisor)	General Elective
<b>B.A. SOCIOLOGY DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>				

**Please note: Some fully online courses may require a campus presence for orientations, tests, final exams, or labs.**

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

<sup>2</sup>If students test out of World Language/ASL 101/102, students may take up to two of the following: SOC 268, SOC 225, or SOC 266.

<sup>3</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.

<sup>4</sup>Students are required to take 15 credits of upper-level SOCI electives. Students may structure 12 of these elective credits into an approved concentration: Childhood & Youth; Deviance, Crime, & Social Control; Global Sociology; or Inequality & Social Change.

<sup>5</sup>For a list of approved college-level requirement courses, please visit <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/sociology-anthropology/sociology-ba/#requirementstext>.

<sup>6</sup>For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students pursuing this degree must complete 34 credits of sociology courses with a minimum GPA of 2.00 overall and a minimum GPA of 2.00 in each core course. No more than 6 credits of courses with unsatisfactory grades (C- or D) may be applied toward the major electives requirement.
- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & 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.
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.