

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Social Sciences: Teacher Education  
Specialization / B.S.Ed. Elementary Education,  
PK-6 Licensure Pathway  
**2021-2022**

## A.S. Social Sciences: Teacher Education 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.

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.

### ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements:

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure
2. Before matriculating to Mason, students should attempt the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA).
3. Students must complete the application to the major process prior to matriculating to Mason. For more information about the application, see <https://education.gmu.edu/elementary-education/current-student-information/application-to-the-major>
4. Students must meet with a Mason Content Area Advisor prior to completing the application to the major: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>

	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 Education	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	EDU 207	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development	EDUC L302	General Elective
4	MTH 154 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103 CHEM 103 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	HIS 121	3	HIS 121 United States History I	HIST 121	Soc/Behav
8	EDU 280	3	EDU 280 Technology Standards for Teachers	ELED 257	Info Tech
9	MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10	Science Course #2 <i>(Select discipline different from Natural Science above)</i>	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 101 Introduction to Physics I	BIOL 103/105 CHEM 103 GEOL 101 PHYS 103	Nat Science
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
12	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
13	ENG Literature	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature	ELED 258	Literature
14	GEO 210 or GEO 220	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGG 101	Global
15	HIS 122	3	HIS 122 United States History II	HIST 122	General Elective

16	EDU 254	3	EDU 254 Teaching Basic Academic Skills to Exceptional Students	EDUC L301	Major
17	HIS 101 or HIS 102	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102	Western Civ
18	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 200 ARTH 201 MUSI 101	Arts
19	Open Elective	3	<b>ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed (co-enrollment course) OR</b> ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	<b>ELED 242</b> ECON 104 ECON 103 PSYC 100 SOCI 101 ANTH 114	Major or General Elective
20	PLS 135 or PLS 136	3	PLS 135 American National Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 136 State and Local Politics	GOVT 103 GOVT L304	General Elective

**A.S. SOCIAL SCIENCES  
(TEACHER ED) DEGREE**      **60**  
**TOTAL**

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

## B.S.Ed. Elementary Education

**Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your Mason Advisor.**

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course		MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
22	Major or Elective Requirements	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed ( <i>if not taken through co-enrollment at NOVA</i> ) <b>OR</b> General Elective (See: Advisor)		Major or General Elective
23	Major Requirements	3	ELED 305 Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
24	Major Requirements	3	ELED 410 Emergent and Early Literacy	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
25	Major Requirements	3	ELED 443 Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
26	Major Requirements	3	ELED 454 Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
27	Major Requirements	3	ELED 401 Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
28	Major Requirements	3	ELED 411 Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
29	Major Requirements	3	ELED 452 Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
30	Major Requirements	3	ELED 453 Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
31	Major Requirements	3	ELED 402 Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
32	Major Requirements	3	ELED 421 STEM in the Elementary Classroom	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
33	Major Requirements	3	<b>Elem Ed Elective:</b> ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6 <b>OR</b> EDCI 423 Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms <b>OR</b> EDSE 241 Characteristics or Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b> EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b> ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings		Major
34	Major Requirements	3	ELED 412 Writing Development, Processes and Pedagogy	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
35	Major Requirements	3	ELED 480 Practicum in Elementary Education	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
36	Major Requirements	3	ELED 459 Research and Assessment in Elementary Education	<b>Spring only</b>	Writing Intensive

37	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Major Requirement	9	ELED 490 Internship in Elementary Education	Spring only	Synthesis
38	General Electives	3	General Electives (See: Advisor)		General Elective

**B.S.ED. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120-123**

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

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.
- Termination from the major may be imposed as a result of excessive repeating of required courses without achieving the minimum standard, and for other evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward completion of the major, including failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and failure to exhibit professional dispositions. A grade of C or higher is required in each of the Elementary Education major courses (see Requirements section in the catalog for list of 17 required major courses). Students will not be permitted to make more than three graded attempts to achieve a C or higher in each course. Those who do not successfully complete a major course within three attempts will be terminated from the major.
- 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.
- 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.