

*Degree Requirements  
Elementary Childhood Education  
(Licensure Area: PK-6)*

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## **Description**

This concentration prepares students for careers working in elementary school settings. This degree meets the Virginia Department of Education licensure requirements and will prepare students for graduate licensure programs in Elementary Education. Students completing their licensure requirements with this degree are also eligible for the accelerated master's degree program in George Mason's Graduate School of Education.

## **About Integrative Studies/Philosophy**

The bachelor of arts degree program in integrative studies is based on intensive, interdisciplinary learning communities coordinated with traditional academic programs. The result is an integrated program of study that emphasizes collaboration, experiential learning, and self-reflection. The degree program requires mastery of eight essential competencies: communication, global understanding, group interaction, aesthetic awareness, critical thinking, civic engagement, digital literacy, and well-being.

## **Learning Communities (24 credits)**

Learning communities are interdisciplinary courses that combine different subjects into a single course that is usually 3 or 6 credits. In learning communities, faculty and students explore various ways to understand a topic. Learning communities are structured to help promote a greater sense of identity with an academic community. Hallmarks of learning communities are team teaching, collaborative projects, emphasis on writing and critical thinking, and opportunity for independent study. They often include experiential learning, either as an integral part of the class or as an optional add on.

## **Experiential Learning (12 credits)**

Experiential learning includes internships, study abroad, community service learning, course field trips, and other field study opportunities. The learning sites may change each semester and are usually off campus. George Mason provides student liability insurance for the experiential learning internship, but students are responsible for their own transportation and health care. Accident and health insurance is available from George Mason.

No more than 24 credits of experiential learning can count toward a student's total credits for graduation.

## Required Courses

9 credits of English	3 credits of ECON
ENGH 101* or 302	ECON 100*, 103* or 104*
ENGH literature*	3 credits of US History
ENGH elective	HIST 121, 122 or 123
3 credits of Communication	3 credits of GGS (Geography)
COMM 100* or 101	GGS 101*, 102 or 103
12 credits of Natural Science	3 credits of Government
Lab Science*	GOVT 103*
Non-Lab Science*	3 credits of World History
INTS Science courses	HIST 100* or 125*
12 credits of Mathematics	3 credits of Art
MATH 106*	ARTH, AVT, MUSI, or THR
MATH 271 and 272	3 credits of Humanities
STAT 250*	PHIL, RELI*, Foreign Language

## Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*INTS Core	6	*INTS Core	6	ENGH 3xx	3	GOVT 103	3
*HIST 125	3	*ENGH 101	3	INTS 210	4	INTS 312	4
*GGS 101	3	*IT 104	4	*ECON 100	3	GEOL 101	4
*BIOL 103	4	*MATH 106	3	MATH 271	3	MATH 272	3
				Elective/Minor	3		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EDUC 300	3	EDUC 302	3	EDRD 301	3	INTS 490	3
INTS 317	4	INTS 3xx/4xx	4	INTS 3xx/4xx	4	INTS 3xx/4xx	4
INTS 395	3	Elective/Minor 3xx/4xx	3	Elective/Minor 3xx/4xx	3	Elective/Minor	3
STAT 250	3	Minor	3	Minor	3	Minor	3
Elective/Minor 3xx/4xx	3	Minor	3				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>

\*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

## Advising/Further Information

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## Integrative Studies

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