



Degree Requirements

Early Childhood Education Concentration

(Licensure Area: PK-3)

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Description

This concentration prepares students for careers working in preschool through third grade settings. This degree meets the Virginia Department of Education licensure requirements and will prepare students for graduate licensure programs.

About NCC/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 have the NCLC prefix

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 New Century College 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) – NCLC 390 internship is an example of experiential learning

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
9 credits of Natural Science	3 credits of Government
Lab Science*	GOVT 103*
Non-Lab Science*	3 credits of World History
NCLC Science courses	HIST 100* or 125*
9 credits of Mathematics	3 credits of Art
MATH 106* or STAT 250*	ARTH, AVT, MUSI, or THR
MATH 271 and 272	6 credits of Humanities
	PHIL, RELI*, Foreign Language

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 101	6	NCLC 103	6	ENGH 201	3	GOVT 103	3
NCLC 102	6	NCLC 203	6	HIST 122	3	GGS 103	3
Science	4	MATH 106	3	ECON 100	3	NCLC 312	4
				BIOL 103	4	MATH 272	3
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Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	6	Total:	16
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGH 302	3	EDUC 301	3	EDUC 302	3	EDRD 301	3
UNIV 301	3	NCLC 395	3	NCLC 390	3	NCLC 4xx	3
EDUC 300	3	NCLC 3xx	4	NCLC 4xx	4	NCLC 4xx	3
NCLC 3xx	3	NCLC 3xx	3	Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3
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Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	3	Total:	12

*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

Advising/Further Information

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