



Degree Requirements International Studies

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Description

Enables students to understand and assess society within international, human and social contexts. Students can focus on business, conflict transformation, or a specific geographical area: Africa, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, or Southeast Asia. For students interested in global affairs, conflict resolution, civil service, and international organizations

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 Integrative Studies 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

Core NCLC course: INTS 303 – Introduction to International Studies

Language proficiency: All students must demonstrate language proficiency at the intermediate level through coursework (a Mason course numbered 210) or proficiency testing.

Religious studies: (choose one): RELI 100, RELI 211, or RELI 212

Geography: (choose one): GGS 101, GGS 103, or GGS 301

History or Anthropology Course: (choose one): INTS 201; HIST 125, 130; or ANTH 300, 330, 332

Sustainability: (choose one): INTS 210, 334 or 402

Politics: (choose one): INTS 422, ANTH 312 or GOVT 322

Social Justice, Human Rights or Conflict Transformation: (choose one): INTS 304, 314, 315, 362, 381, 416; GOVT 445; SOCI 308

Fine Arts: (choose one): ARAB 325; ARTH 320, 380, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386; CHIN 325; DANC 118, 318; ENGH 349, 350, 439; FREN 325; FRLN 330; GERM 325; MUSI 103; INTS 446; RUSS 325; THR 359; SPAN 325

Students are also required to take three concentration-related elective courses that are chosen in consultation with their advisor.

Sample 4-year plan

| First Year | | | | Second Year | | | |
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| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
| *INTS Core | 6 | *INTS Core | 6 | SPAN 110 | 6 | SPAN 210 | 6 |
| *ENGH 101 | 3 | *HIST 125 | 3 | DANC 118 | 3 | *GOVT 132 | 3 |
| *GGS 101 | 3 | *IT 104 | 3 | INTS 303 | 3 | INTS 362 | 3 |
| *INTS 210 | 4 | *MATH 106 | 3 | RELI 341 | 3 | ANTH 312 | 3 |
| Total: | 16 | Total: | 15 | Total: | 15 | Total: | 15 |
| Third Year | | | | Fourth Year | | | |
| Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | | Fall Semester | | Spring Semester | |
| INTS 435 | 3 | INTS 314 | 6 | Study Abroad | 15 | INTS 395 | 3 |
| ANTH 332 | 3 | GOVT 322 | 3 | | | INTS 3xx/4xx | 3 |
| GGS 304 | 3 | INTS 3xx/4xx | 3 | | | Elective/Minor | 3 |
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| Total: | 15 | Total: | 15 | Total: | 15 | Total: | 15 |

*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

Advising/Further Information

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