



School of
Integrative Studies

Degree Requirements
Language Arts for Education
(Licensure Area: Secondary Education)

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Description

This concentration prepares students for careers working in middle and high school settings. This degree meets the Virginia Department of Education licensure requirements for Language Arts teachers and will prepare students for graduate licensure programs.

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

3 credits of Communication:

NCLC 202* or COMM 100* or 101*

6 credits of Composition:

ENGH 101*, 302, 376, 377, 380, 382,
384, 386, 388, 396, 397, 398, 399

3 credits of British Literature:

ENGH 320-325, 33, 332-336, 339,
421, 431

3 credits of American Literature:

ENGH 315, 340, 341, 343-345, 348,
350, 351, 355, 442

3 credits of Literary Theory/Criticism:

ENGH 308, 408, 409

3 credits of World Literature:

ENGH 203*, 204*, 362, 366, 367

3 credits of Grammar:

ENGH 307 or LING 307

3 credits of Linguistics:

LING 306

9 credits of English electives

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*INTS Core	6	*INTS Core	6	INTS 202	4	INTS 312	4
*ENGH 101	3	*HIST 125	3	ENGH 203	3	ENGH 302	3
*GGS 101	3	*IT 104	3	ENGH Elective	3	INTS 337	3
*INTS 210	4	*MATH 106	3	EDUC 301	3	Elective/Minor	3
				Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	16
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENGH 307	3	ENGH 308	3	ENGH 348	3	ENGH 421	3
*LING 306	3	ENGH 3xx	3	ENGH 3xx	3	ENGH 4xx	3
INTS 395	3	INTS 3xx/4xx	3	INTS 3xx/4xx	3	INTS 490	6
INTS 3xx/4xx	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3		
Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3		
Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	12

*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

Advising/Further Information

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