



Degree Requirements

Legal Studies

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Description

This concentration is an integrated degree which combines coursework in communication, political systems, criminology, ethics and philosophy, history, and economics to prepare students for the rigors of graduate work in the area of law or the field of alternative dispute resolution.

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

Eight required courses:

- BULE 302 - Legal Environment of Business
- GOVT 103 - Introduction to American Government
- GOVT 301 - Public Law and the Judicial Process
- INTS 202 - Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills
- INTS 300 – Law & Justice
- PHIL 173 - Logic and Critical Thinking
- PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Law

One course in Law chosen from: GOVT 422, 423, 424, 407, 443, 446, or 452

Three elective courses chosen from:

Any CRIM, any CONF, COMM (100, 220, 260, 430, 475), ECON (103, 104, 310, 335, 390, 415), GOVT (307, 420), INTS (204, 304, 305, 335, 336, 362, 416, 420, 424), PHIL (11, 254, 309, 326), SOCI (301, 302, 402, 471)

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 300	3
*ENGH 101	3	*HIST 125	3	GOVT 103	3	GOVT 301	3
*GGS 101	3	*IT 104	3	PHIL 173	3	ECON 103	3
*INTS 210	4	*MATH 106	3	*CRIMM 100	3	INTS 337	3
				Elective/Minor	3	INTS 3xx/4xx	3
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	15
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PHIL 311	3	BULE 302	3	GOVT 422	3	GOVT 407	3
SOCI 301	3	GOVT 446	3	INTS 3xx/4xx	3	INTS 495	4
INTS 362	3	INTS 395	3	INTS 475	3	Elective/Minor	3
INTS 3xx/4xx	4	Elective/Minor	3	INTS 490	3	Elective/Minor	3
Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3		
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	13

*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

[†]this plan is optimized to show how students can enter GMU's accelerated Law School program (www.law.gmu.edu)

Advising/Further Information

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