



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 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

Eight required courses:

- BULE 302 - Legal Environment of Business
- COMM 260 - Case Studies in Persuasion
- GOVT 103 - Introduction to American Government
- GOVT 301 - Public Law and the Judicial Process
- NCLC 202 - Public Speaking and Critical Thinking Skills
- NCLC 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), NCLC (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		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 101	6	NCLC 103	6	NCLC 202	4	NCLC 300	3
NCLC 102	6	NCLC 203	6	GOVT 103	3	GOVT 301	3
Science	4	MATH 106	3	PHIL 173	3	ECON 103	3
				CRIM 100	3	NCLC 3xx/4xx	3
				Elec/Minor	3	NCLC 3xx/4xx	3
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	15
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
PHIL 311	3	BULE 302	3	GOVT 422	3	GOVT 407	3
SOCI 301	3	GOVT 446	3	NCLC 336	3	NCLC 3xx/4xx	4
NCLC 362	3	NCLC 390	3	NCLC 475	3	NCLC 495	3
NCLC 3xx/4xx	4	Elec/Minor	3	NCLC 490	3	Elec/Minor	3
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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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