



Degree Requirements *Social Innovation & Enterprise*

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Description

Students learn to address the social and environmental problems facing our society with an eye toward feasible and transformative solutions. They will also gain the perspectives and skills needed to start, build, transform, and/or fund the organizations that will implement these solutions. Students graduating with this Concentration will be able to work with others (both within and outside existing institutions) and to make the changes necessary to improve social and environmental conditions.

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

- Social Innovation (one course):
 INTS 304, PSYC 427, SOCI 320
- Enterprise (one course):
 MSOM 304, INTS 331, INTS 435
- Financial (one course):
 GOVT 358, MSOM 300, INTS 431
- Ethics (one course):
 INTS 404, PHIL 305, PHIL 358
- Creativity (one course):
 AVT 305, INTS 200, PSYC 358
- Social Justice (one course):
 INTS 336, INTS 337, INTS 436

Electives: 12 credits to be completed within one of the following themes: Business, Entrepreneurship, Health & Welfare, Non-profits, Social Justice & Human Rights, Sustainability, or other theme (as approved by an academic advisor)

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*INTS Core	6	*INTS Core	6	INTS 200	4	INTS 331	4
*ENGH 101	3	*HIST 125	3	*SOCI 101	3	Major Elective	3
*GGS 101	3	*IT 104	3	Major Elective	3	AVT 305	3
*BIOL 103	4	*MATH 106	3	Major Elective	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	
INTS 304	4	INTS 336	3	INTS 431	4	INTS 475	6
Major Elective	3	Major Elective	3	INTS 337	3	INTS 490	4
INTS 3xx/4xx	4	INTS 390	4	INTS 3xx/4xx	4	Elective/Minor	3
INTS 390	4	INTS 404	4	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
Total:	15	Total:	14	Total:	14	Total:	16

Advising/Further Information

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