



Degree Requirements *Social Justice & Human Rights*

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Description

The interdisciplinary Social Justice & Human Rights concentration prepares students with the knowledge and competencies necessary for vocations or further study related to social, political, and economic equality; human rights education, advocacy, and law; and domestic and global justice. Students examine local, societal, and global issues through both a human rights lens, focusing on the fundamental rights of human beings and how they are secured or denied; and a social justice lens, focusing on societal inequalities and how they are sustained or alleviated.

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 Courses (both required):

INTS 362 – Social Justice & Human Rights

INTS 337 – Social Justice Consciousness & Personal Trans

Domestic Rights & Justice (Two courses):

INTS 336, INTS 347, SOCI 308, WMST 308

Environmental & Ecological Justice (one course):

INTS 334, INTS 338

Global Rights & Justice (two courses):

INTS 363, INTS 416, ANTH 331, CONF 394, CRIM308, WMST 314

Activism and social change (two courses):

INTS 304, INTS 346, INTS 436, PSYC 461, SOCI 307

Electives (9 credits):

AFAM 390, ANTH (365, 370, 385, 488), COMM 365, CULT 320, EDUC 302, EVPP 436,

FRLN 385, GCH 496, GOVT 455, HIST (337, 340, 462) INTS (210, 300, 302, 305, 310, 315,

316, 320, 361), PHIL 243, SOCI (307, 315, 320, 355), WMST (200, 307, 402)

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*INTS Core	6	*INTS Core	6	*WMST 200	3	PHIL 243	3
*ENGL 101	3	*HIST 125	3	INTS 336	3	INTS 337	3
*GGS 101	3	*IT 104	3	CRIM 100	3	INTS 347	4
*BIOL 103	4	*MATH 106	3	Elective/Minor	3	INTS 3xx	4
				Elective/Minor	3		
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	14
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
INTS 362	3	INST 334	3	INTS 412	3	INTS 490	6
SOCI 308	3	WMST 314	3	CRIM 308	3	INTS 436	4
CULT 320	3	INTS 304	4	SOCI 307	3	SOCI 320	3
INTS 314	6	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
		Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3		
Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16

Advising/Further Information

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