



School of
Integrative Studies

*Degree Requirements
Social Science 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 Social Studies (History, Government & Geography) 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

History Coursework: (18 credits total)

US History: HIST 120 or 121

World History: HIST 125 or 130 or INTS 201

Virginia State History: HIST 391, 392 or 122

Three upper-division HIST courses (9 credits total)

Government Course work: (18 credits total) GOVT 103 and Five additional GOVT courses

Geography Course work: Three GGS courses (9 credits)

Economics Coursework: ECON 103 and ECON 104

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*INTS Core	6	*INTS Core	6	*ECON 103	3	ECON 104	3
*ENGH 101	3	*HIST 125	3	GGS 102	3	HIST 121	3
*GGS 101	3	*INTS 249	4	GOVT 103	3	GOVT 3xx	3
*INTS 210	4	*MATH 106	3	INTS Elective	3	INTS 3xx	4
				Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
Total:	16	Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
HIST 391	3	GGS 3xx	3	HIST 3xx	3	HIST 3xx	3
GOVT 3xx	3	HIST 3xx	3	GOVT 3xx	3	GOVT 3xx	3
INTS 312	4	GOVT 3xx	3	Elective/Minor	3	INTS 490	4
INTS 3xx/4xx	4	INTS 395	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
		Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3	Elective/Minor	3
Total:	14	Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	16

Advising/Further Information

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