



Degree Requirements Language Arts 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 Language Arts teachers and will prepare students for graduate licensure programs.

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

3 credits of Communication:

NCLC 202* or COMM 100* or 101*

6 credits of Composition:

ENGH 101*, 302, 376, 377, 380, 382,
384, 386, 388, 396, 397, 398, 399

3 credits of British Literature:

ENGH 320-325, 33, 332-336, 339,
421, 431

3 credits of American Literature:

ENGH 315, 340, 341, 343-345, 348,
350, 351, 355, 442

3 credits of Literary Theory/Criticism:

ENGH 308, 408, 409

3 credits of World Literature:

ENGH 203*, 204*, 362, 366, 367

3 credits of Grammar:

ENGH 307 or LING 307

3 credits of Linguistics:

LING 306

9 credits of English electives

Sample 4-year plan

First Year				Second Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 101	6	NCLC 103	6	ENGH 101	3	ENGH 302	3
NCLC 102	6	NCLC 203	6	NCLC 202	4	COMM 101	3
Science	4	MATH 106	3	ENGH 203	3	ENGH 320	3
				NCLC 312	4	NCLC 304	4
						Elec/Minor	3
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	14	Total:	16
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
ENGH 307	3	ENGH 315	3	ENGH 388	3	NCLC 319	3
LING 306	3	ENGH 330	3	NCLC 490	3	NCLC 495	3
NCLC 322	3	NCLC 347	4	EDUC 301	3	NCLC 3xx/4xx	4
EDRD 301	3	ENGH 386	3	NCLC 3xx/4xx	4	Elec/Minor	3
ENGH 308	3	EDUC 300	3	Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3
Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	16	Total:	16

*these courses also fulfill general education requirements

Advising/Further Information

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