



## *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 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

Social Innovation (one course):

NCLC 304, PSYC 427, SOCI 320

Enterprise (one course):

MSOM 304, NCLC 331, NCLC 435

Financial (one course):

GOVT 358, MSOM 300, NCLC 431

Ethics (one course):

NCLC 404, PHIL 305, PHIL 358

Creativity (one course):

AVT 305, NCLC 200, PSYC 358

Social Justice (one course):

NCLC 336, NCLC 337, NCLC 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		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 101	6	NCLC 103	6	NCLC 200	4	NCLC 331	4
NCLC 102	6	NCLC 203	6	SEIN Elec	3	SEIN Elec	3
Science	4	MATH 106	3	SEIN Elec	3	AVT 305	3
				Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 304	4	NCLC 336	3	NCLC 431	4	NCLC 475	6
SEIN Elec	3	SEIN Elec	3	NCLC 337	3	NCLC 490	4
NCLC 3xx	4	NCLC 390	4	NCC 4xx	4	Elec/Minor	3
NCLC 390	4	NCLC 404	4	Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16</b>

## Advising/Further Information

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