



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 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

Core Courses (both required): NCLC 362 – Social Justice & Human Rights
NCLC 337 – Social Justice Consciousness & Personal Trans

Domestic Rights & Justice (Two courses): NCLC 336, NCLC 347, SOCI 308, WMST 308

Environmental & Ecological Justice (one course): NCLC 334, NCLC 338

Global Rights & Justice (two courses): NCLC 363, NCLC 416, ANTH 331, CONF 394, CRIM308,
WMST 314

Activism and social change (two courses): NCLC 304, NCLC 346, NCLC 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) NCLC (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		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 101	6	NCLC 103	6	WMST 200	3	PHIL 243	3
NCLC 102	6	NCLC 203	6	NCLC 336	3	NCLC 337	3
Science	4	MATH 106	3	CRIM 100	3	NCLC 347	4
				Elec/Minor	3	NCLC 3xx	4
				Elec/Minor	3		
Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	15	Total:	14
Third Year				Fourth Year			
Fall		Spring		Fall		Spring	
NCLC 362	3	NCLC 334	3	NCLC 412	3	NCLC 490	6
SOCI 308	3	WMST 314	3	CRIM 308	3	NCLC 436	4
CULT 320	3	NCLC 304	4	SOCI 307	3	SOCI 320	3
NCLC 314	6	Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3
		Elec/Minor	3	Elec/Minor	3		
Total:	15	Total:	16	Total:	15	Total:	16

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