



Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies Major

Checklist 2015-2016

IdLS is the required content-area major for Inclusive Early Childhood (birth – 3rd grade), Elementary (PK-6th grade), and Middle Grades (6th - 8th grade) undergraduate pre-professional programs. It is the recommended content-area major for Special Education (K-12th grade).

IdLS for Inclusive Early Childhood, and Elementary. Students in these pre-professional programs take the IdLS Core. The IdLS Core includes all General Education requirements, and is constructed to meet Virginia teacher competencies. Students also pick two areas of concentration at the upper level.

IdLS for Special Education. Students in this pre-professional program take the IdLS Core. The IdLS Core includes all General Education requirements, and is constructed to meet Virginia teacher competencies. Students also pick two areas of concentration at the upper level. Students concentrating in Humanities & Social Sciences may take any track, although Track 7 is designed particularly for Special Education students.

IdLS for Middle Grades. Students in this pre-professional program take a modified Core that includes General Education requirements. Students also pick two areas of concentration at the upper level.

Advising. IdLS majors have an IdLS advisor and an education program advisor. IdLS advisors help students with course scheduling, and can grant permission for course substitutions in the major. Education program advisors help with course scheduling and licensure requirements. Students should contact both advisors regularly.

Questions about education programs may be addressed to

Your Education advisor – this person should be your first point of contact for questions related to Education or

Dr. Teresa Harris, Department Head of Inclusive Early Childhood, Elementary, and Reading Education (harristt@jmu.edu) or

Dr. Kyle Schultz, Department Head of Middle, Secondary and Math Education (schultkl@jmu.edu) or

Dr. David Slykuis, Interim Department Head, of Exceptional Education (slykhuda@jmu.edu)

Upper Level IdLS Concentration Options for IECE, ELED, and SPED

Choose one option (all require seven courses at the upper level)

- Math and Science (3-4 courses in Math and 3-4 courses in Science)
- Math and Humanities and Social Sciences (3-4 courses in Math and 3-4 courses in Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Science and Humanities and Social Sciences (3-4 courses in Science and 3-4 courses in Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Humanities and Social Sciences (6 courses in Humanities and Social Sciences plus IDLS 400)

Tracks in Humanities and Social Sciences - Choose one track. Course options for each track are available by semester on the IdLS website at www.jmu.edu/idls

- Track 1 - Citizenship and Public Policy
- Track 2 - Race, Ethnicity , Gender, and Class
- Track 3 - The Americas
- Track 4 - Europe
- Track 5 - Asia, Africa, and the Middle East
- Track 6 - Ethics, Values, and Spirituality
- Track 7 - Family, Community, and Institutional Settings - This track is for Special Education Teaching minors Only*

Science * - Please note these courses are not offered every semester.

ASTR 301	Searching for Life in the Universe
BIO 353	Basic Ecology
BIO 364	Human Uses of Plants
CHEM 280	Chemistry for Teachers
GEOG 415	Climatology
GEOL 211	Introduction to Oceanography
GEOL 301	Earth Science for Teachers
GEOL 320	Meteorology
ISAT 495	Technology in Our World: Better By Design
PHYS 215	Energy and the Environment

MATH**

MATH 304	Principles of Algebra
MATH 305	Principles of Geometry
MATH 306	Principles of Analysis
MATH 307	Principles of Probability and Statistics

Notes

* Students should select science courses to try to cover biological, earth, and physical sciences (i.e. physics and chemistry). IdLS advisors can help in course selection.

** Students seeking the Algebra I endorsement should take the four mathematics courses listed, plus MATH 135.