



Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies Major

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 Tracks 1-6, Track 7 is designed particularly for Special Education-Teaching 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 and can be found on your MyMadison page or

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

Dr. Diane Foucar-Szocki, Interim Department Head of Middle, Secondary and Math Education (foucardl@jmu.edu) or

Dr. William (Bill) White, Department Head, of Inclusive Early Childhood and Exceptional Education (white2wl@jmu.edu)

IDLS CORE Middle School Education

IdLS Core		
<input type="checkbox"/> WRTC	<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 102	MATH 107
<input type="checkbox"/> SCOM		MATH 108
<input type="checkbox"/> ENG		<input type="checkbox"/> HIST 225 OR POSC 225
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 160	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON 200	ISCI 171
<input type="checkbox"/> HTH/KIN	<input type="checkbox"/> CRIT THINK	ISCI 172
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual and Performing Arts		ISCI 173

IdLS/Middle Education students will select two upper level concentration areas from the following:

- Math
- Science
- Language Arts
- Social Sciences

Each semester approved course lists are posted on the IdLS website for Math and Science and Humanities and Social Sciences. These are the lists from which students will select upper level concentration classes.

Please see the IdLS website for possible course requirements and credit number requirements along with copies of full checklists for each concentration combination.

www.jmu.edu/idls

Students should also make use of the IdLS website for forms, links to College of Education, Education Support Center, as well as FAQ, and many other resources.