

Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies Early Childhood Studies (Non-Licensure)

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies provides opportunities for students to combine disciplines in unique ways. Students can apply for a nontraditional, individualized, and interdisciplinary course of study by designing their own curriculum.

The nontraditional program is for students who already have some college credits, and who wish to create an individualized curriculum not available in traditional majors. With VCU faculty advising, students in this undergraduate program are able to design a degree compatible with their academic, career and personal interests. Some students pursue the BIS degree to increase their chances for an advancement in their jobs; some realize that the degree will provide personal or job satisfaction; and others want to design a program that will help them change careers. Regardless of the need, each student must define a specific focus area that combines two or more areas of study.

Admission to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Individualized Track

To be eligible to apply to the BIS Program, prospective individualized track students must:

- attend one orientation session (call in advance for an appointment)
- have a goal that cannot be met by another degree program at VCU
- have a minimum of 30 semester hours of college credit
- have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and a VCU GPA of 2.0

The admissions process is simple. The prospective student meets with a BIS adviser and designs an interdisciplinary program which supports the student's goals. Once the university's application and supplemental BIS application are complete, the proposed plan is evaluated by an admissions and curriculum review committee comprised of VCU faculty. After admission to the program, the student follows an approved, finalized, individualized curriculum plan.

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Virginia Community College Courses (VCCS)	Credits	Semester Offered	Grade
Eng 111 Comp 1	3 credits		
Eng 112 Comp II	3 credits		
SPD 100 or 111 Intro Speech	3 credits		
MTH 170 or MTH 151 or ITE 295	3 credits		
IST 100 or ITE 115 or ITE 295	3 credits		
BUS 165 Small Bus Mgmt or HLT 106 Safety/1 st Aid	3 credits		
Bio 101 or 106>	4 credits		
PSY 235 Child Psychology**	3 credits		
PSY 201 Intro or PSY 230 Dev. Psy**	3 credits or 3 credits		
Literature elective***	3 credits		
CHD 118 Language Arts	3 credits		
CHD 145 Art, Music and Movement	3 credits		
CHD 146 Soc. Sci for Young Children	3 credits		
CHD 166 Infant and Toddler Programs	3 credits		
CHD 205 Guiding Behavior	3 credits		
CHD 210 Exceptional Children	3 credits		
CHD 215 or 165 Early Childhood Programs, School and Change	3 credits		
CHD 270 Admin or CHD 265 Obser	3 credits		
HLT 135 or EDU 235 Health & Nutrition	3 credits		
TOTAL TRANSFER CREDITS (Maximum of 63 transfer credits accepted)	61 credits		
*Or alternate math course taken at VCU (see second page) MTH 120 not acceptable ** Transfers as upper level ***If ENG 112 prior to spring 2005 > Or VCU course (see second page)			

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY COURSES (VCU)	CREDITS Lower/Upper	SEMESTER OFFERRED	GRADE
HIST 103 US History 1	3 credits		
PSYC 308 Stress Management	3 credits		
RELS 340 Global Ethic	3 credits		
MGMT 329 Intercultural Comm	3 credits		
PSYC/EDUS 305 The Family	3 credits		
WMNS 304 or 305 Educational Psy	3 credits		
RELS 312 Western Religions	3 credits		
TEDU 330 Survey of Special Education	3 credits	Fall & Spring	
TEDU/ENLG 351 Children's Literature	3 credits	Fall, Spring, & Summer	
TEDU 407 Educational Media	3 credits	Spring	
TEDU 411 Integrating Art	3 credits	Fall, Summer	
EDUS 300 Found of Edu or ELECTIVE	3 credits	Fall, Spring & Summer	
HPEX 330 Movement Ed	3 credits	Spring	
HPEX 390 PE for Elem, Ed.	3 credits	Fall, Spring & Summer	
ENGL 303 Writing in Workplace WI or MGMT 325 Organizational Comm.	3 credits		
UPPER LEVEL additional Writing Intensive ELECTIVE (Gen ed List A)	3 credits		
HPEX 271 Safety, 1 st Aid & CPR**** Or ELECTIVE/ANY LEVEL	3 credits		
ELECTIVE/OR ENGL 200 *****	3 credits		
ELECTIVE/ANY LEVEL	2 credits		
MATH 131 Contemporary math #			
PHYS 107 Wonders of Technology #			
TOTAL VCU CREDITS TOTAL VCCS CREDITS TOTAL CREDITS Total upper level credits is 48 or 51; 45 minimum required for VCU graduation ****if not taken at cc *****Will not need ENGL 200 if cc ENG 112 grade B and cc literature grade of C # required if alternate courses not taken at cc	59 61 120		

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