

Welcome to the School of Integrative Studies

A Division of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences



Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS)



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Where Do You Fit in the School of Integrative Studies?



School of Integrative Studies

**Bachelor of
Individualized
Study
(BIS)**

**Environmental
&
Sustainability
Studies
(BA)**

**Human
Development
& Family
Sciences
(BA)**

**Integrative
Studies
(BA & BS)**

**College of Humanities & Social Sciences
George Mason University**

Bachelor of Individualized Study, BIS

Overview of the Program

- **Adult** Learner Focused Program
- Students (**22 years-old+**) with more than 12 previous college credits
- Focus on professional, academic, and personal goals
- **Generous Transfer Credit** policy (Military Credits, International, Portfolio)
- **Flexible** Curriculum

Recent Graduates' Career

- U.S. Department of Labor
 - Fairfax County Schools
 - Loudoun County
 - Navy Federal Credit Union
 - George Mason University
 - Arthritis Foundation
 - Other national associations
- and more

Environmental and Sustainability Studies (EVSS), BA

Overview of the Program

- Study of **human behavior and environmental science**.
- Emphasis on the role of **economic markets, politics, and behavior** in environmental issues.
- Focus on **the impact of sustainability programs** on the environment and communities.
- Knowledge of the three pillars of sustainability: **people, prosperity, and planet**.
- 100% of students were employed in their field after graduation (2020 Career Survey)

Concentration Options

- Business and Sustainability
- Climate Change and Society
- Conservation and Sustainability
- Environmental Policy
- Equity and Environmental Justice
- **Sustainable Food and Agriculture**

Recent Graduates' Career

- Peace Corps
- Government
- Businesses focused on sustainability,
- Advocacy groups such (e.g. Sierra Club and the Chesapeake Climate Action Network)
- Graduate Programs
 - Environmental policy
 - Sustainable development
 - Sustainable food systems

and more

Human Development & Family Science (HDFS), BA

Overview of the Program

- **Family-centered approaches** to support individuals and families in diverse communities.
- Integration of **psychology, sociology, and education** for careers in education, law, and advocacy, and more.
- **Career readiness curriculum** with two semesters of internships to build a professional network.
- **Pre-approved child life courses** available for students pursuing child life certificate.
- **Accelerated master's option** for students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in less time.
- 100% of students were employed in their field after graduation (2020 Career Survey)

Recent Graduates' Career

- Business, Consumer & Family Resource
- Services
- Health and Wellness Mental (e.g. National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- Early Childhood Education/Pre-School
- Education
- Family Intervention
- Government and Public Policy
- Child-Life Specialist
- Graduate Programs
 - Nursing
 - Social Work
 - Counseling
 - Education (licensure & non-licensure)

and more

Integrative Studies (INTS), BA or BS

Overview of the Program

- SIS offers **Virginia's only** integrative studies degree.
- **Combines research, theory, and practice** across multiple disciplines.
- Small classes with **hands-on learning**.
- Faculty expertise in **law, social justice, human rights, childhood studies, and sustainability**.
- **Accelerated master's option** for students to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in less time.

BA Concentration Options

- African & African American Studies
- Childhood Studies
- Education Studies
- Individualized
- Legal Studies
- Leadership and Organizational Development
- Social Justice and Human Rights
- Social Science for Education
- Women and Gender Studies

BS Concentration Option

- Integrative Conservation
- Individualized
- Life Sciences
 - Pre-Dental
 - Pre-Medical
 - Pre-Occupational Therapy
 - Pre-Optometry
 - Pre-Pharmacy
 - Pre-Physical Therapy
 - Pre-Physician's Assistant
 - Pre-Veterinary

Recent Graduates' Career

- Education
 - Law, Criminal Justice, Government
 - Nonprofit management
 - Social innovation
 - Medicine and Health
 - Conservation and sustainability
 - Technology
 - Graduate Programs or Professional Schools
 - Law School
 - Health Professions School
 - Education
 - Counseling
 - Women and Gender Studies
- and more

SIS Minors & Programs

- Childhood Studies
- Human Development & Family Science
- Leadership
- Well-Being
- Nonprofit Studies
- Social Justice and Human Rights

How Can You *Claim My Education?*

Get Involved!-Undergraduate Research

Faculty Mentorship +



Dr. Manuel-Scott and Dr. Benedict Carton worked with undergraduate Mason students to excavate the experiences of the forgotten families enslaved on Mason's Gunston Hall Plantation. This leads to the creation of the new memorial on Mason's Wilkens plaza.

Dr. Wendi Manuel-Scott



Working with six undergraduate students, Dr. McCarron investigates the relationship between Well-Being and Activism of Social Justice and Human Rights College Student Activists in the DC- Metropolitan Area



Dr. Graziella McCarron

Get Involved!-Internships, Independent Studies & Study Abroad

- **HDFS: Internship is required**
- **BIS, EVSS, & INTS:** Opportunity to earn internship credits
- **All majors:** Independent studies & study abroad opportunities

SIS Faculty Lead Study Abroad Opportunities

- Spain – Leadership Across Difference: Lessons from Medieval Spain
- Philippines – Human Trafficking and Community Engagement
- Rwanda - Genocide, Healing, and Reconciliation
- Honduras - Coral Reef Ecology, Health, and Conservation
- Ireland – History and Culture
- And more!



Drs. Julie Owen, Nick Lennon, and Aoi Yamanaka lead the leadership program in Japan in Summer 2026. More information: please email at ayamanak@gmu.edu

Get Funded!

- First Generation
 - *For students first in their immediate family to pursue an undergrad degree*
\$500-1000
- Experiential Learning
 - *Helps fund internship, study abroad, alternative breaks, and field studies*
\$250-500
- John Sultan Writing Award*
 - *Applicants submit a written work from freshman year and explain why it showcases their talent* **\$1000**
 - **First year students only*
- Lucas Leadership
 - *For students that exemplify leadership in the community* **\$1000**
- Howard Book Fund
 - *Fall and Spring application period. Available to support students majoring in INTS to purchase textbooks.* **\$500**
- BIS Scholarships
 - *There are 4 scholarships for BIS students*
 - **\$1000 - \$2500 each**



**What Important Things
Should You Know?**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records.
- When a student turns 18, or attends a postsecondary institution, FERPA rights belong to the student, not the parent.
- Mason does not release non-directory information unless a student has provided consent, the release is to the parent of a dependent student.

For more information: <https://registrar.gmu.edu/ferpa/>

Patriot Web: patriotweb.gmu.edu

Patriot web

A Self Service Web Site for Students, Faculty, and Staff

> Login to Patriot Web Self Service

Includes Online...

- Class Registration and Payment
- Financial Aid Applications
- Faculty/Staff Services (Timesheet, Pay Stubs, Class Lists, Grading)
- University Budgets and Projects

Login

[Patriot Web Alerts](#)



Resources

Schedule of Classes
University Catalog
Tuition Payment Information
Financial Aid

Services

Management Reports (e-Print)
Foundation Accounts System
Bill & Payment System

- Access & update personal information (preferred name, address, etc.)
- Access academic records/Degree Evaluation
- Register for classes
- Access financial information (tuition, bills, financial aid awards, etc.)

Tips for Success

1. Check your Mason email & log into Canvas daily.
2. Organize your personal and academic schedule; Establish a time management routine.
3. Review and understand each course syllabus.
4. Consult with an academic advisor every semester.
5. Develop relationships with faculty.
6. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Important! The university will NOT automatically drop you from classes due to non-payment or not attending classes.

Placement Tests and Incoming Credits

Be aware of all AP/IB, Dual-Enrollment and/or transfer credits that you expect to transfer to GMU.

	Math Placement	Foreign Language or American Sign Language
EVSS	NO	YES if previous foreign language or ASL experience
INTS	NO	NO
BIS	NO	NO
HDFS	NO	YES if previous foreign language or ASL experience

***If you would like to minor in a foreign language or have questions, please consult with your academic advisor.*

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Academic Advising & Questions

Web: integrative.gmu.edu/current-students/academic-advising

- **Bachelor of Individualized Studies (BIS)**
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- **Environmental & Sustainability Studies (EVSS)**
 - Email: evssinfo@gmu.edu
- **Human Development & Family Science (HDFS)**
 - Email: hdfs@gmu.edu
- **Integrative Studies (INTS)**
 - Email: ints@gmu.edu



Preparation for the Virtual Advising Session

By the virtual advising/registration session

- Please complete the following action items:
 1. Login to/check your Mason Email
 2. Read or watch these following guides
(<https://registrar.gmu.edu/students/patriot-web-tutorials/>)
 - Reading Your Degree Evaluation
 - Action Item-Student Financial Responsibility
 - Action Item-Student Physical Location
 - How to register for classes

Important Action Items

All Students

- **Immunization records: Deadline August 1st**
 - Submit via Student Health Services website shs.gmu.edu/immunizations
 - If left unresolved, you will be charged a late fee and a hold will be placed that prevents course registration.

Questions?

**Please complete this quick feedback
survey for this presentation!**

