



Bachelor of Individualized Study (BIS) Program Requirements

Additional Requirements

If student did not complete the following courses prior to attending JMU, they must be taken. Note: additional courses may be needed for teacher licensure requirements and graduation credit requirements.

- EDUC 200 Foundations of Education in the US (3)
- PSYC 160 Lifespan Human Development (3)
- WRTC 103 Rhetorical Reading and Writing (3)

Early Childhood Education (ECED) BIS Program

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Designed for students who have earned their earned their Associate's Degree in Early Childhood from a Virginia Community College. It is recommended that they are working as an instructional assistant.

Completers of this program earn a bachelor's degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in PK- 3rd Grades.

Required assessments for program completion and teacher licensure (scores and cost subject to change):

- Math Assessment (ALEKS or SAT or ACT or PRAXIS 5733)
- VCLA Reading and Writing
- Praxis Teaching Reading 5205
- Praxis Elementary Subject Assessments
 - Reading & L.A
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Science

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	Content Requirements	CR
Year 1 Fall	LED 355 Inclusive Early Literacy development & Acquisition	3
	ECED 372 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
	GEOG 200 Geography: The Global Dimension	3
	EXED 490 Special Studies in Special Education (New change: EXED 325 Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood) (1-3 credits)	3
Year 1 Spring	ECED 444 Mathematics Content and Pedagogy for Early Childhood Education I	3
	ECED 442 The Young Child	3
	ECED 304 Diversity, Equity, and Justice in ECED	3
	LED 456 Inclusive Literacy Learning in the Primary Grades	3
	ECED 443 Practicum in Primary Grades PK-1st	1
Year 1 Summer	HIST 102 World History	3
	Visual and Performing Arts: ART 200, or ARTH 206, or MUS 200	3
	Human Communications: SCOM 121	3
	Physical Principals: ISCI 172 or Planetary Science	3
	Wellness Domain HTH 100 or KIN 100	3
Year 2 Fall	Critical thinking: HIST 150 or PHIL 150 or PHIL 120	3
	ECED 445 Mathematics Content and Pedagogy for Early Childhood Education II	3
	EXED 402 Positive Behavior Supports and Individualized Interventions for Young Children	1-3
	ECED 461 Integrated Day Practicum 1st-3rd	1
	ECED 412 Natural and Social Sciences for Young Children	3
Year 2 Spring	IS 498 Capstone	3-6
	ECED 480 Student Teaching PK-K	8