Duluth Campus

Professional Studies in Multidisciplinary Research & Creativity M.P.S.

College of Liberal Arts - Adm

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

This interdisciplinary, self-designed Master of Professional Studies (MPS) program prioritizes applied research skills, creative and innovative problem-solving, socially conscious leadership, and the integration of theory and practice across disciplines. By engaging multiple disciplinary approaches to a selected problem, students develop their capacity to identify, delineate, and research key problems, building an empowered learning approach to their own professional studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- partially online (between 50% to 80% of instruction is online)

Prerequisites for Admission

Other requirements to be completed before admission:
Completed applications include official transcripts, an essay delineating reasons for pursuing the MPS in Multidisciplinary Research & Creativity, a description of previous education and career experiences, and three letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the applicant's potential for success.

GRE scores are not required for application. GRE scores are considered from any applicants who think the GRE strengthens their application. Not submitting GREs will not adversely affect an application.

Special Application Requirements:
The application deadline is April 15 for the following academic year.

International and domestic applicants whose first language is not English must submit current score(s) from one of the following tests:

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
  - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
  - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
  - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
- IELTS
  - Total Score: 6.5
  - Reading Score: 6.5
  - Writing Score: 6.5
- MELAB
  - Final score: 80

Key to test abbreviations(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

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Program Requirements

Plan B: Plan B requires 30 major credits and 0 credits outside the major.The final exam is written and oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan B project is an expansion of work from a course or a topic of special interest, and can comprise multiple research papers, participatory media products, or other learning objects that represent 100 hours of independent research.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Use of 4xxx-level courses must be approved by both the advisor and director of graduate studies.

Core Courses (12 credits)

Take the following courses:

MPS 8001 - Theories, Methods and Applications of Graduate Study (4.0 cr)
MPS 8501 - Seminar: Community Engagement (4.0 cr)
MPS 8502 - Seminar: International Perspectives (4.0 cr)

Multidisciplinary Requirement (18 credits)

Select social sciences and humanities courses offered within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS), and across campus in consultation with the advisor, to complete the 30-credit requirement. Courses may be chosen with advisor and director of graduate studies approval.

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