Integrative Social Science, MS
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Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Integrative Social Science
The MS in integrative social science is an advanced degree program designed to cross-educate students in the social sciences in order to meet the complex issues that confront human society in a technically sophisticated 21st century world.

The emphasis of the program lies in bridging traditional disciplinary boundaries to immerse students in the myriad theories and skills available across disciplines which would elude them in traditional disciplinary social science programs. Thus, graduates of the program are prepared with theory and research skill sets that allow them to draw from the best of the multiple disciplines of the social sciences.

At a Glance

• College/School: College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
• Location: Polytechnic campus

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Integrative Social Science, BS
Political Science, BS
Science, Technology and Society, BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.
Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including a thesis, or
30 credit hours including an applied project (ISS 593)

Required Core (12 credit hours)
ISS 501 Advanced Integrated Social Research Methods (3)
ISS 502 Advanced Seminar in Integrated Social Science (3)
ISS 504 Advanced Integrated Theories of Social Science (3)
ISS 505 Multivariate Methodologies of Social Science (3)

Electives or Research (12 credit hours)

Other Requirement (3 credit hours)
ISS 584 Internship (3)

Culminating Experience (3-6 credit hours)
ISS 593 Applied Project (3) or
ISS 599 Thesis (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students choose either the thesis or applied project option. The internship is only required for students in the applied project option and is a structured practical experience that follows a contract or plan that is supervised by faculty and practitioners.

For the elective and research coursework, students choose from a list of preapproved courses for a total of 12 credit hours. Students should contact the academic unit for a list of possible courses. Other courses may be used with approval from the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any social science or interdisciplinary field such as political science, sociology, philosophy, economics, psychology, public policy, administration or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:
1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GRE scores
4. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

**Career Opportunities**
Professionals with expertise in analyzing complex social and global issues are in high demand across sectors and industries, including business, public administration, politics and community organizations. Those who possess skills in the analysis of social phenomena and complex social problems are valuable to businesses and institutions relying on data-driven strategies for engagement and growth.

Career examples include:

- city planner
- community health worker
- mediator
- regulatory affairs manager
- transportation planner

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