

# Master of Science in Professional Studies

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This degree is collaborative among several degree programs. The program is housed in the Department of Business and is advised by program directors in each of the student's chosen certificate programs and the head of the Graduate School when applicable.

### MISSION AND GOALS OF THE MS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The goal of the Master of Science in Professional Studies is to provide students a comprehensive interdisciplinary education that prepares them for success in a variety of professional settings and empowers them to make meaningful contributions in their specific field.

### MSPS Program Intended Student Learning Outcomes (ISLO'S)

Student Learning Goals	Student Learning Outcomes
1. Students will be able to integrate knowledge among two or more disciplines.	1.1 Students will be able to integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines to analyze complex problems and propose innovative solutions. 1.2 Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in applying theories, methodologies, and tools from diverse fields to address real-world challenges.
2. Students will be able to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.	2.1 Students will be able to develop advanced critical thinking skills to evaluate information, identify assumptions, and formulate evidence-based arguments. 2.2 Students will be able to demonstrate the ability to identify, analyze, and solve complex problems through interdisciplinary approaches.
3. Students will be able to be effective communicators.	3.1 Students will be able to communicate complex ideas effectively to diverse audiences through oral presentations, written reports, and visual representations. 3.2 Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in synthesizing and articulating interdisciplinary concepts and findings.
4. Students will be able to develop and apply research and inquiry skills.	4.1 Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in designing and conducting interdisciplinary research projects, including formulating research questions, collecting and analyzing data, and drawing conclusions. 4.2 Students will be able to apply appropriate research methodologies and techniques from multiple disciplines to investigate complex phenomena.

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The MS in Professional Studies allows students to develop their own degree program based on individual and/or career needs. Students choose up to three existing graduate certificate programs plus complete a culminating experience (capstone, internship, project, or thesis) for a total of at least 30 semester hours. Faculty from each certificate program will work together to determine the optimal culminating experience for each student.

Coursework Earned Through Certificate Programs	27
Culminating Experience	3
Capstone	
Internship	
Project	
Thesis	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>30</b>