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Missouri State University encourages interdisciplinary research and recognizes that the careers of many graduate students will be enhanced through programs that connect knowledge and perspectives from different disciplines. Interdisciplinary programs fulfill a special niche for students who recognize they may have multiple career needs that draw upon various knowledge bases.

The Master of Business Administration and the Master of Natural and Applied Science are interdisciplinary programs within their respective colleges. Information regarding these programs can be found under the College of Business Administration and College of Natural and Applied Science sections.

The *Master of Science in Administrative Studies* and the *Master of Science in Education, Secondary Education*, cut across a number of colleges and programs. These programs are outlined below.

MASTER OF SCIENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in Administrative Studies is a cross-disciplinary program which features enhancement of administrative abilities with areas of emphasis in Applied Communication, Criminal Justice, Project Management, Environmental Management, and Sports Management. The program is designed to meet the needs of individuals who are established in careers and are seeking professional growth and advancement within their vocations. The 33-hour program builds upon past work experience, and allows participants to expand their knowledge base, abilities, and skills which can lead to enhanced administrative roles within organizations.

A basic premise of the program is that for individuals to be effective in their career paths, they need to build from a core of courses designed to impart various skills common to effective administration and successful goal achievement. Hence, all students will take courses that build competencies in Communication, Personnel Issues, Information Systems, Legal/Political Issues, Budgeting, and Research Design/Methods. For the additional 12 hours of the program, students will select, with advisement, a discipline-option area that focuses on one application of administrative services.

The Master of Science in Administrative Studies may be taken via the Internet. All of the required 24 hours of core courses and the Communication, Criminal Justice, Project Management and Sports Management options are available over the Internet. Currently, the 12-hour Environmental Management option is available only on campus. The Individualized option would depend on the selection of courses chosen.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Science in Administrative Studies is designed for mature individuals who have three years professional experience and are highly motivated to pursue an advanced degree. Admission is competitive and meeting the minimum standards for admission will not guarantee acceptance into the program. The applicant must provide a statement of his/her goals for, and interest in, the degree.

In addition, students accepted into the program must have completed:

1. a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by agencies recognized by Missouri State University or equivalent education from a foreign university;
2. an overall GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale, or 2.75 on a 4.00 scale for the last 60 hours of course work;
3. submission of evidence of three years of relevant work experience (Resume);
4. submission of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from the general test or Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT);
5. two letters of recommendation from individuals able to speak to the applicants academic and professional abilities and potential to succeed in the program;
6. all additional University and Graduate College requirements for admission to a degree program.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (minimum of 33 hours)

1. Core Requirements (18 hours)

ACC 600	Financial Accounting Concepts for Managers	3 hrs
PLS 756	Financial Management For State & Local Government	3 hrs
COM 736	Concepts & Analysis of Communication In Organizations	3 hrs
CIS 600	Information Systems in Business Organizations	3 hrs
PLS 651	Administrative Law	3 hrs
PSY 776	Personnel Selection, Placement & Classification	3 hrs
		TOTAL 18 hrs

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2. Research Methods/Research Requirement (3 hours)

Research Methods Requirement. The research methods requirement may be fulfilled by selecting a graduate methods course at the 600 or 700 level from among the several currently offered at Missouri State. Selection of a methods course must be done in consultation with a student's advisor. Typically, students will take a methods course within their program option.

Research Requirement. MSAS students are expected to demonstrate research and writing proficiency appropriate to their career path and program emphasis. Scholarly projects are required within the option area and a research methods course to satisfy this requirement. Students will complete a significant project as a capstone experience in an option area course.

3. Option Areas (12 hours)

Five formal options exist for the Master of Science in Administrative Studies. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours in an option. Options include Communication, Criminal Justice, Project Management, Environmental Management, Sports Management and an Individualized Option. Under special circumstances and close supervision of the Program Director, students may be allowed to develop a specialized course of study to complete the option area of the degree.

Applied Communication Option:

COM 611	Comm., Community and Conflict	3 hrs
COM 617	Comm. & Diversity in the Workplace	3 hrs
COM 732	Theories & Concepts of Small Group Communication	3 hrs
COM 613	Media Resources for Organizations	3 hrs

Criminal Justice Option:

CRM 710	Justice Administration	3 hrs
CRM 740	Foundations of Homeland Security	3 hrs
CRM 750	Law Enforcement & Community	3 hrs
CRM 770	Correctional Theory & Practice	3 hrs

Environmental Management Option:

Required (6 hours)

GRY 731	Environmental Assessment	3 hrs
ECO 640	Economics of the Environment	3 hrs

Elective hours (6 hours chosen in consultation with advisor)

BIO 632	Principles of Fisheries Management	3 hrs
BIO 662	Limnology	3 hrs
BIO 689	Game Management	3 hrs
BIO 726	Advanced Limnology Methods	3 hrs
CHM 760	Chemistry of Environmental Systems	3 hrs
PLN 671	Land Use Planning	3 hrs
PLN 674	Open Space & Recreation Planning	3 hrs
GRY 748	Physiography & Resource Planning	3 hrs
PLN 670	Planning Law	3 hrs

Project Management Option:

Required Courses (6 hours)

IDM 701	Project Management	3 hrs
IDM 750	Project Management Implement.	3 hrs

Plus two of the following:

IDM 611	Product Design & Development	3 hrs
IDM 645	Project Control Systems	3 hrs
IDM 651	Cost Analysis for Industrial Mgmt.	3 hrs
IDM 710	Project Leadership	3 hrs

Recommended sequence: IDM 701, 2 electives, IDM 750

Sports Management Option:

The Sports Management Option is a 15 hour option that includes three 3 credit hour courses and one 6 hour field experience course. PED 633 covers the research requirement for the MSAS program.

Required Courses (6 hours)

PED 739	Principles of Sports Management	3 hrs
PED 780	Legal Aspects in Sports, P.E., Rec.	3 hrs
PED 733	Current Problems in Sports Admin.	3 hrs
PED 798	Field Experience in Sports Mgmt.	6 hrs

Individualized Option:

Under special circumstances and close supervision of the Program Director, students may be allowed to develop a specialized course of study to complete the option area of the degree.

4. Comprehensive Examination. This examination must be passed by the candidate before a degree will be given.

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C. Research and Specialized Experience 6 hrs

Includes research (see below) and other course work to total 6 hours. Of these 6 hours, a minimum of 2 hours must be in one of the following two research options. Additional course work is needed if less than 6 hours of research is chosen.

Option I: Completion of a thesis. Thesis credit may not exceed 6 hours of the total program. Students writing a thesis may enroll in the appropriate course for their certification area (SFR 799 or thesis course in the emphasis area).

Option II: Completion of an extensive research project or major creative work. Students may enroll in SFR 796, Problems in Education, or an appropriate course in the emphasis area specialty (SEC 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708 or other appropriate course in the emphasis area) with the consent and guidance of the program director and/or advisor.

D. Emphasis Area 15 hrs

This emphasis must be an area in which the State of Missouri currently offers a certificate for grades K-12 or 9-12. At least 3 hours of 700-level credit must be earned from Missouri State University in the emphasis area. Refer to your emphasis area departmental section of this catalog for specific information.

Course work in some emphases is limited and may not be offered every semester. Students should check with the advisor as to availability of specific course offerings.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

A comprehensive examination must be passed by the candidate before a degree will be granted.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to requirements established by the Graduate College, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 on all work attempted in education and in all work attempted in the emphasis area.

ADVISEMENT

The advisor works with the student to determine the Program of Study which will be developed according to the needs and interest expressed by the advisee; the advisee's formal training at the undergraduate level; the teaching assignment of the advisee; and, professional assignments in which the advisee hopes to be involved in the future.

The seminar paper or original work must be approved by the advisor from the area mentoring the project. The advisor will determine the number of copies of the seminar paper or original work to be submitted.

Emphasis Areas. Students may earn degrees in the following emphasis areas (the advisor is listed in each area):

Agriculture - Dr. James Hutter
Art - Ms. Judith Fowler
Biology - Dr. Georgiana Saunders, Dr. Janice Greene
Business - Dr. Heidi Perreault
Chemistry - Dr. Bryan Breyfogle
Earth Science - Dr. Melida Gutierrez
English - Dr. Keri Franklin
Family & Consumer Science - Ms. Debra Agee
Geography - Dr. Judith Meyer
History - Dr. Jamaine Abidogun
Mathematics - Dr. Lynda Plymate
Modern and Classical Languages:
 French - Dr. Madeleine Kernen
 German - Dr. Madeleien Kernen
 Latin - Dr. Joseph Hughes
 Spanish - Dr. Mary Harges
Music - Dr. Robert Quebbeman
Natural Science - Dr. Tamera Jahnke
Physical Education - Dr. David Oatman
Physics - Dr. Bill Thomas
Social Science - Dr. Jamaine Abidogun
Speech and Theatre - Dr. Chris Herr