

Integrative Studies

Why Integrative Studies?

The fast change of pace in our society is creating new career opportunities for individuals trained in multiple disciplines. The Master of Arts or Master of Science in integrative studies allows students to access expertise from two or three areas and integrate courses into a degree that meets the needs of an emerging career field.

Consider integrative studies if:

- you have diverse interests that span two or three academic disciplines and you want to blend these interests into one cohesive program
- you have a career interest in an emerging field that crosses academic disciplines, such as cultural heritage and resources management or sustainability
- you want to advance in a non-traditional sector or start your own business

Design Your Own Degree

If none of the existing programs meet your interests and needs, you can work with two or more faculty mentors to design an academic plan with at least two focus areas. Your focus areas will be included on your transcript to provide information about the academic fields you specialized in during the master's program. A carefully designed plan of study will provide you with a unique combination of skills and knowledge that will be advantageous in today's ever-evolving job market. Note that the following programs do not participate in integrative studies: art and design studio, art therapy counseling, psychology, and public administration.

Integrative Studies at SIUE

The integrative studies master's program allows you to earn a graduate degree that meets your specific career goals by integrating courses from two or three disciplines. Current students are encouraged to access program resources and updates through the integrative studies Blackboard course.

No similar interdisciplinary programs are offered in the St. Louis metropolitan region. The closest comparable program is more than 75 miles from SIUE.

The following are the approved curricula under the integrative studies graduate program:

- Cultural Heritage and Resources Management (MA,MS)
- Engineering Management (MS)
- GIS Development and Database Administration (MS)
- Marketing Communications (MS)
- Media Management (MS)
- Organizational Design Thinking (MS)
- Sustainability (MA,MS)



Post-Baccalaureate Certificates

Integrative studies certificate programs provide professional advancement in multiple fields.

- Environmental Management
- Marketing and Public Relations
- Sustainability
- Transportation Engineering and Construction Management

Career Outlook

A Master of Arts or Master of Science in integrative studies can lead to a multitude of career paths as well as entry into doctoral programs. The degree will meet the needs of students seeking knowledge for advancement in a specific industry, looking to move to an emerging field that is multidisciplinary or starting their own business. Employment outlook and salary information for these careers vary widely. A carefully designed plan of study will provide students with a unique combination of skills and knowledge that will be advantageous in the job market.

Graduation Requirements

Students must conduct an oral defense of the thesis or project with an advisory committee consisting of a minimum of three graduate faculty. Each participating department must be represented. Students must complete a minimum of 37 graduate credit hours.

Contact

The master's in integrative studies allows you the flexibility to design an academic plan that addresses your interests, as well as your academic and professional goals. The director of integrative studies is your first point of contact in this process. Initially, you will meet with the director to discuss your goals and determine the appropriate focus areas. The director will then facilitate a meeting between you and faculty members with expertise in the desired focus areas. You will work with these faculty mentors to draw up a viable plan of study that integrates the focus areas.

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