



Interdisciplinary Studies

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Engaging with real-world issues, committing
to social justice and caring for human dignity*

Program Highlights

The Social Entrepreneurship concentration (SOCE) provides a theoretical and practical toolkit to engage with real-world issues in industry, nonprofits, government, public policy, and education. Underlying the social entrepreneurship program is a commitment to social justice and care for human dignity. A trait common to SOCE students is a desire to model and implement sustainable, practical, and ethical solutions to social problems, while working effectively within complex networks made up of divergent groups of stakeholders.

You will engage in internships and other co-curricular activities. Students have interned at places such as:

- Ashoka, a global network for social entrepreneurship
- Armed Services Arts Partnership, an organization reintegrating veterans through the arts
- Together We Bake, a comprehensive workforce training and personal development program

The concentration in SOCE will equip students with the subject matter expertise, strategic knowledge, technical support, and social networks needed to:

- create, operate, develop, and accelerate startups
- bring ideas to scale
- improve existing programs' effectiveness

Mason's commitment to innovation creates an environment where emerging social entrepreneurs can turn innovative ideas into reality.

For the most up-to-date application and degree requirements visit:

mais.gmu.edu/programs/la-mais-isin-soce

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Degree Requirements - 36 Total Credits

INTS 550 Social Innovation In Action - 3 Credits

INTS 535 Leadership in a Changing Environment *or* **INTS 575** when topic is Leadership and Organizational Problem Solving - 3 Credits

GBUS 540 Analysis of Financial Decisions *or* **MBA 711** Entrepreneurship *or*

GBUS 697 When topic is Introduction to Entrepreneurship - 3 Credits

Research Methods Course - 3 Credits

INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights - 3 Credits

Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Competencies in Social Entrepreneurship - 6-9 Credits

- Choose from courses in Environmental and Public Policy, Finance and Accounting, Business and Project Management, Leadership and Well-Being

Subject Matter Expertise - 6 Credits

- Choose from courses with an emphasis in the social problem student seeks to address through entrepreneurship; the theme of the emphasis courses should be reflected in the student's experiential learning project.

Experiential Learning - 3 Credits

MAIS 793 Integrated Learning Experience - 3 Credits

Capstone Project of Thesis (Optional)- 3 Credits

How to Apply

Along with the completed Application for Graduate Admission and application fee, applicants should submit:

- Official transcripts from previous institutions of higher education attended
- Goals statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Formal writing sample of at least 1,000 words

See chss.gmu.edu/admissions for complete details on the application process.

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MAIS: Design Your Own Degree

The Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) program in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences consists of multiple established degree paths that exist in partnership with academic units and faculty across the University. It offers a home for students with broad academic interests. While their degree paths may vary dramatically, our students share a desire to address critical problems facing the world.

Available Degree Paths

Computational Social Science
Energy and Sustainability
Individualized Studies
Religious Studies
Social Entrepreneurship
Social Justice and Human Rights
War and the Military in Society
Women and Gender Studies

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