



Interdisciplinary Studies

ACCELERATED MASTERS DEGREE

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Imagining, creating and sustaining a more equitable, just, and humane world

Program Highlights

The Social Justice and Human Rights (SJHR) concentration in the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program allows you to focus your studies around issues you are committed to. This program provides a foundation for understanding the social, political, cultural, historical, and economic implications of an array of social injustices and human rights issues. It emphasizes a global and intersectional approach while engaging students in imagining and applying strategies for creating and sustaining a more equitable, just, and humane world.

Experiential learning is required and opportunities can include internships, service-learning, consulting projects, and field studies or research (including overseas).

Current and former students have focused research and activism on issues such as

- racial justice
- domestic violence prevention
- immigration
- educational rights
- (dis)ability rights
- youth unemployment
- environmental justice
- indigenous rights
- animal rights
- human trafficking

Others have focused on regional contexts such as the Middle East, Central Europe, East Africa, or Central America.

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

mais.gmu.edu/prospective/for-undergraduates

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Degree Requirements - 36 Total Credits

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

INTS 537 Critical Race Studies - 3 Credits

WMST 602 Queer Theory or **WMST 630** Feminist Theories - 3 Credits

Social Justice and Human Rights Issues and Movements Course - 3 credits

Research Methods Course - 3 Credits

Emphasis Courses - 6 Credits

- Courses with an emphasis on a specific social justice or human rights issue; the theme of the emphasis courses should be reflected in the student's experiential learning project.

Experiential Learning - 3 Credits

Elective Courses- 6 Credits

MAIS 793 Integrated Learning Experience - 3 Credits

Capstone Project or Thesis - 3 Credits

Accelerated Masters Classes

Advanced Standing Courses

Up to 12 credits, with a minimum grade of B in each; courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted

INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights

INTS 534 Research for Social Change

INTS 537 Critical Race Studies

INTS 538 Representations of Race (4 credits)

WMST 504 Gender, Sexuality, and Disability

WMST 602 Queer Theory

WMST 608 Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights

WMST 630 Feminist Theories

PHIL 643 Environmental Ethics

PUAD 540 Public Policy Process

PUAD 649 Advocacy and Lobbying

Reserve Graduate Credit Courses

Up to 6 credits, taken while an undergraduate, and will only apply to the graduate degree program

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INTS 538 Representations of Race

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WMST 630 Feminist Theories

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MAIS: A Master's With A Mission

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 who seek a master's degree to help them to create a better world. While their degree paths may vary dramatically, our students share a desire to address critical problems facing the world today.

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