



ACCELERATED MASTERS DEGREE

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Interdisciplinary Studies

*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.

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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

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 550 Social Innovation In Action

INTS 535 Leadership in a Changing Environment

INTS 540 Contemporary Issues in Social Justice Human Rights

GBUS 540 Analysis of Financial Decisions

Reserve Graduate Credit Courses

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

PUAD 505 Introduction to Management of Nonprofits

PUAD 540 Public Policy Process

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 that will 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