The following Departments in the College of Arts and Sciences participate in the interdisciplinary degree, Master of Applied Social Science (MASS):

- History
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Economics*
- Sociology*
- Criminal Justice

Courses are available in the MASS Program from the disciplines of economics, political science, public administration, history, criminal justice and sociology.

The unique feature of this applied, interdisciplinary program is its flexibility. Building upon a required core of three courses (9 semester hours), the student, in consultation with an advisor, may design the remainder of the program to address his/her own particular interests.

The degree is designed for those who wish to pursue further graduate work in the social sciences and for those who wish to work immediately following completion of the MASS Degree.

For the full-time student, the course of study will likely span two semesters plus one summer, totaling 33 hours. Some students may be required to take several prerequisites before commencing their particular program. The following is an outline of the degree program:

**Core Courses Required of All Students (9 Semester Hours)**

- Interdisciplinary Social Science Seminar (ISS 5939)
- Social Science Research (ISS 6305)
- Statistics for Public Managers (PAD 5701) or Statistics for the Social Sciences (ISS 5316)
- All core courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or higher.

**Discipline Courses (18 Semester Hours)**

Students are required to take six courses (18 hours) in their subject area concentration. Courses may be selected from one of the following disciplines: (1) History; (2) Political Science; (3) Public Administration; and (4) Criminal Justice.

Those students whose undergraduate degrees are in areas outside their chosen area of concentration may be required to take designated undergraduate courses to prepare them for entrance into the MASS program. The chair of the department of the major area and the coordinator of the program shall make such determinations. Prerequisites for Political Science/Public Administration, Criminal Justice, and History are as follows:

*To Be Developed
Political Science / Public Administration
- Public Administration
- American National Government

Criminal Justice
- Criminological Theory
- Research Methods

History
- Historiography
- Senior Seminar in African-American Studies
Entrance Requirements

Entrance Requirements for the MASS Program include:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and,
- A “B” average in the last 60 semester hours of course work, or a score of 1000 or better (verbal and quantitative only) on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Special Students: Special students who do not meet the qualifications listed above are NOT permitted to take more than twelve (12) semester hours until they have successfully completed the GRE or been admitted to regular status. Special students are not eligible for any financial assistance.

Under the 10% exception rule one student may be admitted to regular status for every ten (10) fully qualified students entering the program.

Fully admitted students may receive credit for up to six (6) graduate semester hours of transferred courses from another institution. The Coordinator of the MASS Program will determine all approved transferred credit hours.

Note: A cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be maintained regardless of course/credit hour load. A student may not earn more than two (2) C’s; otherwise the student will be dropped from the program. All students must take the GRE within sixty (60) days of admittance into the program. Failure to comply will result in the student not being able to register for classes.

Internship and Thesis

All students must complete an approved internship or a thesis to qualify for graduation.

Internships will be with a government agency – local, state, or federal – or with a private concern. Internships should be related as nearly as possible to the student’s major area and must have the prior approval of the Coordinator and the professor supervising the internships.

The internship should be a new, professional experience for the student. If a proposed internship does not violate internship criteria, a student may intern in another department of the agency where he/she is employed. The internship must not be simply a continuation of regular duties.

The appropriateness of all internships will be determined on an individual basis by the Chair of the University department of the student's major and the Coordinator of the MASS Program.

A student wishing to write a thesis must select a committee of at least three faculty members. The committee chair must be from the student’s major emphasis; the second member must be from the area of the concentration; and the third member may be from the outside the student's area of concentration.

Note: For additional information and requirements pertaining to internship please refer to the internship packet available from the Coordinator of the MASS Program.
PROGRAM COURSES

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Fall Semester
ISS 6305 Social Sci. Research Methods
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar
POS 5208 Psychology of Political Behavior*
POS 5117 Problems in State & Loc. Govt.

Spring Semester
PAD 5701 Stats for Public Managers*
POS 6427 Seminar in Legis. & Legis.
POS 6247 Seminar in Poli. Science
POS 5277 Elect. & Poli. Participation

Summer Semester
ISS 6942 Internship or HIS 6971 Thesis
POS 5932 Selected Topic in Political Science
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Fall Semester
ISS 6305 Social Sci. Research Methods
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar
PAD 5417 Problems in Pub Person Admin.
PAD 6227 Seminar Public Finance Admin*

Spring Semester
PAD 5701 Stats for Public Managers*
PAD 6035 Seminar Admin Policy
PAD 5025 Public Management
PAD 5306 Problem of Public Analysis

Summer Semester
ISS 6942 Internship or HIS 6971 Thesis
PAD 6060 Seminar in Public Mgmt.
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar

HISTORY

Fall Semester
ISS 6305 Social Sci. Research Methods
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar
AMH 5578 Problems in African Am. History
AMH 5930 Select Topics in US History

Spring Semester
ISS 5316 Social Science Statistics
AFS 5151 Life & Culture Sub Sahara Africa
AMH 5116 Civil War Reconstruction
AMH 5409 Prob. History of the South

Summer Semester
ISS 6942 Internship or HIS 6971 Thesis
AMH 5932 Seminar US History
HIS 5209 Contemporary Problems
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Fall Semester
ISS 6305 Social Sci. Research Methods
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar
CCJ 5608 Criminology Theory & Practice
CCJ 5446 Correctional Mgmt

Spring Semester
ISS 5316 Social Science Statistics
CCJ 5910 Ind. Res. In Corrections
CCJ 5940 Special Topics
CJJ 5022 Juvenile Justice

Summer Semester
CCJ 5941 Special Topics II or CCJ 6974
Internship Paper
CCJ 5669 Race, Class, Gender & Crime
ISS 5939 Interdisciplinary Seminar

* Content courses for which a grade of “B” of higher is required.
Course Descriptions

AFS 5151 – Life and Culture of Sub-Sahara Africa (3) – Overview from ancient times to present, emphasizes cultural traditions.

AMH 5116 – Civil War Reconstruction (3) – Intensive analysis of recent interpretation of causes of Civil War and problems of Reconstruction. Oral and written reports on selected topics required.

AMH 5392 – Seminar in US Social History (3) – Selected topics in American social history, emphasizing conflicting interpretations.

AMH 5409 – Problems in History of the South (3) – A critical analysis of selective issues which influenced development of Southern history from Jamestown to present.

AMH 5578 – Problems in African American History (3) – Selected topics in black history, with emphasis on historiography and interpretations.

AMH 5930 – Selected Topics in United States History (3) – Emphasis on critical problems in American History, research and interpretations.

ANT 5702 – App of Anthropology (3)

CCJ 5020 – Juvenile Justice (3) – Examines the various approaches to juvenile justice policies, programs and services. Also examines the array of issues central to prevention, intervention, diversion and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

CCJ 5446 – Correctional Management (3) – An overview of correctional management including history, increases in confinement, decline of community based corrections, revival of capital punishment, models in correctional management, and characteristics of correctional institutions. Comparison of traditional contemporary correctional systems will be emphasized.

CCJ 5457 – Court Administration (3) - This course introduces students to the rudiments of court administration. With a concern for the practical aspects of court administration, the course focuses on analysis of the administrative functions of the court, the delegation of administrative duties, the adversarial system, and other concepts relating to the court as an institution of government. Management functions, management styles, and leadership will also be explored to understand the dynamics of organizational change in courts.

CCJ 5608 – Criminology Theory and Practice (3) – Historical and contemporary examination of the major theories of criminology. Emphasis is placed upon critical analysis and practical applicability of theories to criminal justice policies.

CCJ 5659 – Race, Class, Gender and Crime (3) – The purpose of this course is to evaluate and provide a better understanding of women and crime. This course will attempt to create an understanding of women within the criminal processing system under the roles in which they encounter. This course will
take a contextual approach to evaluate women in a broader social, cultural, economic and political framework.

CCJ 5910 – Independent Research in Criminal Justice (3) – Presents, explains, and explores viable solutions to contemporary issues facing the criminal justice systems in law enforcement, courts, prosecution, sentencing, criminal law, etc.

CCJ 5934 – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (3) – Presents, explains, and explores contemporary issues facing the criminal justice system in law enforcement, courts, prosecution, sentencing, criminal law, etc.

CCJ 5940 – Special Topics (3)

CCJ 5941 – Special Topics II (3)

CCJ 6974 – Internship and Internship Paper (6) – Supervised graduate internship and internship paper for master of applied social science program.

HIS 5209 – Contemporary Problems (3) – Investigation of selected problems faced by Europe, Asia, and Africa since World War II.

HIS 6971 – Masters Thesis (6) – Research and defense of project selected by student with approval of thesis committee.

ISS 5316 – Advanced Applications of Statistics & Research (3) – Graduate research and statistics skill development with computer applications leading to mastery of data reduction and analytic techniques.

ISS 5939 – Interdisciplinary Seminar of Applied Social Science (3) – Course taught in the beginning semester of each student’s work. Utilizes the approach which produces the convergence of social and behavioral science disciplines.

ISS 6305 – Social Science Research Methods (3) – Fundamental principles of social science research and related research design. The course is structured to develop students’ abilities to think clearly, critically, and logically about social science issues through the scientific evaluation of empirical issues and evidence.

ISS 6942 – Internship and Internship Paper (6) – Supervised graduate internship and internship paper for master of applied social science program.

PAD 5025 – Public Management: Practice and Problems (3) – Meaning, content, significance, and evolutionary development of public administration; administration and politics; patterns of management; and legal bases of administration, accountability, and administrative responsibility.

PAD 5306 – Problems of Public Policy Analysis (3) – Problems related to approaches, predictions, and application of public policy analysis in terms of instruments of policy development and selected areas of policy.
PAD 5417 – Problems of Public Personnel Administration (3) – Basic problems encountered by government executives in recruiting, maintaining, and developing personnel, such as career development, leadership, motivation, and employee relations.

PAD 5701 – Statistics for Public Managers (3) – This course provides knowledge of data analysis as part of the scientific method of research. Students will conceptualize the principles of quantitative and qualitative data analysis and apply these principles to data analysis in research and practice. Practical knowledge and application of descriptive and inferential is anticipated.

PAD 6035 – Seminar in Administrative Politics (3) – Analysis of processes by which and through which administrative agencies determine and enforce policy in terms of legal and political considerations, as well as in terms of behavioral theory.

PAD 6060 – Seminar in Public Management (3) - Major theoretical concepts in public administration and their relationship to selected aspects of public policy, as well as their application to behavior of administrators in developing industrialized government systems.

PAD 6227 – Seminar in Public Financial Administration (3) – Review of administration, organization, methods, problems, and policy implications of execution of governmental fiscal policies through budgetary formulation and revenue collection.

POS 5117 – Problems in State and Local Government (3) – Identification and analysis of the basic problems of state and local government. Major emphasis on the current problems of functional significance.

POS 5208 – Psychology of Political Behavior (3) – Role of psychological constructs and theories in political explanation; analysis of research, with such topics as the effects of psychological factors on attitudes, efficacy, leadership, loyalty, participation, political change, and policy issues.

POS 5277 – Elections and Political Participation (3) – Identify problems confronting party organizations, the causes of those problems, and appropriate strategies for political campaigns.

POS 5932 – Selected Topic in Political Science (3) – Theory and research on advanced selected topics in political science, public policy, and/or public administration.

POS 6247 – Seminar in Political Socialization (3) – Analysis and investigation of acquisition of political orientations, as well as effectuation process under different cultural conditions; attention given to related design and contemporary findings.

POS 6427 – Seminar in Legislatures and Legislation (3) – Analysis of recent research in the legislative process, involving both substantive and methodological aspects, as well as readings and research reports, on selected problems of the legislative process and legislative behavior.

SYA 5136 - Theories of Social Behavior (3) - Interdisciplinary, critical analysis of selected major theories of human social behavior.
SYA 5659 - Program Evaluation (3) - Prereq: Graduate course in research and statistics. Policies and procedures for the evaluation of public and private programs in education, social welfare, and government.

SYA 5971 – Thesis (6) – Graduate students in sociology who elect to write a thesis for the Master of Applied Social Sciences degree should enroll while completing their project.

SYA 6942 – Internship (1-6) – Supervised field work in sociology with faculty or placement in an appropriate agency.

SYD 5255 – Sociology of Education (3) – An examination of the theories and research that is ongoing in the field of education. The course examines the educational system; the impact of social factors like stratification, inequality, sex, race, and social movements; the organization of schools; the hidden curriculum, higher education; and systems of education globally.

SYD 5325 – Applied Sociology (3) – Policy study and research in sociology, characteristics of and relationship between policy (applied) research and basic research, and contributions toward social problem reduction.

SYD 5608 – Strategies for Community Development (3) – Theory, principles, and techniques of major contemporary strategies of community development. Comparison of merits and limitations of each strategy for work in rural and urban communities. Applications of knowledge through simulation exercises.

SYD 5609 – Program Planning for Developmental Work (3) – Prereq: SYD 5608. Developmental planning as a framework for project administration. Theory, principles, and techniques of major models of program planning. Practical exercises for developing programs for projects of varying complexity.

SYD 5705 – Seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations (3) – An extensive examination of current problems and issues in race and ethnic relations in the United States with emphasis on the use of current research literature and theories to find solutions.
**Degree Requirement Acknowledgement Form**

By signing this form I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand, the above established criteria for students seeking a degree in the Master of Applied Social Sciences (MASS) program. I am aware of the requirements and expectations for my participation in the MASS program.

Course substitutions are subject to the approval of the Coordinator and the Chairperson. I am fully aware that courses will be offered in the term identified on the preceding pages, with **no exceptions**. Students who fail a course or attend on a part-time basis must wait to take the required courses when regularly scheduled. Co-ops and course substitutions will be permitted on a strict case-by-case basis.

Student __________________________  Date: ____________

MASS Advisor ____________________  Date: ____________