Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate Major (MAIS)

Graduate Areas of Concentration

Selected from three participating fields offering graduate majors and minors

The Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) degree program is designed to permit students to formulate programs that integrate work from three separate disciplines. Breadth of study is important in designing the program. A research paper or thesis offers the opportunity to integrate the three disciplines.

Many programs at OSU participate in the MAIS program. Please consult the MAIS program director to determine specific program participation.

Graduate programs that are participating in this degree are listed in the Graduate School website (http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/programs/).

Admission

The applicant must satisfy university admission requirements at the graduate level and must gain acceptance at the point of admission by the departments offering the fields that will make up the program.

Administration

The Graduate School will handle general administration and recordkeeping. Students with general questions about the MAIS degree are encouraged to confer with the director of the MAIS graduate program.

The student should select a committee in consultation with the department/school chair of the emphasized field or with their designated representative. With the advice of the committee chair, the student will select a committee member from each of the remaining two fields. The student will select the fourth committee member, a Graduate Council representative, from a list of names to be obtained in the Graduate School office. All members of the committee must be on the graduate faculty.

Before the completion of 18 credits of graduate course work, the student must file the official program form, approved by the committee. Program planning meetings are required, and the student has the responsibility for arranging the committee meetings necessary in the planning of the program. In the event that the student subsequently desires to change one or more disciplines on their program, the student must file a change in degree program with the Graduate School and schedule another program meeting in order to gain committee approval.

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