

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, MASTER OF

As traditional fields and disciplines continue to overlap, there is a growing demand for a workforce with knowledge in more than one area of study. As part of Saint Louis University's Master of Professional Studies, you will use applied research skills, evidence-based problem solving and the integration of theory and practice across two or more disciplines. By choosing a primary area of study paired with a secondary area of focus, you can diversify your SLU education and gain a unique combination of skills to meet today's workplace demands.

Whether you're looking to advance into a leadership role in your current organization or pursue a graduate degree before entering the workforce, SLU's Master of Professional Studies can be tailored to build the experience you need for your specific career path.

Faculty

As a student in the School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University, you'll learn from exceptional faculty who are leading experts in their fields. They bring real-world knowledge to the classroom and are dedicated to your professional success. Learn more about the SPS faculty (<https://www.slu.edu/professional-studies/contact-us/faculty/>).

Curriculum Overview

Unlike traditional graduate programs that focus on a single discipline, SLU's multidisciplinary Master of Professional Studies program allows you to choose from a range of professionally focused concentrations. You will choose a primary and secondary area of concentration in consultation with your academic coach.

Examples of the Master of Professional Studies structure include (but are not limited to) concentrations in the following areas:

- Analytics (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/applied-analytics-pb-cert/>)
- Cybersecurity (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/cybersecurity-pb-cert/>)
- Evidence-based decision making (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/evidence-based-decision-making-pb-cert/>)
- Information systems (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/information-systems-pbc/>)
- Organizational development (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/organizational-development-pb-cert/>)
- Organizational leadership (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/organizational-leadership-pb-cert/>)
- Project management (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/project-management-pbc/>)
- Strategic intelligence (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/strategic-intelligence-pb-cert/>)
- Emergency management (Homeland Security) (<https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/professional-studies/emergency-management-pbc/>)

The two standard courses include ORLD 5050 Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making and AA 5221 Applied Analytics & Methods I. The standard capstone includes a series of three one-credit master's

research project coursework, where you will be expected to demonstrate competencies from both your primary and secondary concentration.

Careers

SLU's multidisciplinary Master of Professional Studies structure prioritizes applied research skills, ethical evidence-based problem solving, and the integration of theory and practice across two or more disciplines. By engaging a multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving, students will develop their capacity to identify, delineate and research key problems, building an empowered learning approach to enhance their professional careers.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Online Graduate Degrees and Post-Baccalaureate Certificates	\$790

Tuition	Total Program Cost
On-Ground MS Analytics, MS Cybersecurity, MS Information Systems, Master of Professional Studies, MS Project Management	\$42,000

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, apply by Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to utilize argumentation skills appropriate for a given problem or context.
2. Graduates will be able to apply program-specific knowledge across disciplines to address practical problems using an ethical, evidence-based framework.
3. Additional learning outcomes include a graduate's primary concentration's discipline-specific learning outcome(s).
4. Additional learning outcomes include a graduate's secondary concentration's discipline-specific learning outcome(s).

Requirements

Admission Requirements

- Completed application
- Undergraduate degree (most successful applicants have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or better)

- Official transcript from a degree-granting institution
- Statement of purpose (about 500 words)
- Resume or curriculum vitae
- External reference recommendations (encouraged but not required)

Upon admission, a new online student* must successfully complete a virtual meeting with their academic coach to be enrolled in first-term coursework.

* This is for 100% online students only. International on-campus graduate students will meet their academic coach at on-campus orientation.

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students, along with the following:

- Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency. Some examples of demonstrated English language proficiency include minimum score requirements for the following standardized tests:
 - Paper-based TOEFL: 550
 - Internet-based TOEFL: 80
 - IELTS: 6.5
 - PTE: 54
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken post-secondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ORLD 5050	Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making	3
AA 5221	Applied Analytics & Methods I	3
Primary Concentration		12
<i>Students choose their primary concentration from one of the approved graduate certificates plus an additional 3 credits in the primary concentration.</i>		
Secondary Concentration		12
<i>Students choose their secondary concentration from one of the approved graduate certificates plus an additional 3 credits in the secondary concentration.</i>		
Masters Research Project		
<i>Select 3 credits from one of the options below:</i>		3
5960 Research Project in primary concentration subject area		
5961-5963 Research Project in the subject area of their primary concentration		
Total Credits		33

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

100% Online Roadmap

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Fall 1		
Primary Concentration Required Course #1		3
Fall 2		
ORLD 5050	Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making	3
Credits		6
Spring		
Spring 1		
Primary Concentration Required Course #2		3
Spring 2		
Secondary Concentration Required Course #1		3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
Fall 1		
Primary Concentration Required Course #3		3
Fall 2		
Secondary Concentration Required Course #2		3
XXXX 5961	Masters Research Project I	1
Credits		7
Spring		
Spring 1		
AA 5221	Applied Analytics & Methods I	3
Spring 2		
Secondary Concentration Required Course #3		3
XXXX 5962	Masters Research Project II	1
Credits		7
Year Three		
Fall		
Fall 1		
Choose one of the following:		3
Primary Concentration #4		
Secondary Concentration #4		
Elective		
Fall 2		
Choose one of the following:		3
Primary Concentration #4		
Secondary Concentration #4		

Elective	
Credits	6
Spring	
XX5963- Masters Research Project III	1
Credits	1
Total Credits	33

On-Campus Roadmap

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
Fall 1		
Primary Concentration Required Course#1		3
Fall 2		
Primary Concentration Required Course #2		3
Primary Concentration Required Course #3		3
Credits		9
Spring		
Spring 1		
AA 5221	Applied Analytics & Methods I	3
Primary Concentration Course #4 OR Elective		3
Spring 2		
ORLD 5050	Ethical, Evidence-Based Decision Making	3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
Fall 1		
Secondary Concentration Required Course #1		3
Fall 2		
Secondary Concentration Required Course #2		3
XX5961- Masters Research Project I		1
Credits		7
Spring		
Spring 1		
Secondary Required Course #3		3
XX5962- Masters Research Project II		1
Spring 2		
XX5963- Masters Research Project III		1
Secondary Required Course #4 or Elective		3
Credits		8
Total Credits		33