APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (AP)

AP 501 | PROFESSIONAL PLANNING PROSEMINAR | 4 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
This seminar explores the aims of graduate education in relation to each student's focused program of study. In furthering the foundation for the Master of Arts degree in Applied Professional Studies, primary emphasis is placed on: a) enhancing facility with graduate level learning in the service of goals for personal/professional development; b) identifying paths and learning modalities available to in SCPS MAAPS; and c) selecting and developing a fitting focus area, to be expressed in a working draft of a detailed learning plan. To create the MAAPS learning plan, students build on their knowledge of content, standards, and issues in their field of professional study (Focus Area) and consider how Elements of Better Practice will impact their professional work. Structured track students will be introduced to the requirements of their track and all students will set up an Academic Committee that consists of the student Chairperson, the Faculty Mentor, and a Professional Advisor (an experienced professional in the student's Focus Area).

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AP 502 | LEARNING PLAN REVIEW | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this review process, students finalize their Graduate Learning Plans, convene their Academic Committees (composed of themselves, their Professional Advisors, and their Faculty Mentors) to review their Learning Plans, and eventually submit their Learning Plans to the Graduate Student Program Review Committee (GSPRC) for final approval.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 504 | INVESTIGATING PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
In this course, students will use strategies of career mapping and field research along with principles of applied professional study to develop a professional pathway portfolio that will provide a current and solid foundation to their Focus Area in the MAAPS program. The course will build on student's existing professional training, experience, and networks and their current and evolving career goals, to create a customized portfolio to deepen the benefits from their degree requirements and guide their choices throughout the program. The portfolio will include current research into each student's field and into appropriate practice sites to ensure that they can put the concepts, theories and models they will learn in the MAAPS program to immediate and profitable use. To maximize efficiency, some career field research assignments in this course will be cross-listed with the MAAPS required course 450A, Managing and Assessing Information.

AP 505 | FINDING AND MANAGING INFORMATION | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
This MAAPS/MSAT foundational course provides participants with skills in collecting, analyzing and synthesizing literature and resources in their respective area(s) of practice. Among these skills are: searching and accessing various sources; discerning credibility of sources; storing and retrieving information for oneself; constructing thematic literature reviews; and, citing sources using APA style.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 510 | MAIN THEORIES AND IDEAS | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address knowledge and understanding of theories, models and/or theoretical frameworks, including implications for practice relevant to their individualized areas of focus. In areas where theories are not well established (e.g., in emerging fields of study or in unique combinations of fields), this area includes exploration of theories in related fields.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 520 | METHODS OF RESEARCH | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address the systematic gathering of data and interpretation of findings as practiced within their areas of focus or related fields.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 528 | ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION I | 0.5 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Scheduled at intervals across the MAAPS Program, Assessment and Integration Sessions provide opportunity for students to meet with their faculty mentors for purposes of ongoing assessment and integration regarding all aspects of the program.  
(0.5 quarter hour)  
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AP 530 | SPECIALIZED SKILLS | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify, develop and demonstrate skills that are particular to their areas of focus and the context(s) in which these skills are applied.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 540 | COMMUNICATION MODES | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify, develop and demonstrate facility with communication modes relevant to their areas of focus.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 548 | ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION SEMINAR II | 0.5 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
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(0.5 quarter hour)  
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AP 550 | ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR INTERPERSONAL DYNAMICS | 2 quarter hours  
(Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address the human and structural issues relevant to professional practice in their areas of focus. This includes exploration regarding how professional practice per area of focus is affected by systems, technology, structure and other people.  
(2 quarter hours)  
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AP 558 | ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION SEMINAR III | 0.5 quarter hours (Graduate)
Scheduled at intervals across the MAAPS Program, Assessment and Integration Sessions provide opportunity for students to meet with their faculty mentors for purposes of ongoing assessment and integration regarding all aspects of the program. (.5 quarter hour)
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AP 560 | CHALLENGES FROM LARGER CONTEXTS | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address the ability to situate their areas of focus (including their issues and problems) within one of the following contexts: the temporal context (historical development and future direction of the area of focus); the social/cultural context (relationship of the area of focus to its societal context); or, the international context (the state of the area of focus globally). (2 quarter hours)
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AP 570 | ETHICAL ISSUES | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address the relationship between beliefs and assumptions regarding humanity, good/evil, right/wrong, etc., and behavioral outcomes (including areas of conflict) relevant to their areas of focus. (2 quarter hours)
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AP 574 | REFLECTION IN/ON PRACTICE | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students address the interplay between thinking, doing and reflecting in order to generate new ways of mentally organizing ideas and identifying new possibilities to inform future practice their areas of focus. (2 quarter hours) **Status as a MAAPS student or departmental permission is a prerequisite for this class.**

AP 578 | ASSESSMENT AND INTEGRATION SEMINAR IV | 0.5 quarter hours (Graduate)
Scheduled at intervals across the MAAPS Program, Assessment and Integration Sessions provide opportunity for students to meet with their faculty mentors for purposes of ongoing assessment and integration regarding all aspects of the program.
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AP 585 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPETENCE I | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify an additional area from among Theories, Research Methods, Specialized Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues and Reflection in/on Practice regarding which to develop and demonstrate competence. (2 quarter hours)
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AP 586 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPETENCE II | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify an additional area from among Theories, Research Methods, Specialized Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues and Reflection in/on Practice regarding which to develop and demonstrate competence. (AP-586, AP-587, AP-588 and AP-589 collectively serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (2 quarter hours)
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AP 587 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPETENCE III | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify an additional area from among Theories, Research Methods, Specialized Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues and Reflection in/on Practice regarding which to develop and demonstrate competence. (AP-586, AP-587, AP-588 and AP-589 collectively serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (2 quarter hours)
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AP 588 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPETENCE IV | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify an additional area from among Theories, Research Methods, Specialized Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues and Reflection in/on Practice regarding which to develop and demonstrate competence. (AP-586, AP-587, AP-588 and AP-589 collectively serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (2 quarter hours)
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AP 589 | SUPPLEMENTAL COMPETENCE V | 2 quarter hours (Graduate)
Through this competence area, students identify an additional area from among Theories, Research Methods, Specialized Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues and Reflection in/on Practice regarding which to develop and demonstrate competence. (AP-586, AP-587, AP-588 and AP-589 collectively serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (2 quarter hours)
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AP 590 | PROF COMPETENCE: SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL | 1-6 quarter hours (Graduate)
As an option to the Integrating Project, student may elect to develop and demonstrate an additional four areas of professional competence from among Theories, Research, Skills, Communication Modes, Organizational/Interpersonal Dynamics, Larger Contexts, Ethical Issues, and Reflection on Practice. (1 quarter hour)
**AP 591 | INTEGRATING PROJECT PROPOSAL | 2 quarter hours**  
(Graduate)

Students develop and submit concise, well-honed documents proposing the nature and scope of their Final Integrating Projects. Topics being proposed are to be supported by relevant professional/scholarly literature and to include the use of appropriate method(s) of inquiry. (AP-591 and AP-592 serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (2 quarter hours)

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**AP 592 | FINAL INTEGRATING PROJECT | 6 quarter hours**  
(Graduate)

In fulfillment of the approved Integrating Project Proposal (AP-591), students develop and submit an original, independently-conducted project that provides a significant contribution to their areas of focus. Such projects incorporate elements of theory and practice and demonstrate integration of liberal learning and focus area competencies from across the MAAPS Program. (AP-591 and AP-592 serve as a culmination option for the MAAPS degree.) (6 quarter hours)

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