

# Master in Interdisciplinary Studies

College of Arts and Sciences  
Southern Oregon University

## Application Information

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) of Southern Oregon University offers a graduate program leading to the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies. Prospective students identify a major program of study and then select minor areas from other departments or programs. Students work closely with their Graduate Advisor and Graduate Committee. Students develop a program of study that demonstrates focus and direction appropriate to advanced academic work. Students complete a comprehensive written and oral exam, an approved final project (thesis or non thesis) option, and oral defense. The student's Graduate Advisor and Graduate Committee will help prepare the student in these areas.

### Major Areas of Concentration:

- \* Biology
- \*Criminology & Criminal Justice
- \* English & Writing
- \* Health & Physical Education
- \*Social Sciences

### Minor areas:

Anthropology	Foreign Languages & Literatures
Art & Art History	Geography
Biology	Health & Physical Education
Business	History
Communication	International Studies
Computer Science	Mathematics
Criminology & Criminal Justice	Music
Economics	Politics Science
Education	Social Sciences
English & Writing	Sociology
Environmental Studies	Women's Studies

This list is subject to change. Please contact the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Coordinator to confirm program participation.

Applicants are encouraged to apply by April 15<sup>th</sup> for early consideration. Initial notifications of acceptance for the academic year will be mailed to applicants by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Application files received or completed after April 15<sup>th</sup> will be processed on a space and time available basis. All students must apply both to Southern Oregon University for Graduate Admissions (<http://www.sou.edu/admissions/graduate/>) and the College of Arts and Sciences for the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program (<http://www.sou.edu/cas/graduate/miis/index.html>). Requirements are noted below.

Complete and return the following Application for Graduate Admission to the University Admissions Office, including official transcripts and the application fee of \$50. This may be completed online with payment but a HARD COPY of all transcripts must be sent to: **Admissions SOU, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 97520**. University admission requires a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester hours.

- Application
- \$50.00 fee
- Official Transcripts
- TOEFL, ELPT or IELTS (for non native speakers of English)

Students whose first language is not English are required to take the TOEFL exam or other appropriate test of proficiency. SOU requires a minimum internet score of 76 or a CBT (computer based testing) score of 207.

Complete and return the following Master in Interdisciplinary Studies Application and supporting materials to the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Office Coordinator: **CAS Graduate Office Coordinator, SOU, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 97520**. **These materials may also be submitted electronically as attachments to: MIIS@sou.edu**

- Application
- Goals Essay
- Writing Sample
- 3 Letters of recommendation

Application materials will be evaluated according to the professional judgment of faculty concerning the applicant's suitability for the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies program and the availability of faculty and programs to meet the student's goals.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Submit to the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Office Coordinator three letters of recommendation using the Letter of Recommendation Form included in this packet. We advise that you request your letters at least two (2) months before the application deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that all letters have reached the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Office Coordinator.

**Missing File Items:** Applicants who submit their application before April 15th will be notified if any information is missing from their files. It is the applicant's responsibility to check on the completeness of her/his file, to contact sources, and to keep the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Office Coordinator informed of any changes of address, phone number or email.

# APPLICATION FORM

Applications will be processed beginning April 15th until all placements have been confirmed.

Send this application and all other correspondence to:

MIIS Graduate Office Coordinator  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Southern Oregon University  
1250 Siskiyou Blvd CS 209  
Ashland, Oregon 97520  
Fax 541.552.6171

**Or Submit electronically to : [MIIS@sou.edu](mailto:MIIS@sou.edu)**

Proposed Major Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Support Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ ID/ SS Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

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First Name                  Middle Name                  Last Name

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Current Mailing Address Number and Street

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City                                  State                                  Country                                  Zip

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Permanent Address Number and Street (if different from above)

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City                                  State                                  Country                                  Zip

Day Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Point Average:**

Last 90 Undergraduate Credits: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA Coursework in Major only: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

I have instructed that my undergraduate transcript(s) be sent to the Office of Admissions, Southern Oregon University

**Essay:** Please attach a 500 word essay that summarizes your professional goals as relevant to the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies program and your career, professional and other personal goals.

**Writing Sample:** Please attach a writing sample that demonstrates your capacity for analytical thinking. You may submit a paper from a previous class or professional report that you authored.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Attach three letters of recommendations, or request that they be sent under separate cover to the MIIS Graduate Office Coordinator at the address above.

**Certify:**  I hereby certify that the information on or relating to this application is true and correct. I understand that Southern Oregon University may deny or revoke admission to the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies Degree Program upon evidence that I knowingly made any false statements on or relating to this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant  
(If submitting electronically, your typed "signature" will serve as certification.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of signature

**How did you hear about this program?**

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## RECOMMENDATION FORM

The following applicant requests that you send this Recommendation in support of his or her application.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: Do you waive your right to inspect this recommendation  Yes  No

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

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### Recommender's Comment

How do you know the applicant? For how long?

Please attach a letter with your comments on the following concerns:

What is your estimate of the applicant's promise as a graduate student in Interdisciplinary Studies? Please discuss accomplishments, personal and intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking and creativity, ethical and personal responsibility, oral and written expressive skills, organizing skills, interpersonal skills, ability to cope with work or academic stress, and motivations for graduate school. If the applicant's first language is not English, please comment on proficiency in English.

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1. Considering overall competence and motivation to pursue a Master in Interdisciplinary Studies, and compared to similar students you have taught or observed, this applicant ranks in the:

Top 5%      86 – 95%      76-85%      66-75%      65-51%      50-26%      Lowest 25%

2. What is your estimate of the likelihood that this applicant will successfully complete the masters program?

95%+      86 – 95%      76-85%      66-75%      65-51%      50-26%      25% or less

3. What is your overall recommendation on admission to the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies Program?

Strongly recommended \_\_\_ Recommended \_\_\_ Recommended with reservation \_\_\_ Do not admit \_\_\_

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: / / Position and Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ May we contact you? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_