



Master in Interdisciplinary Studies Southern Oregon University

Application Information

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 develop a program of study that demonstrates focus and direction appropriate to advanced academic work. Students complete a thesis or non-thesis project option, and oral defense.

Primary and Secondary Areas of Concentration:

Given the highly customized nature of the MIIS program, it is best to contact the Program Coordinator about areas of study that could serve as a fit for your interests. Currently, our students are taking graduate classes in the following areas: psychology, sociology, anthropology, education, environmental studies, health, outdoor leadership, theater, communication, and business. Please contact the Program Coordinator to determine your fit.

At present, inquiries for the MIIS program may be directed to miis@sou.edu, or 541-552-6113.

Applications are accepted on a rolling admission basis, and students have the option to start our program any quarter.

All students must apply to both Southern Oregon University for Graduate Admissions (<http://www.sou.edu/admissions/graduate/>) and to the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program (<http://www.sou.edu/miis/index.html>). Requirements are noted on the next page.

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1. **Complete SOU's general Application for Graduate Admission** to the University Admissions Office, which includes the below items. This may be completed online at <https://sou.edu/admissions/apply/how-to-apply/>.
 - a. Application form
 - b. \$60.00 application fee
 - c. Official Transcripts
 - d. TOEFL, ELPT or IELTS (for non-native speakers of English)
2. **Official copies of all transcripts must be sent to SOU Admissions.** Electronic transcript orders may be sent to admissions@sou.edu, and paper orders to: SOU Admissions, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 97520.
 - a. A minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester hours is required for graduate admission.
 - b. Applicants who previously attended SOU do not have to order official SOU transcripts, as we will already have access to this information.

****Students whose first language is not English are required to take the TOEFL exam, or other appropriate test of proficiency. For more information about the application and English proficiency requirements for international students, please visit: <https://sou.edu/admissions/apply/international/>**

3. Complete and return the following Master in Interdisciplinary Studies Application and supporting materials to the Program Coordinator. These materials may be submitted via email to miis@sou.edu, or mailed to : SOU Graduate Studies, ATTN: MIIS Program, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR 97520.

- MIIS Application
- Goals Essay
- Writing Sample demonstrating potential for strong graduate level work
- 2 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.

Two Letters of Recommendation: Must be submitted to the MIIS Program Coordinator using the Letter of Recommendation Form included in this packet. We advise that you request your letters at least two months before the application deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all letters have reached the MIIS Graduate Program Coordinator.

Missing File Items: Applicants who submit their application before March 15 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 MIIS Program Coordinator informed of any changes of address, phone number or email.



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Application Form

Send this application and all other correspondence to **miis@sou.edu**. You may also mail materials to:

SOU Graduate Studies
ATTN: MIIS Program
Southern Oregon University
1250 Siskiyou Blvd
Ashland, Oregon 97520

Date of Application: _____

Proposed Primary Area: _____ Proposed Secondary Area(s): _____

ID/ SS Number: _____

First Name Middle Name Last Name

Current Mailing Address Number and Street

City State Country Zip

Permanent Address Number and Street (if different from above)

City State Country Zip

Primary Phone: _____ Other 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 **two** letters of recommendation, or request that they be sent under separate cover to the MIIS Program 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

Date of signature

(If submitting electronically, your typed "signature" will serve as certification.)

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 _____

Recommender's Comments

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.

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 master's program?:

95%+ 86-95% 76-85% 66-75% 65-51% 50-26% Lowest 25%

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 & Organization _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

May we contact you? YES NO

Please return this form with your letter of recommendation to miis@sou.edu. It may also be mailed to:

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