APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES, M.A.

The M.A. in Applied Arts and Sciences program provides a unique mix of knowledge, tools, and experience that transform your thinking, pushing students to look deeper and ask questions with a greater depth of understanding.

Transformative Thinking
Students bring their unique skills, knowledge and values to the program and work towards connecting the dots between big ideas, historic movements, and global events. The program helps students gain mastery in the following five attributes to become a transformative thinker and doer:

1. Intellectual curiosity (develop the desire to dig deep, be creative, experiment, and take risks in order to learn);
2. Integrative thinking (see the big picture, think holistically, recognize patterns, and make imaginative leaps based on those patterns);
3. Intercultural competence (understand cultural differences to help one think, act, and move beyond global, cultural, and organizational boundaries);
4. Adaptability (be flexible, agile when handling change, resilient in ambiguous situations, and able to find unexpected solutions); and
5. Empathy (demonstrate effective listening, collaboration, and communication skills and be humble enough to be inclusive and considerate of the views of others).

Program Format
All M.A. in Applied Arts and Sciences courses are seven weeks long, and offered online. Also, there are no set class times. There will be set due dates for assignments and projects, but otherwise offers the flexibility for students to pursue their degree without synchronous class meetings. At the same time, instructors use a variety of tools to personalize the online classroom.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions (https://grs.uncg.edu/prospective/guide/).

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit a three-to four-page essay describing their academic background and interest in applied arts and sciences and the program.

Degree Program Requirements

**Required:** 33 credit hours

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MAS 612</td>
<td>The Contemporary World</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 613</td>
<td>Literature of Migration</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 622</td>
<td>Global Trade</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 623</td>
<td>Global Human Rights</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 624</td>
<td>Dignity, Identity, and Power</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 633</td>
<td>Science, Environment, and the Media</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Capstone Course (3 credits)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAS 695</td>
<td>Applied Capstone Experience</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Electives (15 credits)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Select an additional 15 credits in MAS courses or outside courses at the 600-level or higher **</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total Credit Hours 33</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Courses not selected from the lists for the Applied Studio Skills Courses and the Liberal Arts Courses requirements may be used to fulfill the Electives requirement.

** In consultation with the program director.

Applied Studio Skills Courses (6 credits)
Select two courses (6 credits) from the following:

- MAS 611 Design Thinking
- MAS 621 Systems Thinking
- MAS 631 Understanding Data
- MAS 632 Integrative Thinking

Liberal Arts Courses (9 credits)
Select three courses (9 credits) from the following:

- MAS 612 The Contemporary World
- MAS 613 Literature of Migration
- MAS 622 Global Trade
- MAS 623 Global Human Rights
- MAS 624 Dignity, Identity, and Power
- MAS 633 Science, Environment, and the Media
- MAS 695 Applied Capstone Experience
- **In consultation with the program director.**