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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Applied Studio Skills Courses (6 credits)		
Select two courses (6 credits) from the following: *		6
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: *		9
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	
Capstone Course (3 credits)		
MAS 695	Applied Capstone Experience	3
Electives (15 credits)		
Select an additional 15 credits in MAS courses or outside courses at the 600-level or higher **		15
Total Credit Hours		**33**

*   *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.*