

School of Continuing & Professional Studies

The School of Continuing & Professional Studies is the professional and continuing education division at Washington University in St. Louis. The division offers a wide range of courses in both online and face-to-face formats in a variety of academic departments and interdisciplinary and professional areas of study. Part-time and full-time study options in undergraduate degree programs, master's degree programs, and certificate programs are available. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies is also home to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (<https://osher.wustl.edu/>) for adults 50 years old and older. In addition, the School of Continuing & Professional Studies sponsors special lectures and programs such as the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) Saturday Lecture Series and the Summer Writers Institute. For more information, visit the School of Continuing & Professional Studies website (<https://caps.wustl.edu/>).

Graduate Study

The School of Continuing & Professional Studies administers the Master of Liberal Arts and Master of Arts in coordination with the Office of Graduate Studies, Arts & Sciences. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies administers the Master of Science in Clinical Research Management. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies also offers a range of graduate-level certificate programs (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/certificates/>).

Master's degree programs (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/masters/>) in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies consist of 30 to 36 units of graduate-level course work, including, in some cases, a 6-unit master's thesis or a 3-unit directed research project.

Normally, up to 6 units of related graduate-level study with a grade of B or higher may be transferred to a graduate program. All other course work must be taken at Washington University. Only courses taken for a letter grade may be applied to a graduate program of study. Courses taken as pass/fail or audit will not count toward a graduate program of study.* Grades below C- will not count toward a graduate degree program of study. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 to be eligible to receive a graduate degree.

Please visit the School of Continuing & Professional Studies website (<https://caps.wustl.edu/>) or call 314-935-6700 for more detailed information, requirements and policies concerning specific graduate degree programs.

* School of Continuing & Professional Studies students may apply a maximum of 6 units of pass/fail credit from graduate-level course work in the Olin Business School to a master's degree program in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies. The course work must be authorized by the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, and the student must have received a grade of Pass or High Pass in the Olin School course. Courses with grades of Low Pass are not

eligible. This policy applies only to courses completed on a pass/fail basis in the Olin Business School prior to a student's admission to a School of Continuing & Professional Studies graduate program of study administered and conferred by the School of Continuing & Professional Studies. Once admitted to a School of Continuing & Professional Studies program of study, students who are authorized to take courses in the Olin School and apply them toward their program of study are required to convert pass/fail grades to letter grades at the time of registration.

Admission

Admission to the master's degree programs is competitive and open on a selective basis to qualified individuals who have earned a baccalaureate degree. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies reviews completed applications and makes admissions decisions on a rolling basis for master's degree programs. The process typically takes four to six weeks. Most master's degree applicants should submit materials according to the following schedule to ensure a timely decision: December 15 for spring; April 15 for summer; and July 15 for fall (with some variance, depending on the program). Please visit the School of Continuing & Professional Studies website (<https://caps.wustl.edu/>) for additional program-specific admission requirements.

Graduate Degrees in the School of Continuing & Professional Studies

- Master of Arts (AM) in Biology (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/am-biology/>)
- Master of Arts (AM) in Human Resources Management (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/am-human-resources/>)
- Master of Arts (AM) in International Affairs (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/am-international/>)
- Master of Arts (AM) in Nonprofit Management (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/am-nonprofit/>)
- Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning (MATL) (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/matl/>)
- Master of Data Analytics & Applications (MDAA) (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/m-data-analytics/>)
- Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/am-liberal-arts/>)
- Master of Science (MS) in Clinical Research Management (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/caps/ms-clinical-research/>)

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