

# PROFESSIONAL STUDIES M.A.

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Degree: Master of Arts

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The Master of Arts in Professional Studies is an interdisciplinary program that crosses traditional academic boundaries and provides a solid intellectual framework. The core curriculum common to both tracks provides a foundation in research, writing and the liberal arts. A culminating seminar emphasizing a major project provides the capstone for each student's program of study. A key theme of the culminating seminar is globalization and the changing workplace.

The program's two concentrations are:

*Individualized Plan of Study* – allows students to create their own degree plan with the assistance and approval of the program director.

*Art History* – is a more formalized plan of study designed for graduate students with a focused interest in art history, especially leading toward a professional position in museums, galleries and nonprofit arts organizations.

## Learning Outcomes

- a. Explain and coherently apply ontological worldviews, epistemological strategies and methods to graduate level research design.
- b. Demonstrate ability to write with clarity and efficiency.
- c. Students will identify, interpret and draw conclusions from qualitative and/or quantitative data derived from web-based sources.
- d. Students will demonstrate mastery of the individually developed program of study.
- e. Students will successfully use MS Office System or equivalent to effectively present research.