Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Social and Cultural Pedagogy

The MA in social and cultural pedagogy is a two-year program designed for educators with professional experience who seek to develop real-world skills and practical knowledge that will help them accomplish specific career goals.

The first of its kind in North America, the program focuses on the study of learning beyond schooling, delving into research, theory and practice for nonformal education across cultures, ages and education levels. This is an interdisciplinary program in social and cultural pedagogy in which students work with communities to address and solve complex societal problems by analyzing social structures and cultural dynamics and by planning, implementing and evaluating social and educational strategies in a variety of areas, with a focus on nonformal and informal education. Each student creates a highly individualized and transdisciplinary path of study, taking classes tailored to meet their specific goals.

A master's degree in social and cultural pedagogy provides educators with the skills they need to create positive change in nontraditional educational settings, including early childhood education, museums, nongovernmental organizations, and adult and community education, among others.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus
Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis, or
30 credit hours including the required applied project course (SST 593)

Required Core (9 credit hours)
JUS 500 Research Methods (3)
SST 501 Foundations of Social Transformation (3)
SST 510 Social and Cultural Pedagogy: Theoretical and Practical Issues (3)

Electives (15 or 18 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 or 6 credit hours)
SST 593 Applied Project (3) or
SST 599 Thesis (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students who elect to complete the applied project option must take 18 credit hours of elective coursework to reach the required 30 credit hours for the program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution recognized by ASU.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. statement of purpose
4. resume
5. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. TOEFL scores are required for applicants whose native language is not English.

Applicants should supply a two- to three-page application letter (writing sample) in which they explain why they want to study in this program and why they feel well-prepared to succeed in this graduate program.

The resume should describe prior educational history, related work or volunteer experiences.

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