ASU is not currently accepting applications for this program.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MAS Transborder Studies

The MAS program in transborder studies is designed for the postbaccalaureate professional who seeks training in an integrated program that also provides for differentiation via three thematic options. The course of study is designed to provide a cohesive and holistic program of learning that focuses on the complex economic, political, ecological, social and cultural issues of a coevolving border region of the U.S. Southwest and Mexico. Students will be required to engage in an intensive internship process in which they will apply their learning. The program will also provide a choice to explore one of the following three areas more deeply:

Transborder culture, language and learning --- This area focuses on the interrelated processes of cultural emergence, language development and learning as they interact with each other in conjunction with the development of mathematical and scientific reasoning skills, literacy skills and critical thinking in the transborder context.

Transborder media and expressive culture --- This area provides students with a transdisciplinary understanding of how representation, interpretation and language shape and are shaped by Chicana/o, Mexican and Latina/o culture in a transborder context.

Transborder migration, health and applied social policy --- This area provides students with theoretical and applied frameworks for understanding border communities in the areas of migration, health, education, environment and other areas affecting social development.

At a Glance

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

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (TCL 608), a written comprehensive exam, an oral comprehensive exam and a foreign language exam

Required Core (12 credit hours)
TSS 502 Foundations of Transborder Studies (3)
TSS 503 Epistemologies and Transborder Thought (3)
TSS 504 Tools for Transborder Research (3)
TSS 505 Theories and Methods of Migration, Health and Applied Social Policy in a Transborder Context (3)
or
TSS 506 Theory and Methods of Transborder Media and Expressive Culture (3) or
TSS 507 Theory and Methods of Transborder Cultural Acquisition, Language Development and Learning (3)

Other Requirements (15 credit hours)
TCL 601 Internship in Transborder Studies (3 semesters) (9)
TCL 691 Seminar (6)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
TCL 608 Capstone Course: Transmitting Transborder Studies to Publics and Institutions (3)

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 the social sciences, humanities, sciences, health, education, business or professional field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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. personal statement
4. writing sample  
5. resume or curriculum vitae  
6. three letter of recommendation (colleagues or professors)  
7. GRE scores  
8. 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. For more information, students should visit [https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency](https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency).

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