Transborder Studies, MAS

Are you interested in immigration, migration and border issues in the U.S. or beyond? Do you want to work with border communities? This unique program prepares you with an understanding of transborder, transnational and border issues locally, nationally and internationally.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MAS Transborder Studies
The MAS program in transborder studies is designed for students interested in border issues and communities. Students learn from interdisciplinary scholars, both in the social sciences and humanities, in order to develop their individualized plan of study and focus area.

The program has historically been grounded in and inspired by the geographical specificity of the U.S.-Mexico border. Given the massive scale of globalization in the 21st century and its influence on local, regional, national, subnational and international environments, the program examines transborder regions and populations around the world, including metaphorical, linguistic and cultural borders, as well as patterns and implications of immigration and migration.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The 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 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. personal statement
4. writing sample
5. resume or curriculum vitae
6. three letter of recommendation (colleagues or professors)
7. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information:**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. For more information, students should visit [https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency](https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency).
Application Deadlines

Fall

Career Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to engage in innovative research or applied experiences. Depending on the plan of study, students may focus on a trajectory in academia with interests to pursue research opportunities or a doctoral degree. Students who wish to pursue career options outside of academia may focus the plan of study on a more professional and applied track with potential interest in local, state, national, non-governmental organizations or international agencies.

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