master of sustainable peacebuilding

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Presentation on the MSP to the UWM Advising and Counselor Network

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Students

Backgrounds:
• Environmental Sciences
• Health Sciences
• Humanities
• Arts
• Engineering
• Global/Cultural Studies
• Peace Studies
• Women’s Studies
• Languages

Career Directions:
• Consultancies
  • Strategic Planning
  • Evaluation
• Community Non-Profits
  • Community Development
  • Environmental Stewardship
  • Health
• Government Agencies
  • Natural Resources
  • Development
  • Health
• International Non-Governmental Organizations
Brief History of MSP

- 2005-2012: Concept developed by Tim Ehlinger (BioSci) and Rob Ricigliano (Comm/IWA)
- 2011: Startup funding secured (JM Kohler Foundation)
- 2012: Program curriculum developed and approved
- 2014: First cohort began MSP
- 2016: First cohort will graduate

CIE ¨ Letters and Science ¨ College of Nursing
Why MSP was Developed

- Millennium Development Goals
- Data → Increased Awareness
- Financial Crisis 2008
- Studies → Need for Integrated Approaches
  - Requires Specialists Trained in “Bridging” Across Specializations and Development Sectors
Overview and Structure

• Professional master’s program  
  – Degree is “MSP” (not MA or MS)
• 2 full years; 44 credits
• Practice-oriented (12 credits of fieldwork)  
  – Domestic or international
• Focus on professional development, networking, and “owning who you are”
• Program adapted uniquely for each student
• Goal is direct job entry following graduation
What do MSP students learn?

**KNOWLEDGE AREAS**

- Sustainable Development
- Community Resilience
- Program Planning and Project Development
- Human-Environmental Interactions
- Peacebuilding as a Process
- Conflict Management

**SKILL AREAS**

- Program/Project Evaluation
- Facilitation
- Systems Mapping and Assessment
- Cross-disciplinary Communication
- Relationship-Building & Engagement
- Career Development & Networking
# MSP Curriculum

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<td>MSP 760 Evidence-based Approaches to Sustainability (3 cr.)</td>
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<td>MSP 761 Complex Human-Environmental Interactions (3 cr.)</td>
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## Elective Courses (12 cr.)

### Option 1: Concentration or Emphasis (Depth)
Taking electives in one topic or issue area to gain specialized knowledge, e.g. **health**, water, evaluation, dispute resolution

### Option 2: Diversification (Breadth)
Taking electives in several areas to broaden areas of knowledge

### Core Methods and Skills Courses (4-6 cr.)

- **MSP 781** Innovation, Evaluation & Adaptive Management Seminar (2-3 cr.)
- **MSP 791** Professional Development & Leadership (2-3 cr.)

### MSP 797 or 798: Field Work 2 (6 cr.)
Fieldwork

- Summer following 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} academic years in the program
- 160+ hours in an immersive fieldwork experience (i.e. working intensively for 6-8 weeks)
- Working directly with a community partner, in the U.S. or abroad
- Most students work on MSP team projects during their 1\textsuperscript{st} summer, then ideally work with a potential employer in their 2\textsuperscript{nd} summer

- Kenya (food security and health); Balkans (water and health); Guatemala (water and community development); Costa Rica (tourism and development); India (water quality)
Leading a trauma-healing workshop in Palestine

Ecotourism SWOT analysis in Costa Rica

Assessing women’s development needs in Guatemala

Evaluating WASH policy impacts in Macedonia
Admissions

Timeline
• Fall start only – program is full-time only in Year 1
• Priority deadline in early January for funding considerations
• Rolling admissions through April to start the following fall
• We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2016

Funding
• Assist students in finding paid work that is relevant to their program of study (on or off campus)
• MSP has some hourly/assistantship work available
• MSP has limited scholarship funds, as well
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