



Presentation on the MSP to the UWM Advising and Counselor Network

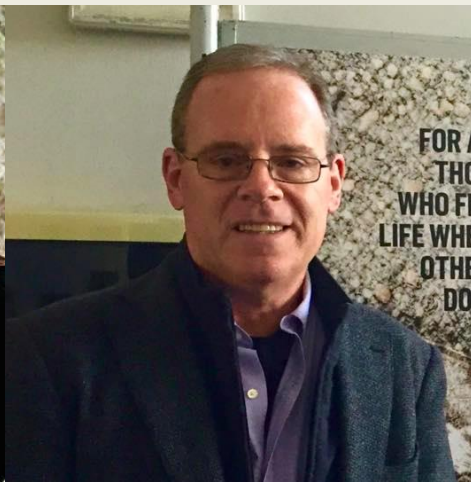
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MSP Team

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Sustainable
Development

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Human-Environment
Interactions
Community Resilience

Instructor

Dispute Resolution
Negotiation & Facilitation

Program Coordinator

Research/Project
Development
Advising & Recruiting

Students

Backgrounds:

- Environmental Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Arts
- Engineering
- Global/Cultural Studies
- Peace Studies
- Women's Studies
- Languages

Career Directions:

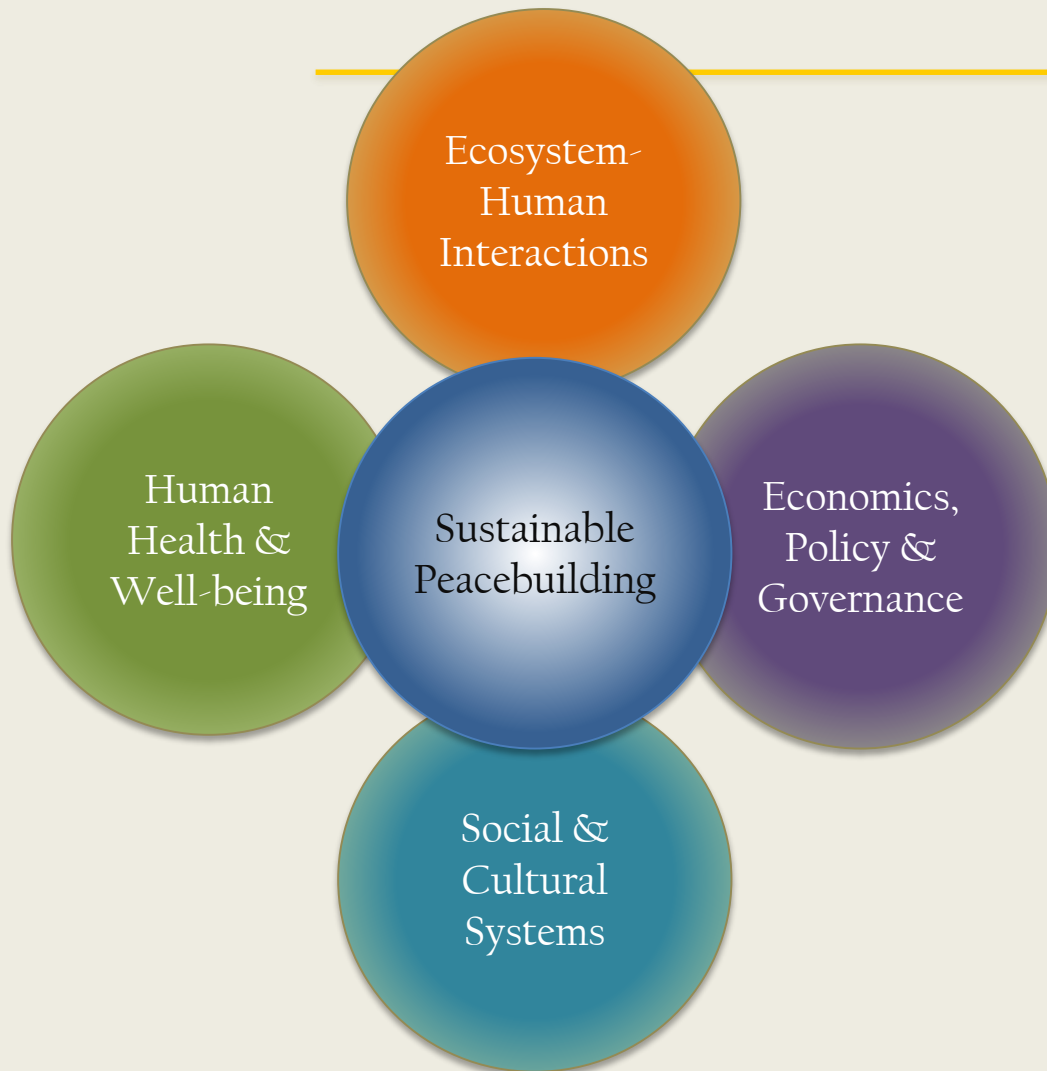
- Consultancies
 - Strategic Planning
 - Evaluation
- Community Non-Profits
 - Community Development
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Health
- Government Agencies
 - Natural Resources
 - Development
 - Health
- International Non-Governmental Organizations

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

Y E A R 1	<i>Core Courses in Development and Resilience (6 cr.)</i>	<i>Core Courses in Systems Mapping and Facilitation (6 cr.)</i>	<i>Core Methods and Skills Courses (4-6 cr.)</i>
	MSP 760 Evidence-based Approaches to Sustainability (3 cr.)	MSP 770 Preparing for Sustainable Peacebuilding & Social Change (3 cr.)	MSP 780 Transdisciplinary Research Methods & Information Literacy (2-3 cr.)
	MSP 761 Complex Human-Environmental Interactions (3 cr.)	MSP 771 Holistic Peacebuilding Practice (3 cr.)	MSP 790 Negotiation & Group Problem Solving Workshop (2-3 cr.)
	MSP 797 or 798: Field Work 1 (6 cr.)		
Y E A R 2	<i>Elective Courses (12 cr.)</i>		<i>Core Methods and Skills Courses (4-6 cr.)</i>
	Option 1: Concentration or Emphasis (Depth) Taking electives in one topic or issue area to gain specialized knowledge, e.g. <u>health</u> , water, evaluation, dispute resolution		MSP 781 Innovation, Evaluation & Adaptive Management Seminar (2-3 cr.)
	Option 2: Diversification (Breadth) Taking electives in several areas to broaden areas of knowledge		MSP 791 Professional Development & Leadership (2-3 cr.)
	MSP 797 or 798: Field Work 2 (6 cr.)		

Fieldwork

- Summer following 1st and 2nd 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 1st summer, then ideally work with a potential employer in their 2nd 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

Learn More or Contact Us

- Find us on the web – UWM College of Nursing:
 - msp.uwm.edu
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