

# COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## MASTER OF ARTS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES

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### OVERVIEW

### OBJECTIVES

The Master of Arts degree in Micronesian Studies provides students with an understanding of the Micronesian region-past and present-and prepares them in research methods that will stimulate new research and analysis of the region.

The Master of Arts degree in Micronesian Studies is an interdisciplinary program which involves cooperative effort on the part of the faculty of the Division of Humanistic Studies and the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; faculty of the Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center, Learning Resources, and the Micronesian Language Institute of the Sponsored Programs and Research; and faculty of the School of Education. It is administered by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Every graduate course in the Micronesian Studies Program has learning goals and objectives toward which individual courses and the program in general strives to enable students to achieve. MSP Program Learning Outcomes are as follows:

1. Mastery of understanding of and the ability of students to identify, discuss, analyze, and write about a wide range of topics dealing with the history, culture, people, identity, economic activity, geography, politics, art, religion, social organization, and gender roles of Micronesia and the interdisciplinary interpretation of them.
2. Mastery of the understanding of and the ability of students to identify, discuss, analyze, and write about the diverse historical encounters of missionization, colonialism, militarism, economic development, and

disputes over political and cultural sovereignty and identity that have faced Micronesia.

3. Mastery of understanding of and the ability of students to identify, discuss, analyze, and write about the major theories, issues, and research in the study of social issues and social problems of Micronesia.
4. Mastery of the understanding of the role of theory in Micronesian Studies, such that the student will be able to define theory and describe its role in generating knowledge, and be able to compare and contrast basic theoretical perspectives, and to synthesize and/or design a set of theoretical problems.
5. Mastery of the understanding of and the ability of students to utilize the role of empirical evidence and the application of qualitative and quantitative research methodologies in collecting data, the ability to formulate and design research methodologies, conduct independent research, collect and analyze data, interpret evidence and arguments, and analyze, synthesize, and present data in a scholarly manner.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Degree students must meet the minimum admission requirements expected of all students, as outlined in the Academic Regulations. Degree students must also have a basic knowledge of Micronesia gained either by undergraduate coursework or through relevant experience.

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Degree students must submit a personal statement in English of up to 1,000 words addressing the following:

1. An autobiographical sketch outlining the applicant's personal, professional, and academic experiences that have prepared her/him to pursue training in Micronesian Studies.



2. A discussion of why the applicant is applying specifically to UOG's Master of Arts in Micronesian Studies, highlighting aspects of the program which most attract her/him.
3. A description of the research interest the applicant would like to explore and the academic and/or professional experiences that have most prepared her/him to study that topic.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. in Micronesian Studies Program is divided into six parts:

Description	Credit Hours
Required Pro-seminar courses	9
One course in research methodology appropriate to the student's area of research	3
Elective courses	15
Comprehensive written and oral examinations	
Micronesian or appropriate language proficiency examination	
Thesis	6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS (33 CREDIT HOURS MINIMUM)

#### Required Pro-seminar Courses (9 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
MI501	PEOPLES AND CULTURES OF MICRO	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
MI502	HISTORY OF MICRONESIA	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
MI503	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

#### Required Research Methodology Course (3 credit hours)

One course appropriate to student's area of research

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY413G	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
MI513	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS

#### Electives (15 credit hours)

At least 15 hours selected with the approval of advisor

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
SO405G	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
PY413G	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY455G	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
PY502	MICRONESIA AND MENTAL HEALTH	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
BA710	ADVANCE TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS	3	SUMMER/ ALL YEARS
HI444G	MODERN PACIFIC HISTORY FROM 1850 TO THE PRESENT	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
HI450G	TOPICS IN PACIFIC HISTORY	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
MI506	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY OF MICRONESIA	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
MI508	MICRONESIAN PHILOSOPHY	3	AS REQUIRED
MI510	GOVERNANCE OF ISLAND POLITIES	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
MI512	GUAM/ CHAMORRO STUDIES	3	FALL ONLY/ EVEN YEARS
MI514	HEALTH AND HUMAN ADAPTATION	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS

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	IN MICRONESIA		
MI517	CULTURAL ECOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
MI518	RELIGION, MAGIC, AND MYTH IN MICRONESIA	3	AS REQUIRED
MI520	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE IN MICRONESIA	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
MI599A	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI599B	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI599C	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI599D	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI691A	SEMINAR IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI691B	SEMINAR IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI691C	SEMINAR IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI691D	SEMINAR IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

**NOTE:**

- Either AN-405G or SO-405G may be taken, but not both.
- A student shall not take more than 9 credit hours of "G" courses.
- MI-599A~D & MI-691A~D: These courses may be taken more than once for credit provided that the topics are substantially different.

**Thesis (6 credit hours)**

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
MI695	THESIS	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The Graduate Certificate in Micronesian Studies gives academic recognition to students who have successfully completed the three required courses in the Micronesian Studies MA Degree Program plus two additional courses selected by the student and have passed the comprehensive exam in Micronesian Studies. The Graduate Certificate in Micronesian Studies is designed as a 15-credit, one-year program, and may be taken concurrently with other graduate programs at the University of Guam. The objective of the Graduate Certificate in Micronesian Studies is to offer a concentrated program of Micronesian Studies courses within a limited time period, appropriate to academics and professionals who desire a graduate-level comprehensive overview of the cultures, histories, and contemporary issues of the Micronesian area.

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MI520	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS

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MI599A	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI599B	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI599C	READINGS IN MICRONESIAN STUDIES	3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
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