

# 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.

### PROGRAM 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. Students in the Master of Arts in Micronesian Studies program will successfully demonstrate mastery of the ability to:

1. Compare and contrast the unique characteristics of the peoples, histories, geography, cultures, and political and social structures of Micronesia;
2. Apply different theoretical and analytical frameworks to the study of Micronesia with an emphasis on Micronesian indigenous epistemologies and perspectives;
3. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, theories and issues using an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the Micronesian region;

4. Design original, independent research that makes a valuable contribution to the Micronesian region; and
5. Integrate research with community engagement in service to the island communities in Micronesia.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)	Institutional Graduate Learning Outcomes (IGLO)
PLO 1: Compare and contrast the unique characteristics of the peoples, histories, geography, cultures, and political and social structures of Micronesia.	IGLO 1: Demonstrate mastery of critical skills, theories, methodologies, and other content knowledge at a level that will enable them to address fundamental questions in their primary area of study
PLO 2: Apply different theoretical and analytical frameworks to the study of Micronesia with an emphasis on Micronesian indigenous epistemologies and perspectives.	IGLO 1: Demonstrate mastery of critical skills, theories, methodologies, and other content knowledge at a level that will enable them to address fundamental questions in their primary area of study.
	IGLO 2: Plan, conduct, and complete a significant research or creative project
PLO 3: Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, theories and issues using an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the Micronesian region.	IGLO 1: Demonstrate mastery of critical skills, theories, methodologies, and other content knowledge at a level that will enable them to address fundamental questions in their primary area of study.

**Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)**

**Institutional Graduate Learning Outcomes (IGLO)**

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IGLO 4: Adhere to ethical principles of academia and their respective disciplines in coursework, fieldwork, and other appropriate situations

PLO 5: Integrate research with community engagement in service to the island communities in Micronesia.

IGLO 5: Exemplify, through service, the value of their discipline to the academy and the community at large, interacting productively and professionally with people from diverse backgrounds

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## ADMISSIONS

### 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.

## TRACKS

### MICRONESIAN STUDIES TRACKS

Students who are admitted into the Micronesian Studies Program must select a faculty advisor from the MSP who has expertise in their area of focus. The student will work with their advisor and advisory committee to develop the student's program in one of two tracks: research or professional. The track that is chosen will determine the student's capstone project.

#### RESEARCH TRACK

The purpose of the Research Track in Micronesian Studies is to develop expertise and knowledge about Micronesia,

its peoples, issues, and topics. The intent is to prepare students who wish to pursue an advanced academic career and/or a doctoral degree in a related field. This track is also intended for those who wish to pursue a scientific or research career in which an advanced research background is desirable or necessary. For the research track, the capstone project requirement is a research thesis.

Students must prepare a proposal and have their advisory committee approve it before they can register for their capstone project. In conducting research and analyses for their thesis, the student is expected to complete at least 6 hours of thesis credit (MI-695).

#### PROFESSIONAL TRACK

The purpose of the Professional Track in Micronesian Studies is to provide training and experience in Micronesia and about its peoples, issues, and topics. The intent is to prepare professionals for positions in governmental and non-governmental organizations, businesses and education. For the professional track the student must complete a total of six internship credits. The professional track options require the same mastery, expertise and skills as those pursuing the academic track.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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#### The Core Requirements: Pro-Seminar Courses

The Micronesian Studies Program is designed to provide students with expertise in knowledge about Micronesian People, Culture, Environment, Geography, History, Social Issues and Society. As such all students are required to take the "Pro-seminar courses". These courses include: MI-501 People and Cultures of Micronesia, MI-502 History of Micronesia, and MI-503 Contemporary Issues and Problems.

#### The Research Methodology Requirement

All students pursuing an M.A. in Micronesian Studies are also expected to develop expertise in conducting research and are subsequently required to take a research methods course applicable to their research interests.

## The Elective Requirements

After the core requirements, each student must complete at least five elective courses (15 credit hours) related to his or her selected area of focus and agreed upon by his or her advisor. Elective courses should support the student's proposed capstone project within either the research or professional track, as described above. If a student chooses to take additional electives, they may do so. However, they should consult with their advisor on this matter.

## The Comprehensive Exam

All students pursuing an M.A. in Micronesian Studies will complete a *Comprehensive Examination* after they have finished all their course work. The *Comprehensive Examination* will test the student's mastery in the following areas: Micronesian People, Culture, Environment, Geography, History, Social Issues and Society. Students may also be tested in specific areas related to their area of focus in Micronesian Studies.

## The Capstone Requirement

After the student has completed all of their course requirements and comprehensive exam, they are required to complete a thesis or internship. The nature of capstone project will be determined by the track the student is pursuing and must have the approval of their advisory committee.

The M.A. in Micronesian Studies Program is divided into five parts (as described above):

Description	Credit Hours
Core Requirements: Pro-Seminar Courses	9
Research Methodology Course Appropriate to the student's area of research	3
Elective courses	15
Comprehensive Examination	
Capstone	6

Description	Credit Hours
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS (33 CREDIT HOURS MINIMUM)

### Core Requirements: 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

### Research Methodology Course (3 credit hours)

One course appropriate to student's area of research to include MI-513, PY413G, or another research methodology course approved by the student's advisor.

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 five courses selected with the approval of advisor

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
SO405G	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	4	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
MI698	INTERNSHIP	1 - 9	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS

**NOTE:**

- Either AN-405G or SO-405G may be taken, but not both.
- If PY-413G is taken to satisfy the research methodology course, it cannot be used to satisfy an elective.
- With consent of the advisor, a student can take 1-3 credits of MI-698 as an elective outside of the capstone requirement.
- A student cannot not take more than 9 credit hours of "G" courses.
- MI-599A~D & MI-691A~D may be taken more than once for credit provided that the topics are substantially different.

**Capstone Project (6 credit hours)**

One capstone project appropriate to the student's chosen track

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
MI695	THESIS	1 - 3	FALL/SPRING/ ALL YEARS
MI698	INTERNSHIP	1 - 9	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 M.A. Degree Program, two elective courses selected by the student and 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.

The Graduate Certificate in Micronesian Studies is divided into three parts (as described above):

Description	Credit Hours
Core Requirements: Pro-Seminar Courses	9
Elective courses	6
Comprehensive Examination	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS (15 CREDIT HOURS)

### Core Requirements: 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

### Electives (6 credit hours)

At least two courses selected with the approval of advisor

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
SO405G	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	4	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
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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
MI513	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES	3	SPRING ONLY/ ALL YEARS
MI514	HEALTH AND HUMAN ADAPTATION IN MICRONESIA	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS
MI517	CULTURAL ECOLOGY	3	FALL ONLY/ ODD YEARS
MI518	RELIGION, MAGIC, AND	3	AS REQUIRED

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
	MYTH IN MICRONESIA		
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
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PY413G	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES	3	FALL ONLY/ ALL YEARS
PY455G	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN	3	SPRING ONLY/ EVEN YEARS

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term Offered
PY502	MICRONESIA AND MENTAL HEALTH	3	SPRING ONLY/ ODD YEARS

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