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Master of Applied Professional Studies (MAPS)

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What is MAPS?

- The Master of Applied Professional Studies (MAPS) is an interdisciplinary graduate program in The Graduate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- MAPS serves students on campus and in the community who need a graduate degree that is tailored to meet their unique career goals.
- At the core of the MAPS program is a series of courses in leadership and business fundamentals designed to provide students with essential professional skills.

Why MAPS?

MAPS	Liberal Studies (MALS)	Interdisciplinary Studies
Flexible	Flexible	Flexible
Two or more disciplines with a specific goal related to workforce needs	Two or more disciplines covering a broad range of topics	Two or more disciplines
Degree designed to fulfill/improve workforce needs	Interested in fulfilling a personal area of interest	Courses based on specific skillset needed (for profession)
Core courses in professional development	Usually has a set of core courses; General Studies emphasis	No required core
Capstone project directly applicable to student's profession	Capstone project	Thesis or Capstone project



Degree Requirements

30 credit hours, consisting of the following curriculum:

- Introductory core course in professional studies (3 credits)
- Core applied professional skills curriculum (9 credits)
- Elective courses tailored based on academic and professional interests (15 credits)
- Capstone experience (3 credits)

Students may choose to enroll full-time or part-time and will have five years to complete the degree. The MAPS program will utilize a mix of in-person and online courses.



Sample Concentrations

- Global Development
- Military Leadership
- Nonprofit Management
- Research Administration
- Women in Leadership
- [MAPS Sample Concentrations](#)



Capstone Project

- Thesis Substitute
- 3 hours
- Final semester
 - Presentation
- Aligned to support North Carolina Workforce needs
- Project proposal approved by the committee
- Guided and assessed by the thesis substitute committee
 - 3 committee members



Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- B average or better (GPA \geq 3.0)
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose
- Resume/CV
- Community Standards Questions
- Application fee (\$95)

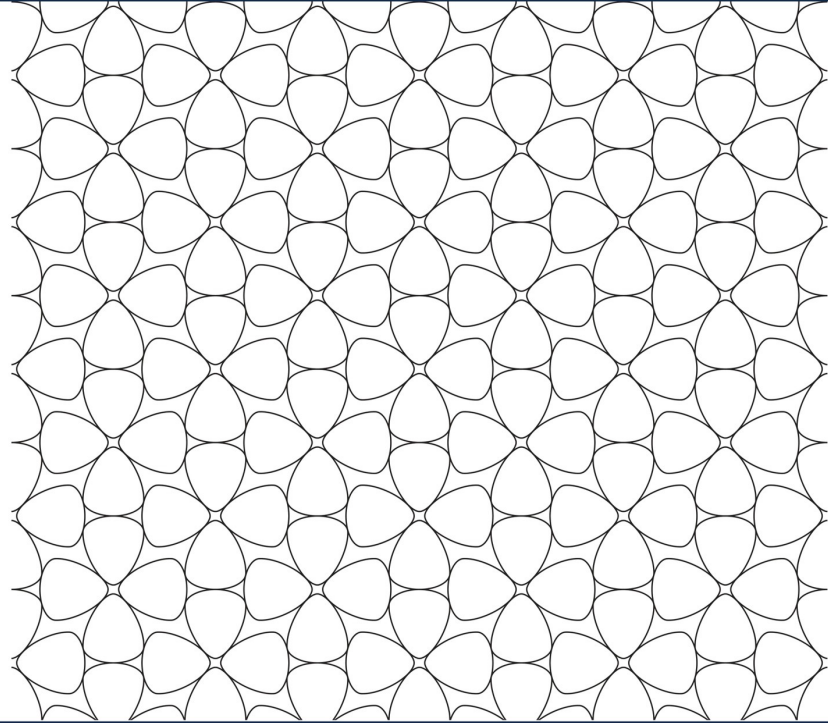


Spring 2023 Launch



- Build relationships across campus
- Build external relationships
- Identify faculty willing to serve as faculty advisors and/or mentors
- Identify courses MAPS students will be approved to enroll in
- Help promote MAPS within the departments and with faculty
 - students who are not accepted into other programs or schools
- Brainstorm additional potential concentrations





Questions?
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Thank you!



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