

# NONPROFIT STUDIES MINOR

**Banner Code:** NPS

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Nonprofit organizations significantly contribute to the provision of human services, access to the arts, education, recreation and health care, and protection of the environment. Effective nonprofit organizations provide direct services, influence public policy and build a civil society. The minor is designed to introduce students to the theoretical foundations and practical skills needed to be successful in this sector. Through heavy emphasis on experiential learning with the many excellent nonprofit organizations in our region, students learn to apply theory within the context of today's complex and rapidly changing environment.

## Faculty

Andere, Johnson, Unruh

## Admissions & Policies

## Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

## Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

## Core Courses

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| INTS 331  | The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core) <sup>1</sup>   | 4       |
| INTS 431  | Principles of Fund Raising <sup>1</sup>          | 4       |
| Select one course (3-4 credits) from the following: |  | 3-4     |
| COMM 389  | Public Relations for Associations and Nonprofits |         |
| GOVT 354  | Nonprofit Sector in Society                      |         |
| GOVT 358  | Nonprofit Financial Planning                     |         |
| INTS 435  | Leadership in a Changing Environment             |         |
| Total Credits                                       |  | 11-12   |

<sup>1</sup> These courses are approved by the School of Integrative Studies to earn experiential learning credits.

## Electives

| Code                                   | Title  | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| Select 3-4 credits from the following: |  |         |
| AVT 370                                | Entrepreneurship in the Arts   |         |
| COMM 335                               | Organizational Communication   |         |
| COMM 389                               | Public Relations for Associations and Nonprofits (if not taken as required course)                             |         |
| CONF 101                               | Conflict and Our World (Mason Core)  |         |
| CONF 300                               | Conflict Resolution Techniques and Practice  |         |
| ECON 309                               | Economic Problems and Public Policies (Mason Core)   |         |
| ENGH 489                               | Proposal Writing and Development   |         |
| GOVT 358                               | Nonprofit Financial Planning   |         |
| GOVT 480                               | Internship   |         |
| INTS 210                               | Sustainable World (Mason Core)   |         |
| INTS 211                               | Introduction to Conservation Studies (Mason Core)  |         |
| INTS 304                               | Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) <sup>1</sup>  |         |
| INTS 305                               | Conflict Resolution and Transformation   |         |
| INTS 375                               | Special Topics (when the topic is relevant with prior written approval of the director)                        |         |
| INTS 390                               | International Internship (when the topic is relevant with prior written approval of the director) <sup>1</sup> |         |
| INTS 397                               | Add-On Experiential Learning   |         |
| INTS 406                               | Global Leadership (Mason Core)   |         |
| INTS 410                               | Contemporary Health Issues   |         |
| INTS 422                               | An Experiential Approach to American Foreign Policy  |         |
| INTS 435                               | Leadership in a Changing Environment (if not taken as required course)   |         |
| INTS 490                               | Internship (when the topic is relevant with prior written approval of the director) <sup>1</sup>               |         |
| MBUS 301                               | Managing People and Organizations in a Global Economy  |         |
| PSYC 427                               | Community Engagement for Social Change (Mason Core)  |         |
| SOCI 492                               | Sociology of Organizations   |         |
| SOCW 483                               | Selected Topics in Social Work Intervention  |         |
| TOUR 220                               | Introduction to Event Management   |         |
| Total Credits                          |  | 3-4     |

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