

From its origins, Marist College has been focused on designing strong career-related programming for adult learners. Today, the mission of the School of Professional Programs at Marist College is to provide quality-driven adult education, built on a strong liberal arts foundation, that will embolden and enhance the ability of professionals to succeed in a global economy.

Our adult education programs are available in a variety of formats in order to provide the greatest opportunities for adult learners to balance the demands they face at work and the responsibilities they face at home, with the time needed to complete their studies and earn the important skills and credentials they need to advance their careers.

The BA/BS degree in Professional Studies is designed for adult undergraduate degree completion. Learners can apply both previous college level education and prior service or professional experience to transfer-in to the program. Remaining credits in the major can be earned through focusing on two or three career-related areas of study.

Courses in the Professional Studies program are both challenging and relevant to the contemporary needs of working adults. The breadth of topics available within the program can help learners enhance their abilities to better meet the demands they currently face in their jobs, as well as provide leading-edge skills to advance their careers.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM FEATURES

- A curriculum designed for graduates to master skills to communicate effectively, think critically, analyze creatively, and view issues from multiple perspectives.
- Graduates earn a high-quality and widely recognized Bachelor's degree from Marist College, an accredited and reputable institution that consistently earns top rankings from U.S. News and World Report, The Princeton Review, and Baron's Best Buy.
- Students work with Academic Advisors to create a personalized study plan that incorporates knowledge from multiple fields of study.
- Reduced tuition.
- A flexible, year-round schedule that offers courses in various formats including on-ground, online, and blended (i.e., courses that combine on-ground and online components).
- Students can transfer up to 70 credits from a community college and 90 credits from a four-year school into the program.
- Transfer credits may also be awarded for some military courses and American Council on Education (ACE) evaluated training courses (e.g., American Banking Association).
- Students can apply for credits based on training or life/work experience through the Prior Learning Assessment process.
- Graduates are prepared to continue their education in Graduate School.

FORMATS & CALENDAR

The Professional Studies major is designed to be as flexible as possible. This allows students to choose from and combine a variety of formats and schedule options to best balance their studies with job and family responsibilities. Unlike traditional programs that typically start in the fall, our schedule allows adult students to begin their studies every eight weeks throughout the year.

Online Courses

Students can complete the Professional Studies program entirely online. Courses are offered every eight weeks throughout the year as noted below. The online calendar allows students to take two courses at once (6 credits per 8 week term) while achieving full-time status (12 credits) for the semester. Marist College and the School of Professional Programs are dedicated to the success of our online learners and provide extensive support and advisement. Students will participate in an orientation and training course prior to beginning their first course.

Fall Semester (August-December), divided into:

- Fall 1 term (8 weeks, August-October)
- Fall 2 term (8 weeks, October-December)

Winter Intersession (4 weeks, December-January)

Spring Semester (January-May), divided into:

- Spring 1 term (8 weeks, January-March)
- Spring 2 term (8 weeks, March-May)

Summer Semester (8 weeks, June-August)

On-Ground Courses

Professional Studies students may enroll in on-ground courses offered on the Marist College campus. These are typically offered during the two 15-week semesters each year in fall and spring. Students can add online courses during the winter and summer sessions. Selected courses are available in the evening.

Blended Courses

Students meet face to face with classmates and professors one night per week and supplement that learning with interactive online components for each course. Students study the weeknight concentration in Management Studies and, with academic advisement, choose additional online concentration(s) in eight week semesters throughout the year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- \$50 application fee (non-refundable),
- Submission of official transcript(s) from all institutions,
- Submission of official high school transcript (or GED documentation) without community college conferral,
- Personal essay,
- Current résumé.

CONTACT INFORMATION

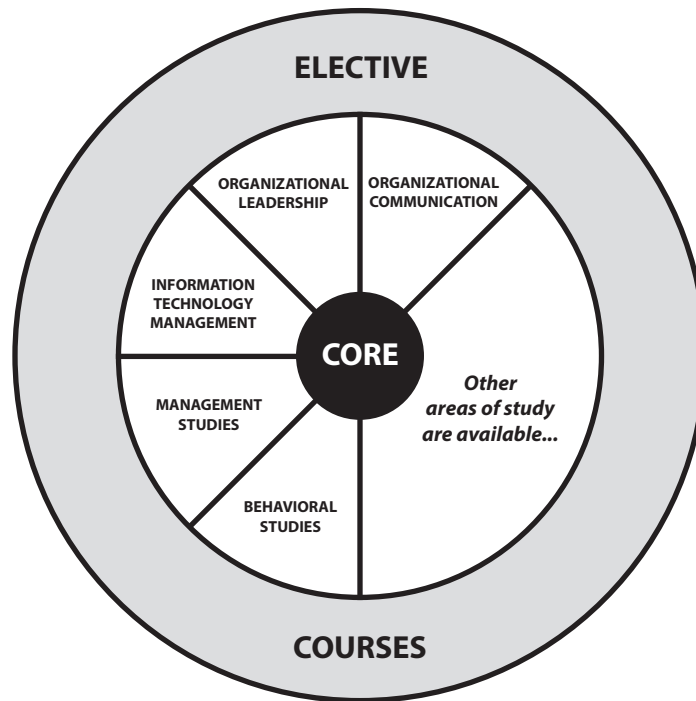
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PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The Professional Studies program curriculum consists of three parts: (1) the Major (45 credits in two or three areas of study), (2) the Core (42-46 credits), and (3) Electives (29-33 credits). Students must have a minimum of 120 credits in order to complete the degree requirements.

In addition to credits earned through courses at Marist College, students may request to have credits applied to their academic standing via transfer from previous college education, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). Any requests to have such credits recognized is subject to review and approval. Credits awarded through transfer, AP courses, CLEP, and PLA can potentially be applied to any of the three parts of the Professional Studies curriculum.

Thanks to the flexibility of the Professional Studies program, each student will work with an Academic Advisor to create an individualized study plan that can simultaneously make the best use of any potential credits that can be brought into the program and selecting the courses that best support the career goals of the student. The School of Professional Programs has pre-assembled several career-related topics as shown below. Other areas of study are also available based on student's career interest.



CONCENTRATIONS

Behavioral Studies PSYC 101L Introduction to Psychology, three - seven additional courses in Psychology (i.e., with PSYC prefix).

Information Technology Management ORG 100N Exploring Business & Management, ORG 301N Managing Human Resources, CMPT 130L Information Technology & Systems Concepts, CMPT 300L Management & Information Systems, CMPT 309L Project Management.

Management Studies ORG 100N Exploring Business & Management, ORG 202N Global Issues in Business & Society, MGMT 205N Topics in Accounting, ORG 301N Managing Human Resources, ORG 321L Issues in Leadership.

Organizational Communication COM 102L Introduction to Communication, COM 203L Interpersonal Communication, COM 211L Fundamentals of Public Relations Theory & Practice, COM 270L Organizational Communication, COM 302L Persuasion.

Organizational Leadership ORG 101N Managing and Leading in Organizations, ORG 302N Behaviors in Organizations, ORG 321L Issues in Leadership, ORG 322L Leadership in the Global Workplace, ORG 421L Strategic Leadership and Innovation.

OTHER AREAS OF STUDY:

- Communication
- Cybersecurity Certificate
- Data Facilities Management
- Enterprise Computing
- Professional Administration
- Project Management