

Master in Social Services and Development

The Master in Social Services and Development Program is one of ASI's graduate programs that amplify the Vision, Mission, and Goals of the Institute. This graduate program is designed for persons who are presently or expect to be engaged in the social services, human and social development processes. Such engagements can be in the context of developing countries or other kinds of poverty being experienced in diverse social realities.

The program will weave together Catholic and other Christian social teachings; indigenous and inter-faith spirituality; Filipino and other Asian values. This will be a program of co-learners as faculty, students, cooperating agencies and organizations, as well as partner communities implement it.

It is a program that seeks student participants who would be maturing adults and who would find challenge in significant opportunities for self-learning and other self-initiatives for growth. It is responsive to the participants' need for a program the essential task of which they can also do at their own time and where they are presently possibly engaged.

Students of the program will come from various Catholic and other Christian churches, Non-government Organizations, National and Local Government Units, Social Services and Social Development organizations / entities.

Objectives of the Program

- To provide the philosophical and value base for total and integral human development; to facilitate students' maturation in this area.
- To provide processes for telling one's own story and life journey; and relate these with increasing competence in facilitating others' self-empowerment and growth.
- To provide adequate knowledge and skills in these basic areas necessary for the social services and development specialization: socio-cultural analysis; conventional research and statistics; alternative, liberating and transformative research; human relations; the social development perspective and processes.
- To provide competencies in the understanding and assessment of micro, meso and macro realities as bases for planning and following through the

necessary intervention as engaging partner groups and communities in appropriate human and social development processes; while identifying and discussing (what would be) supportive policy contexts.

- To provide the capacity for a holistic view of social agencies and organizations as part of empowering action systems and to operate as part of these systems; to provide competencies in the planning and delivery of alternative social services as well as effective poverty alleviation strategies within the context of genuine social development.

Subjects

Foundation Subjects (15 units)			
MSSD 223	Philosophy of Commitment to Total Human Development (PCTHD)		
MSSD 224	Socio-Cultural Analysis Module I		
MSSD 225	Research Methods		
MSSD 226	Statistics		
MSSD 250	Social Development Perspective and Processes		
Core Subjects (18 units) (Choice of 6 subjects)			
MSSD 227	Phenomenological Research		
MSSD 235	Project Planning and Management		
MSSD 236	Management and Organization Development		
MSSD 237	Communication for Development		
MSSD 251	Components of Social Services		
MSSD 252	Poverty Alleviation Strategies		
MSSD 253	Community Work: Theory and Practice		
MSSD 254	Generic Helping Approaches		
Cognates (6 units)			
MSSD 238	Human Relations Training (required)		
MSSD 239	Asian Studies (one of 3 elective cognates, but preferred)		
MSSD 255	Alternative Education		
MSSD 256	Educational Technology		
Program Plan A		Program Plan B	
MSSD 246	Thesis Seminar (3 units)	MSSD 257	project equivalent to thesis writing (4 units)
MSSD 247	Thesis Writing (6 units)		
Total No. of Units: 48		Total No. of Units: 43	

Subject Sequencing / Offerings

FIRST YEAR

First Semester	
MSSD 223	PCTHD
MSSD 224	Socio-Cultural Analysis Module I
MSSD 254	Generic Helping Approaches*
Total:	9 units
Second Semester	
MSSD 225	Research Methods
MSSD 226	Statistics
MSSD 250	Social Development and Processes
MSSD 251	Components of Social Services*
Total:	12 units
Summer	
MSSD 253	Community Work: Theory and Practice*
MSSD 237	Communication for Development*
Total:	6 units

SECOND YEAR

First Semester	
MSSD 227	Phenomenological Research*
MSSD 252	Poverty Alleviation Strategies*
MSSD 236	Management and Organization Development* (may be arranged)
MSSD 238	Human Relations Training (required cognate)
Total:	12 units



Second Semester	
MSSD 235	Project Planning and Management
MSSD 239	Asian Studies (elective cognate) or Alternative Education or Educational Technology
MSSD 246	Thesis Seminar
Plan A:	9 units
MSSD 257	Thesis Writing Project Equivalent
Plan B:	10 units
Summer (for both Plans A and B)	
Comprehensive exams (schedule can be arranged)	

THIRD YEAR

First Semester	
MSSD 247	Thesis Writing
Total:	6 units

Only the following units are required:

Foundation Subjects	15 units
*Specialization Subjects	18 units (although 8 subjects are offered)
Cognates	6 units (1 required although 4 are listed for cognate)
For Program Plan A:	3 units - Thesis Seminar
	6 units - Thesis Writing
For Program Plan B:	4 units - Documented Project Equivalent to Thesis Writing

Collapsed into Four Terms
before Thesis Writing

FIRST YEAR

First Summer	
Subject Code	Subject
MSSD 230	Community Work: Theory and Practice* Communication for Development*
	6 units

First Semester	
Subject Code	Subject
MSSD 223	Philosophy of Commitment to Total Human Development
MSSD 224	Socio-Cultural Analysis I
MSSD 227	Phenomenological Research*
MSSD 254	Generic Helping Approaches*
	12 units

Second Semester	
Subject Code	Subject
MSSD 225	Research Methods
MSSD 226	Statistics
MSSD 239	Asian Studies
MSSD 250	Social Development Perspective and Processes
MSSD 251	Components of Social Services*
MSSD 252	Poverty Alleviation Strategies*
	15 units (3 units audit+)

SECOND YEAR

Second Summer	
Subject Code	Subject
MSSD 238	Human Relations Training
	3 units
MSSD 246	For Program Plan B: Thesis Writing Equivalent
	4 units
	(3 units credit+)

Comprehensive examinations after the HRT module is passed.

First Semester (For Program Plan A only)	
Subject Code	Subject
MSSD 246	Thesis Seminar
	3 units
Second Semester	
MSSD 247	Thesis Writing
	6 units



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