

Master of Science in Humane Studies

How long will it take me to complete this master's degree?

On the average, it takes two years to complete the program, but it is possible to do it in one year or spread the coursework over several years. The Graduate School allows six years for program completion.

Are courses offered on campus or online?

Some courses are offered on campus, some online and some are delivered as hybrids (both on campus and online). Some courses require off-campus service learning.

When can I start the program?

You can start the program at the beginning of each semester – September, January or May – whenever you complete the admission process. You can take up to 6 semester hours of the program courses before your official admission to the program. However, it is in your best interest to complete the admission process as soon as possible.

What will I have to do to complete the Internship?

At the end of your coursework you will choose an internship site that best fits your interests and future career goals. You will complete 90 hours of work at that site collaborating closely with the local staff while being supervised by a Madonna University faculty member. Your assignments will differ depending on your interests, background, and the needs of the organization providing the site. At the end of your internship you will submit a comprehensive report to your Madonna supervisor.

Will Madonna University accept transfer credits?

Yes. Students may transfer up to 6 semester hours of credit, with departmental approval, at the time of acceptance into the program.

Who teaches the courses?

Since the program is multidisciplinary, our faculty members come from various Madonna University colleges. They represent Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Business, and Education. All of our faculty members have rich experience in their respective fields of expertise. For more detail, please see Faculty Information.

What job can I get after I graduate?

The Master of Science in Humane studies is designed for those who wish to work in a variety of professional settings (non-profit organizations, businesses, governmental agencies, churches, and educational institutions) geared toward developing practical solutions to current challenges affecting the well-being of people, environment, and animals.

Depending on your interests and experience, the program will enhance your marketability in search for leadership positions in organizations devoted to promoting social justice, sustainability, and/or animal protection. In conjunction with your undergraduate major, you may seek employment as a humane educator, public relations officer, law enforcement officer in the area of environmental or animal protection, or sustainability director, to name just a few of many new employment opportunities that are being created daily.