

# PROFESSIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

The Professional Studies major is a customizable, interdisciplinary major that allows students to earn a degree that maximizes transfer credits while developing new skills that can help with career advancement. It is designed to provide bachelor's degree-seeking adult students with the knowledge, critical thinking, and leadership skills needed to take on complex responsibilities in a wide range of professional fields.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of two years of previous work experience

## APPLICATION PROCESS & DOCUMENTS

- Completed undergraduate admissions application form
- \$50 application fee (non-refundable)
- Official transcript(s) from all previous institutions
- Official high school transcript (or GED documentation)
- Personal essay
- Current résumé

## HOW TO APPLY:

<https://www.marist.edu/admission/adult/apply>

-OR-

Marist College Office of Adult Admission  
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Poughkeepsie NY 12601  
845-575-3226  
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## SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

ProfessionalPrograms@marist.edu | 845-575-3202  
[www.marist.edu/professional-programs](http://www.marist.edu/professional-programs)

## A MARIST DEGREE INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED

Students custom design their major by choosing two or three disciplines that support their goals. These individualized plans also offer flexibility in course selection and format.

### Choose which disciplines you want to study:

- Behavioral Studies (Psychology)
- Communication Studies
- Data Center Studies
- IT Management
- Management Studies
- Organizational Communication
- Organizational Leadership
- Public Management
- Project Management
- Professional Administration
- Social Science (Social Work, Sociology)
- and more!

## PROFESSIONAL STUDIES UNIQUE BENEFITS

- Dedicated Academic Advisors help you develop your customized degree plan and support you academically through graduation.
- Earn credit for what you already know. Our Life Work Credit program evaluates learning you have done in various areas of your life such as professional training and certifications, volunteer work, career experiences, and many others.
- Discover career options and apply your skills in our adult internship and workplace learning programs. These exciting opportunities can give adult students career experiences through remote placements or placements that can be done around family and job obligations.

## FORMATTED TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

Choose among these formats or combine them to make a schedule that moves at a pace comfortable to you.

- Courses are available online, on-ground, and in a blended format.
- Choose from 8-week or 15-week online calendars, 15-week on-ground calendar, or some combination of these options.
- Take advantage of our 6 different calendar start dates to begin taking classes when you are ready.

| Calendar | Semester       | Format             |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 4-week   | Winter Session | Online             |
| 8-week   | Fall 1 & 2     | Online             |
|          | Spring 1 & 2   | Online             |
|          | Summer Session | Online             |
| 15-week  | Fall & Spring  | Online & On-ground |

## HOW IS THE PROFESSIONAL STUDIES MAJOR DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER MAJORS?

It is no different in academic rigor or quality than other majors. The admission requirements are the same, the faculty are the same, and students earn the same bachelor's degree. The only difference is the format in which the courses are delivered.

## WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE FORMAT?

The courses in the Professional Studies major are a mix of the classes you would find in our "regular" classrooms, online courses, and accelerated versions of courses. This allows students to mix and match according to their schedule and timeline to completion needs.

## HOW DO I EARN MY DEGREE?

For a bachelor's degree, students must have completed 120 credits in the following areas:

Major (45 credits), Core (42-46 credits), Electives (29-33 credits)

## CAN I USE TRANSFER CREDITS?

Multidisciplinary format of the Professional Studies major allows it to be more transfer credit friendly than most traditional majors at Marist.

## CLASSROOM FORMAT

### Online (4-week and 8-week)

Online courses are asynchronous in design which provides more flexibility for students. Courses are hosted on a software platform (iLearn) that allows for ease of interaction with professors and classmates.

### On-ground (15-week)

Courses offered on the Poughkeepsie campus at varying times on the Monday – Friday calendar.

### Combination

Combine online and on-ground formats in the 4-, 8-, and 15-week calendars as needed for scheduling and access to specific courses.

### Blended

Courses meet in the evening every other week per 8 weeks and include a required online component. Designed to allow students to complete 12 credits per semester to maintain full-time financial aid status.

The following three areas are required to earn any Marist bachelor's degree:

### Major:

Customize this major by choosing 2 or 3 subjects (the following subjects are offered fully online; for a complete list of subjects speak with an advisor).

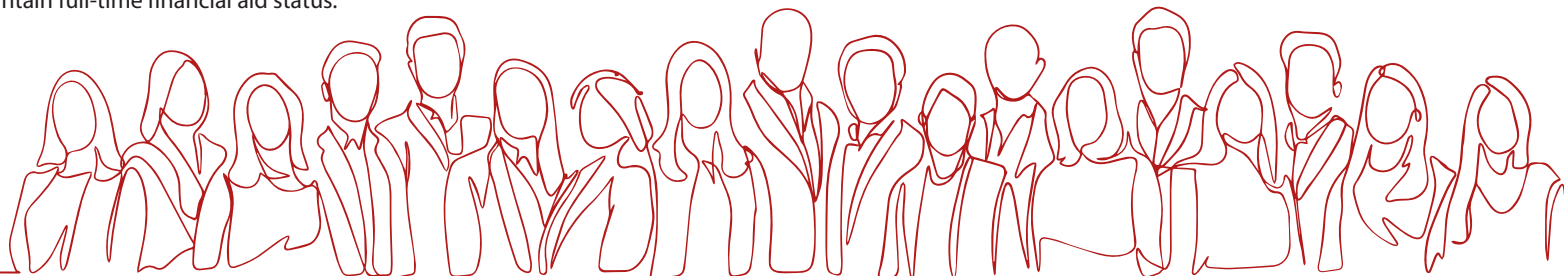
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### Core:

A bachelor's degree begins with a firm foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. The core introduces students to essential ideas and skills that give students the capacity to synthesize and integrate methods and insights from a variety of intellectual disciplines. Transfer credit friendly.

### Electives:

Whereas the core fulfills specific requirements, electives are different. Students have more flexibility in what to take. Electives are meant to enhance your academic and/or career goals, or allow you to explore an area of interest. Students can go in the other direction of what their major is or take classes that meld with their major. Student may wish to complete a digital badge, minor, or certificate. Electives can be an immense benefit to a professional career.



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