PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Somsen Hall, Room 106, (507) 457-5080
www.winona.edu/OCED

Description/Objective:

This program allows students to pursue individualized academic interests and personal/professional goals within the framework of an academically sound Bachelor of Arts degree program. It is an excellent alternative for the mature student who wants to build on past experience and design his or her own degree program for current or future needs. It offers students a great deal of flexibility and allows for intellectual growth in a variety of academic areas.

Professional Studies majors are advised by the Outreach and Continuing Education Department faculty. When declaring the major, students must submit a statement of their goals and objectives for the major, which will be reviewed by an OCED advisor and retained in the student’s file.

Career Opportunities:

In today’s job market, employers often are more interested in the knowledge, skills and competencies that a student has acquired than they are in the name of the degree program. Within the Professional Studies major, a student can build on his or her interests, past experience and intellectual strengths to design a program which encompasses many of the areas of competence that an employer is seeking. These might include critical thinking, problem solving, communication skills, computer knowledge and the ability to work well with others. Students in the Professional Studies major are encouraged to highlight those aspects of their degree program as they interview and seek employment.

Department Programs:

B.A. Major Professional Studies: General Option (PSGE)

48 S.H. Upper-Division Courses (300-and 400-level)
This program allows students to create a major utilizing several departments to meet their particular educational goals. Students may declare up to two minors within the requirements of this major.

**B.A. Major Professional Studies: Leadership Option (PSLE)**

48 S.H. Upper-Division Courses (300-and 400-level)

This program allows students to focus their major coursework in one or more areas of leadership knowledge and skills. Students may declare up to two minors within the requirements of this major. The Leadership Option requires that students complete 48 credits of upper-division course work of which 21 credits must be selected from the following list of approved core electives that pertain to various aspects of leadership.

**Required Courses (21 S.H.)**

- BUED 350 Quality of Work Life (3)
- BUED 360 Interpersonal Business Relations (3)
- BUED 412 Team Building (1-3)
- BUSA 326 Business and the Future (3)
- CE 432 Stress Management (3)
- CMST 366 Organizational Communication (3)
- CMST 371 Discussion and Small Group Dynamics (3)
- CMST 387 Interpersonal Communication (3)
- MGMT 325 Organizational Dynamics (3)
- MIS 362 Management Information Systems (3)
- MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing (3)
- MCOM 340 Public Relations Cases (3)
- OM 334 Operations Management
- OM 464 Project Management
- PS 399 Internship (3-6)
- PSY 305 Theories of Personality
- PSY 325 Social Psychology
- PSY 330 Psychology and the Law
- PSY 425 Organizational Psychology
- SOC 423 Race Relations and Minority Groups
- SOC 425 Social Change and Social Movements
- SOC 437 Sociology of Organization

**Electives**

27 Credits of upper-division courses (300-or 400-level)
Requirements for PSGE and PSLE Majors

For a checklist of the University’s graduation requirements, see pg 23 of the course catalog. For the Professional Studies majors/minor, students must:

- Complete the standard University Studies Program, 48 upper-division credits, and electives to reach a minimum of 128 credits. It is expected that all course prerequisites will be completed.
- Complete all University Studies flag course requirements.
- Submit a statement of goals and objectives for the major; this statement will be retained in the student’s file. A maximum of 9 credits applying to the major may be taken on a P/NC basis. All other WSU policies apply.

B.A. Minor – Professional Studies (PS)

21 S.H.

This program allows students to create a minor utilizing several departments to meet their particular educational goals or to create a minor from departments in which a minor is not currently available. The credits in the Professional Studies minor must not duplicate any other courses in the student’s program and cannot count any place except in the minor.

Required Courses
15 S.H. must be upper-division courses (300- and 400-level)
6 S.H. may be any level

Additional Requirements

Students declaring the Professional Studies minor must have on file a statement of goals and objectives for the minor. Contact a Professional Studies Advisor in OCED for the goal statement requirements or visit http://www.winona.edu/OCED/7349.asp for more information.

Declaring a Professional Studies Major:

Complete the Declaration of Major form and submit it to the Outreach and Continuing Education Department Office, Somsen 106.