The professional and caring advisors were able to craft a meaningful, personalized M.S.I.S. degree program that met both my personal and professional goals.

— Laura Falardeau, Major in the United States Air Force

Department Mission
The Department of Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies at Texas State University prepares students for careers through high-quality academic, professional and technical programs. The interdisciplinary studies program highlights the dynamic and flexible nature of today’s workplace, including organizational systems, trends and issues in the workforce, leadership and technology as a change agent. Because of varied student backgrounds, both the master of science in interdisciplinary studies (M.S.I.S.) and the master of arts in interdisciplinary studies (M.A.I.S.) degrees strive to provide individualized course work for each student based on career experience, needs and goals.
Why choose Texas State?
The interdisciplinary studies program offers a unique opportunity to gain skills highly valued in organizations and workplaces, such as analysis, planning and training and development. Additionally, students work closely with their advisor to select courses outside the program to align with their career objectives and area of specialization.

Students come from varied areas including public safety administration, training and development and communication. Students have the opportunity to work, publish and present with faculty.

Course Work
Course schedules are flexible to accommodate the needs of working professionals, located on campus in San Marcos, in Round Rock or online. Many hybrid classes allow students to complete work online and attend face-to-face classes, allowing for personal and professional interaction. Students gain general skills for application in professional organizations, as well as more specialized skills in their area of focus. Course work can include Texas State certificates in areas such as certified public manager, professional ethics, and corporate communication and training. An exit module emphasizes analysis and real-life problem solving.

Faculty
The program faculty include individuals with a variety of backgrounds, specializing in teaching adult students who are working professionals. They are established scholars in leadership, adult learning, organization development and online learning. All are trained in advanced teaching modalities for graduate courses, whether they are online or hybrid. Several have won prestigious awards for their teaching and other faculty work.

Career Options
Upon graduation, students will be prepared for many career fields including:

- training and development
- human resources
- performance coaching
- public management
- organizational leadership
- career and technical education
- organizational development
- public safety
- community leadership
- public service
- community development

Important Deadlines*
Admissions
Priority Fall: February 15
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply
For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit: gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply

*International applicants can view specific deadlines and requirements at: gradcollege.txstate.edu/international

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