

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPACE STUDIES (MSSpS) DEGREE / MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) DEGREE

Program Learning Outcomes for the MSSpS Degree

Upon completing the MSSpS Degree, students will be able to:

1. Achieve advanced science, engineering, and computational skills and a broad understanding of the methodologies applied in the space industry.
2. Gain real life experience in solving technical problems in a science and technology environment.
3. Develop business and communication skills to bridge the gap between science and business.

Program Learning Outcomes for the MBA Degree

Upon completing the MBA degree, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding and application of the foundational frameworks and tools of all business disciplines, including accounting, finance, marketing, operations management, organizational behavior, and strategic management.
2. Develop, evaluate, and implement complex business strategies and operational solutions holistically, integrating management principles across the functional areas.
3. Function effectively in a team setting both as a leader and a contributor.

Requirements for the MSSpS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program

Students may earn a coordinated MBA degree and a Master of Science degree from the Wiess School of Natural Sciences Professional Science Master's (PSM) program in the following fields:

- Bioscience and Health Policy (MSBHP)
- Energy Geoscience (MSEG)
- Environmental Analysis (MSEA)
- Space Studies (MSSpS)

For the coordinated MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) program, students must complete:

- A minimum of 75 credit hours in approved coursework, including:
 - A minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above) to satisfy the Professional Science Master's (PSM) degree requirements
 - A minimum of 30 credit hours in the corresponding science discipline

- All PSM degree-specific requirements
- A three to six month internship
- A minimum of 45 credit hours of graduate-level study (coursework at the 500-level or above) to satisfy the MBA degree requirements
 - A minimum of 45 credit hours of business coursework
 - All MBA core requirements, the global field experience, custom core requirements, and coordinated elective requirements

Students plan their course schedules in consultation with the Wiess School of Natural [Sciences](#) PSM program director and with the Jones Graduate School of Business Student Success and Academic Advising. Coordinated degrees candidates can fulfill requirements for both degrees within 3 academic years.

For general university requirements, see [Degrees: Graduate-Level](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/degrees/>). For additional requirements, regulations, and procedures for all graduate programs, please see [All Graduate Students](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/regulations-procedures-all-degrees/>). Candidates in the MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) program must complete all requirements as listed for both degrees, and must apply and be accepted in both degree programs.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this degree program. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the program's academic advisor, or where applicable, the department or program's Director of Graduate Studies. Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the department or program's [Official Certifier](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/) (<https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/>). Additionally, these must be approved by the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Coordinated Master of Science Degree	Minimum of 30
	Total Credit Hours Required for the Coordinated MBA Degree	Minimum of 45

Coordinated MBA/MSSpS Degree Requirements

Students in the coordinated MBA/MSSpS degrees program must complete the Core Requirements and Three to Six Month Internship of the [MSSpS degree program](https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departmental-programs/natural-sciences/space-studies/space-studies-mssps/#requirementstext) (<https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departmental-programs/natural-sciences/space-studies/space-studies-mssps/#requirementstext>) and the Coordinated MSSpS Elective Requirements below.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	MSSpS Core Requirements	29
	MSSpS Three to Six Month Internship	1
	Coordinated MSSpS Elective Requirements	9
	Select a minimum of 3 credit hours from approved departmental (ASTR, BIOE, BIOS, CEVE, COMP, EEPS, ELEC, ENGI, MECH, NSCI, or PHYS) course offerings at the 500-level or above	

Select a maximum of 6 credit hours from approved course offerings (MGMP or MGMT) from the Jones Graduate School of Business at the 500-level or above

Total Credit Hours **39**

Coordinated MBA Degree Requirements

Students in the coordinated MBA/Master of Science degree from the Professional Science Master's (PSM) degrees program must complete the Core Requirements (including the Global Field Experience Requirement), and Custom Core Requirements of the full-time MBA degree program (<https://ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/business/business-administration-mba-full-time/#requirementstext>) and the Coordinated MBA Elective Requirements below.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Full-time MBA Core Requirements ¹	27
	Full-time MBA Work Experience Requirement	0.75
	Full-time MBA Custom Core Courses	3-4.5
	Coordinated MBA Elective Requirements	
	Select an additional 12.75-14.25 credit hours from departmental (MGMP or MGMT) course offerings at the 500-level or above to reach 45 total credit hours. ²	
	Total Credit Hours	45

Footnotes and Additional Information

- ¹ The MBA Core Requirements includes the Global Field Experience Requirement.
- ² To fulfill the remaining requirements for the coordinated MBA degree program, students must complete an additional 12.75-14.25 credit hours from departmental (MGMP or MGMT) course offerings at the 500-level or above to reach 45 total credit hours. (MGMT 703, MGMT 704, and MGMT 705 are **not** accepted as electives.) The second year of the program is dedicated entirely to MBA elective coursework. Although the Jones Graduate School of Business offers a variety of courses for students to take as electives, students may wish to take courses from other departments at Rice University. MBA electives are offered on the daytime schedule, the evening schedule, and the weekend schedule.

Policies for the MSSpS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program

Additional Information

For additional information on these two degrees:

1. Please see the Space Studies website: <https://profms.rice.edu/>
2. Please see the Jones Graduate School of Business website: <https://business.rice.edu/>

Opportunities for the MSSpS/MBA Coordinated Degrees Program

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