

# take the leap

## MASTER OF ARTS IN Social Innovation

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*Leading social change is hard work that requires innovative vision backed by leadership and entrepreneurial skills. Students pursuing a Master of Arts in Social Innovation (MASI) look critically at the roots of social challenges and injustice, then seek to create real change through bold new responses to poverty, inequality, human rights abuses and humanitarian crises. The Master's in Social Innovation (MASI) degree is unlike any other in that it is rooted in a Peace School and starts by diving deep into real social challenges, then pairs that knowledge with critical thinking, inventiveness, leadership and sustainable business design.*

The MASI is a **30-unit degree program** that can be completed in **one-year (full-time)** or up to **five-years (part-time)**. It is a multi-disciplinary program breaking down the silo mindset. Students will take classes at several schools, including the **School of Business, School of Leadership and Education Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences and the Kroc School of Peace Studies**. No other master's degree brings together the unique skills and expertise gained at a peace school in collaboration with leadership, humanities, science and business. Our approach complements the cross-sectoral nature of social innovation with a pedagogical model centered on experiential learning in course settings, field-based practicums –domestic and international– and co-curricular opportunities such as the **Social Innovation Challenge, V2 Competition** and numerous opportunities through the **Changemaker Hub**.



### LEARNING OUTCOMES

1

**KNOWLEDGE:** Gain the knowledge needed to frame and interpret social issues, and then construct innovative solutions to complex social issues.

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**DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES:** Students will gain the ability to contextualize social issues from a variety of perspectives that include cultural, political and socio-economic variables and use the knowledge gained to formulate an action plan.

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**CRITICAL INQUIRY** (*Competency Skills*): Students will develop tools such as information literacy, problem framing, multi-perspectivity and systemic thinking for identifying, analyzing, and addressing social issues in a variety of contexts.

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**APPLIED LEARNING:** Students will integrate knowledge and skills to ideate and design sustainable solutions to specific social issues across multiple contexts. They will master skills and frameworks for effective problem solving.

5

**COMMUNICATION:** Students will be able to communicate effectively through teamwork as well as in presenting ideas orally and in writing (oral communication; written communication) to peers and external audiences.

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**ETHICAL REASONING:** Students will learn ethical perspectives inherent to framing and addressing social problems.

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apply by  
**MARCH 15**  
2017

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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Entrance Semester	Fall 2017 (2017-18 Academic Year)
Application Deadline	<b>MARCH 15, 2017</b>
Minimum Grade Point Average	3.0 (4.0 scale) in all undergraduate course work
Additional Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Four Short Essays (250 words each)</li><li>• Two Letters of Recommendation</li><li>• Two minute video</li></ul>
Application	Completion of online application, located on the University of San Diego's Office of Graduate Admissions website: ( <a href="https://sandiego.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login">https://sandiego.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login</a> )

**International students** should also consultate the Graduate Admissions website for additional required application materials:  
(<http://www.sandiego.edu/admissions/graduate/international/>)

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA in SOCIAL INNOVATION (1-Year Program)

- Full-time status as a graduate student
- Required Orientation
- Approval of courses by the Faculty Advisor
- 30 units of graduate work with a 3.0 or higher
- Six core courses (18 units)
- Three elective courses (9 units)
- Three 1-unit workshops (3 units)
- Capstone Proposal and Project (three units) must be at "B" or better performance

## MASI FULL-TIME PROGRAM (Sample Course Mapping)

### FALL

SOIN 500  
Global Challenges (3 units)

SOIN 505  
Social Innovation (3 units)

SOIN 510  
Social Entrepreneurship (3 units)

Elective 1(3 units)

SOIN 550 Workshop 1(1 unit)

**13 Units**

### INTERSESSION

SOIN 515  
Social Innovation Consulting  
Practicum (3 units)

SOIN 555 Workshop 2 (1 unit)

**4 Units**

### SPRING

SOIN 520  
Innovation Impact Analysis (2 units)

SOIN 525  
Social Innovation Capstone (4 units)

Elective 2 (3 units)

Elective 3 (3 units)

SOIN 560 Workshop 3 (1 unit)

**13 Units**



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