GRADUATE PROGRAMS

SUNY Potsdam is one of 12 University Colleges in the SUNY system offering graduate degree programs of study. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog for admissions deadlines. The three schools making up SUNY Potsdam offer the following programs.

School of Arts and Sciences
The School of Arts and Sciences offers two Master of Arts programs: English and Communication, and Mathematics.

The M.A. in English and Communication prepares students for teaching or professional careers. Applicants should have earned a bachelor’s degree with a major in English, Communication, or Writing. Outstanding applicants who hold degrees in other areas may be admitted, but they should be aware that additional coursework might be required. They must submit three letters of recommendation (including at least two from undergraduate professors of English) and official transcripts of all college-level courses. A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the most recent 60 semester hours of undergraduate study is required.

The M.A. in Mathematics is designed to develop students’ abilities to work independently and to enable them to obtain a basic knowledge of algebra, real and complex variables and topology. The program prepares students for both postgraduate study and careers in the field of mathematics. Admission requirements include a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college, three letters of recommendation (two of which must be from members of the mathematics department from whom the applicant has taken courses) and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all undergraduate coursework in mathematics.

There is also a mathematics honors program, which allows students to achieve a combined B.A./M.A. within a four-year time period. Students enter this program on the recommendation of the mathematics faculty.

School of Education and Professional Studies
Two master’s degree programs are offered in the School of Education and Professional Studies for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree: a Master of Science in Education and a Master of Science in Teaching.

The M.S. in Education leads to professional teacher certification at the early childhood, childhood, and adolescent level. M.S. in Education programs leading to initial certification are also available in literacy, special education, and information and communications technology.

The M.S.T. degree offers a graduate program leading to initial teacher certification in childhood or adolescence education to students with liberal arts backgrounds, but who have no undergraduate teacher education coursework or experience.

Graduates of the master’s degree programs are also required to complete three years of successful teaching experience at an appropriate grade level to be eligible for professional certification.

The Crane School of Music
The Crane School of Music offers programs leading to the Master of Music in music education, performance and composition. These programs are designed to meet students’ interests, needs and requirements within a framework that provides opportunities to pursue a balance of academic and professionally oriented courses.

Graduate Catalog
To obtain a Graduate Catalog, contact Graduate Studies, SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Avenue, Potsdam, New York 13676; toll-free 800-458-1142 or dial direct 315-267-2543. Digital versions of the catalog also are available on the College’s website: www.potsdam.edu/gradstudies.

Extension Programs
SUNY Potsdam offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs and courses at off-campus locations throughout the North Country, including an Extension Center on the campus of Jefferson Community College in Watertown.

For information regarding extension programs and courses, contact the Office of Extended Education, toll-free (800) 458-1142 or dial direct, 315-267-2166 or go to www.potsdam.edu/exted. The Office is located in 206 Raymond.

EXTENDED AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Office of Extended Education
The Office of Extended Education coordinates the following credit bearing programs and services for the College: Summer Session, Winterim, Extension Programs, Distance Learning Courses (including online courses), the College Advancement Program (CAP) for qualified high school junior and senior-level students, the College in High School Program (CHS) with participating high schools, and the admission, registration and monitoring of satisfactory academic progress of all undergraduate non-matriculated students.

For further information, schedules, locations, please call 315-267-2166 or 800-458-1142, or visit our website at www.potsdam.edu/exted. The Office is located in 206 Raymond.

Summer Session
SUNY Potsdam's Summer Session Program is an integral part of the year-round academic program. A number of different sessions, of varying length, are offered throughout the summer beginning immediately after May graduation and ending in the middle of August. The first session, beginning in the middle of May, is particularly advantageous for students who need to complete their coursework prior to the start of their summer employment or other family vacation plans typically occurring during these months. Several other sessions offered during the summer begin after high school graduation in June and are well suited for graduating seniors and school personnel who wish to enroll in credit classes.

Graduate and undergraduate courses are offered in all sessions and are scheduled throughout the day from early morning to late afternoon and evening. Domestic and international travel courses are typically offered as part of the College’s comprehensive summer session program, as well as a growing number of online courses. The maximum credit hours a student can enroll for in a six-week summer session is seven and four credit hours in a three week session.

Students enrolling in courses offered in overlapping sessions are limited to a maximum of seven credit hours. A preliminary summer session schedule is available on our website in mid-November each year and final summer session schedule is available by the beginning of March.