Overview

Use your creative talents and develop new skills to meet the rising demand for arts management professionals, creative entrepreneurs, and leaders in cultural community development. Colorado State University’s Master of Arts Leadership and Cultural Management is offered online in a flexible format designed for busy creatives.

If you are passionate about arts and culture and would like to build a meaningful career while enriching the lives of others, this arts management degree offers the courses, faculty, community, and internship opportunities to help you succeed.

Become a visionary leader in community arts and culture

The value of the arts in our society is immeasurable. Arts and culture enhances our well-being, brings together communities, and tells the stories of our civilization and world. To ensure the arts continue to reach and benefit others, we need leaders who understand what it takes to engage communities and help the arts flourish.

The master’s in arts administration is an award-winning program, recognized in the Top 10 for leadership excellence in the U.S. by HR.com. The curriculum trains individuals to be true masters and experts in their field. Students learn, not only what professionals need to know today, but, what it will take to thrive as arts leaders in the future.

Curriculum

The Master of Arts Leadership and Cultural Management is a 32-credit program of study that includes a core curriculum focusing on arts leadership, community engagement, policy, and advocacy fundamentals. Students also take a minimum of 9 credits of approved electives that will customize their academic track to focus on their desired field of study, such as entrepreneurship, management, or communications.

Additionally, students are required to have two separate semester-long internships to round out their practical training. Academic advisors can help students identify an appropriate internship opportunity at a local, regional, national, or international arts organization in their area of specialization.

Delivery

Online

Credits

32 credits

Tuition

$642 per credit
• Includes Student Services
• Fees assessed separately
• Financial aid is available; eligibility determined on an individual basis

Time frame

Can be completed in 2 years

Completion requirements

• 32 credits including 9 credits of approved electives
• Two separate semester-long internships

More info

online.colostate.edu/degrees/arts-leadership-administration

Contact

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Application Deadlines
Fall Semester: July 31   Spring semester: December 31   Summer semester: May 1

1 Review Admission Requirements
Applicants should possess an undergraduate degree, as well as potential for advanced study as evidenced by academic achievement. In cases where an applicant is deficient in background, faculty may consider applicants with significant work history in the field of arts administration. In addition, student selection is based on an individual student’s maturity and motivation to succeed in graduate study and in the profession of arts administration.

2 Prepare Application Materials
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Writing sample
- Resume
- Financial aid application

3 Complete Online Application
Complete the online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.
- Select “Arts Leadership and Cultural Management (M.A.L.C.M.) - Distance” when choosing the Program of Study.

4 Request Transcripts
Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu

Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status
View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and promptly notify you of their decision.

International Students
See website for test score and transcript requirements.