

# GRADUATE STUDIES

## SOCIAL INNOVATION (MA)



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## General Information

The School of Social Innovation of the Faculty of Human Sciences at Saint Paul University offers a *Master of Arts in Social Innovation*. This degree is conferred jointly by the Senates of Saint Paul University and the University of Ottawa under the terms of the federation agreement between them.

The MA in Social Innovation provides a space for research and reflection to understand the dynamics and multiple impacts of social innovations, in order to assess and structure them more efficiently.

This program is directed at a specific clientele: people interested in working towards social change, and people already working in that domain (employees and managers of social organizations, social entrepreneurs, activists, community workers, trade unionists, members of cooperatives and some workers from the public and semi-state sectors), that wish to acquire skills in academic research and analysis of innovation and social transformation.

The program, based on the linking of theory with practice, provides students with the main analytical frameworks and approaches needed to meet the current challenges facing social organizations.

*Conditional upon approval by the Ministry of Training, Colleges et Universities.*

## Graduate Faculty

DUFORT, Philippe, Adjunct Professor

DURAND FOLCO, Jonathan, Assistant Professor

MORALES HUDON, Anahi, Assistant Professor

STAMBOULI, Jamel, Associate Professor

TREMBLAY-PEPIN, Simon, Associate Professor

WILSON, Amanda, Assistant Professor

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## Admission Requirements

Candidates must meet the following conditions:

- i. Hold an honours bachelor's degree (4 years) or its equivalent in Human or Social Sciences or Management, with a minimum average of B (70%).
- ii. Provide the following documents:
  - » Cover letter (maximum 500 words);
  - » Curriculum vitae.
- iii. Participate in an interview with the program coordinators (to verify the candidate's goals and his or her suitability for the program).

## Degree Requirements

### Program requirements

#### Compulsory courses (15 units)

- INS5101 Theoretical Foundations of Social Innovation (3u)
- INS5301 Planning a Research Topic (3u)
- INS5302 Issues in Social Innovation (3u)
- INS5303 Design and Social Innovation (3u)
- INS5304 Research Internship (3u)

#### Optional courses (6 units) from the following:

- INS5108 Selected Topics in Democratic Management (3u)
- INS5109 Selected Topics in Social Action (3u)
- INS5110 Selected Topics in Critical Thinking (3u)

With prior approval of the Director of Graduate Programs, students will be able to take either a Graduate Course (3u) offered in another program or another university or a Directed Readings Course (INS5901 Lectures dirigées/ Directed Readings (3u)).

#### Research

- INS6997 Thesis Proposal
- INS6999 MA Thesis

### Duration of the program

Students are expected to complete all requirements within two years of full-time study (six terms). The maximum time permitted, whether full- or part-time, is four years from the date of initial registration in the program.

#### [Academic Regulations](#)

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## Courses

#### **INS 5101 THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL INNOVATION (3cr.)**

Critical study of founding texts in social innovation and of the main approaches in the field. Study of key actors and strategies in contemporary social innovation.

#### **INS 5108 SELECTED TOPICS IN DEMOCRATIC MANAGEMENT (3cr.)**

In-depth study of selected topics and contemporary issues in democratic management of organizations.

#### **INS 5109 SELECTED TOPICS IN SOCIAL ACTION (3cr.)**

In-depth study of selected topics and contemporary issues in collective action and social movements.

#### **INS 5110 SELECTED TOPICS IN CRITICAL THINKING (3cr.)**

Study of a specific issue within contemporary critical theories, emancipatory projects and global alternatives to oppressive systems.

#### **INS 5301 PLANNING A RESEARCH TOPIC (3cr.)**

Critical study of founding texts in social innovation and of the main approaches in the field. Study of key actors and strategies in contemporary social innovation.

#### **INS 5302 ISSUES IN SOCIAL INNOVATION (3cr.)**

Study of contemporary social, political and economic issues and their impacts on citizen initiatives, collective action and social innovation projects.

#### **INS 5303 DESIGN AND SOCIAL INNOVATION (3cr.)**

Study of the main notions in design and practical analysis of this approach on social innovation projects: design thinking, social design, collaborative design, institutional design, creativity, etc.

#### **INS 5304 RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (3cr.)**

Internship of 150 hours in social innovation analysis, involving advanced and sustained research and analysis. The internship is supervised and the work evaluated by a professor member of the program. Graded S/NS.

*Prerequisites:* Completion of 9 units in the MA program with an average of at least B+. Successful completion of thesis proposal INS7997. Approval of the internship proposal by the Director of Graduate Programs

**INS 5501 FONDEMENTS THÉORIQUES EN INNOVATION SOCIALE (3cr.)**

Étude critique des textes fondateurs de l'innovation sociale et des principales approches dans le domaine. Étude des principaux acteurs et des stratégies clés de l'innovation sociale contemporaine.

**INS 5508 THÈMES CHOISIS EN GESTION DÉMOCRATIQUE (3cr.)**

Étude approfondie de thèmes choisis et de problématiques contemporaines en gestion démocratique des organisations.

**INS 5509 THÈMES CHOISIS EN ACTION SOCIALE (3cr.)**

Étude approfondie de thèmes choisis et de problématiques contemporaines de l'action collective et des mouvements sociaux.

**INS 5510 THÈMES CHOISIS EN PENSÉE CRITIQUE (3cr.)**

Étude approfondie de thèmes choisis liés aux théories critiques contemporaines, aux projets émancipateurs et aux alternatives globales aux systèmes d'oppression.

**INS 5701 CONSTRUCTION D'UN OBJET DE RECHERCHE (3cr.)**

Identification d'un objet de recherche pertinent, étude des méthodologies dans le champ de l'innovation sociale et élaboration d'un plan de travail.

**INS 5702 ENJEUX EN INNOVATION SOCIALE (3cr.)**

Étude des enjeux sociaux, politiques et économiques contemporains et de leurs impacts sur les initiatives citoyennes, les mobilisations et les projets d'innovation sociale.

**INS 5703 DESIGN ET INNOVATION SOCIALE (3cr.)**

Études des principales notions de design et analyse pratique des implications de cette approche dans la conception des projets d'innovation sociale : design thinking, design social, design collaboratif, design institutionnel, créativité, etc.

**INS 5704 STAGE DE RECHERCHE (3cr.)**

Stage de 150 heures en analyse des innovations sociales impliquant un travail de recherche et d'analyse avancé et soutenu. Le stage est supervisé et le travail évalué par un professeur membre du programme. Noté S/NS.

*Préalables :* Réussite de 9 crédits du programme de M.A. avec une moyenne d'au moins B+. Réussite du projet de thèse INS7997. Approbation de la proposition de stage par le responsable des programmes des cycles supérieurs.

**INS 5901 DIRECTED READINGS (3cr.)**



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**INS 7997 THESIS PROPOSAL** (3cr.)

**INS 7999 MASTER'S THESIS** (3cr.)

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