

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Overview and Contact Information

The Nonprofit Organizations Nexus focuses on the study of organizational settings in the nonprofit sector. The word “nonprofit” refers to a type of business—one which is organized under rules that forbid the distribution of profits to owners. The Internal Revenue Service describes nonprofit organizations as serving charitable, religious, scientific, or educational purposes. Nonprofit organizations include global nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) such as Oxfam and Greenpeace as well as local community organizations such as the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and Historic Northampton Museum. Students may pursue internships with nonprofit organizations to complete the experiential requirement for this Nexus.

See Also

- Entrepreneurship, Organizations, and Society (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/entrepreneurship-organizations-society/>)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Rick Feldman, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, Organizations and Society; Entrepreneurship Coordinator

Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
Three courses above the 100 level chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair		12
One approved 300-level course from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair		4
A substantive internship ¹		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
A presentation at LEAP Symposium		
Total Credits		18

¹ At least 200 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus including a course outline. Students will schedule an advising meeting with a track chair to get approval and complete a Plan of Study form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKmJ0emEKS2yRQpDd_YULP8INbkckyh9Rf1ys4M_dvlyh-0A/viewform/) to be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
- COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus. Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-212	Shopping and Swapping: Cultures Consumption and Exchange	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Economics		
ECON-110	Introductory Economics	4
ECON-215	Economics of Corporate Finance	4
ECON-249ME	Topics in Economics: 'Introduction to Managerial Economics'	4
ECON-307	Seminar in Industrial Organization	4
ECON-310	Seminar in Public Economics	4
English		
ENGL-219BC	Topics in Creative Writing: 'Building Literary Community'	4
Entrepreneurship, Orgs & Soc		
EOS-210	Opportunities, Impact and Social Entrepreneurship	4
EOS-229	Enterprise Startups and Social Entrepreneurship	4
EOS-239	Fundamentals of Business Organizations and Finance	4
EOS-249	Ethics in Entrepreneurship and Business	4
EOS-299ND	Topic: 'Individuals and Organizations'	4
Mathematics		
MATH-339PT	Topics in Applied Mathematics: 'Optimization'	4
Psychology		
PSYCH-212	Individuals and Organizations	4