Minerva Schools at KGI Introduce a Master’s in Applied Arts and Sciences Program

San Francisco, Calif. – December 10, 2015 – The Minerva Schools at KGI, offering a reinvented university experience for the brightest and most motivated students from around the world, today announced it will offer a Master’s in Applied Arts and Sciences program that allows high potential students enrolled in its undergraduate program to pursue a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree and a Master’s degree either concurrently or by extending their studies for one or two semesters.

“We are excited to have received approval for this master’s program at the Minerva Schools at KGI,” said Sheldon Schuster, president, Keck Graduate Institute, a Western Senior College and University Commission accredited institution. “Offering a graduate program builds on the exceptional undergraduate experience offered at Minerva, and is a natural extension for us as KGI has long been recognized for its innovative graduate programs.”

Undergraduate students at the Minerva Schools at KGI are eligible to apply for the master’s program during their junior year of undergraduate studies. They must be in good academic standing, present a compelling plan of study, and pass an in-depth interview that further assesses their readiness for master’s level courses during their junior and senior years.

Minerva’s integrated master’s program is 30 semester credits and may be completed concurrently with the bachelor’s degree by taking an even more rigorous and in-depth academic load during the student’s third and fourth years of study. If necessary or if preferred, students are permitted a ninth or tenth semester to complete the master’s degree.

Transfer students coming from another credit-bearing institution of higher education may choose to transfer up to eight units of credit. This option opens up their schedules to more readily complete the master’s in just four years.

“Minerva is able to offer an integrated master’s program for our high achieving students, many of whom would naturally move to graduate education, in part because our undergraduate curriculum does not offer introductory courses,” said Dean of the Minerva Schools at KGI, Stephen Kosslyn. “All of our courses for the BA/BS are offered at the upper-division or graduate level in terms of content, rigor and standards of performance. Minerva students can accelerate quickly into our master’s program if they choose to do so.”
"I always thought I would go from an undergraduate degree to pursuing my doctorate. Minerva's combined master's program is exciting to me because I can pack a graduate degree and even more challenge into a shorter period of time," said Justine De Caires, a student in Minerva’s Founding Class. “That’s perfect for me."

Tuition for the Master’s in Applied Arts and Sciences program is an additional $15,000. Minerva’s undergraduate program tuition is $10,000 per year.

Students in Minerva’s Class of 2019 will be able to apply for the master’s program during the 2017–2018 academic year. For more information, please visit: http://www.minerva.kgi.edu/integrated-masters-program.

About Minerva Schools at KGI
The Minerva Schools at KGI offer a reinvented university experience for the brightest, most motivated students from around the world. Combining an interdisciplinary curriculum and rigorous academic standards, an accomplished faculty versed in the science of learning, an advanced interactive learning platform leveraging cutting-edge technology, and four years of immersive global experience, Minerva delivers an exceptional liberal arts and sciences education for future leaders and innovators in a variety of disciplines. The Minerva Schools at KGI were established in 2013 by KGI – Keck Graduate Institute – Western Senior College and University Commission accredited institution, in partnership with Minerva Project. www.minerva.kgi.edu