M.A. IN LIBERAL STUDIES

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The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree requires 24 credit hours, plus a 6 credit hour thesis OR an additional 6 credit hours of coursework and a representative portfolio. The curriculum is drawn from three core courses as well as additional courses designed for MALS students. Students may select from other graduate level courses with the approval of the director. In addition, all students are required to participate in the MALS Writing Seminar.

Curriculum Requirements

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Choose One of the Following Options: 21

Thesis or Project Option:
- Approved Graduate Credit Hours (15 credits) 2
- Thesis or Project Requirement (6 credits)

Non-Thesis Option:
- Approved Graduate Credit Hours (21 credits) 2
- A portfolio representative of works completed

Total Credit Hours 30

1 Students learn to analyze and read texts critically and demonstrate their ability to express that knowledge in their oral and written work with accuracy and insight. This 3 hour, non-credit workshop is required and should be taken during the first regular semester of study.

2 Students may select from other graduate level courses with the approval of the director.

Mission

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program opens the door to new ways of thinking. Increasingly, one of the central problems in the business and professional world is how to handle new information, what to do with it, how to use it, how to understand its rhythms and patterns, how to make it make sense.

Goals

Our program is dedicated to providing students with an interdisciplinary education at the graduate level that prepares them through a rigorous course of inquiry and thought, to winnow information, evaluate it, array it in meaningful ways, discern its patterns and symmetries, and apply it in whatever field they chose.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will have the ability to analyze and read texts critically.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to express critical thinking skills in their written work with accuracy and insight.
- The student demonstrates new ways of thinking through the study of various disciplines.