

LIBERAL STUDIES

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Dept. Code: MLS

The MALS Program

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program is founded on an interdisciplinary approach to issues and questions central to the history and development of human culture. It is designed to provide a broad understanding of these issues and questions through a focused and systematic program of study drawing upon faculty from various disciplines in the humanities, the social sciences, and the basic sciences.

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Master's Programs

- M.A. in Liberal Studies (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-ma/>)

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program (MALS) is designed for the student who seeks to develop the critical thinking that marks a truly educated person—for the student who brings a heightened awareness of the unanswered questions that confront an inquiring mind—for the self-motivated person who never stops asking the first question: why?

MALS students come from various backgrounds. They are artists, business professionals, entrepreneurs, engineers, homemakers, lawyers, recent graduates, journalists and teachers. The program gives them the opportunity for intellectual and personal growth and for sharing their experiences with others in a community of learning.

- M.A. in Medical Humanities and Bioethics (<http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/liberal-studies/medical-humanities-ma/>)

The Master of Arts in Medical Humanities and Bioethics is an interdisciplinary graduate program designed to educate medical personnel on the legal, historical, ethical, and cultural contexts of medicine. *Medical Humanities* uses the perspectives and tools of humanities disciplines to study the human contexts of healthcare. Graduates of this unique degree program obtain a multidisciplinary understanding of medicine that can robustly influence their teaching, advising, ethical decision making, and patient care.

- M.D./M.A. in Medical Humanities & Bioethics Joint Degree Program

This program allows for current MD students enrolled at the Miller School of Medicine the opportunity to achieve a companion Master of Arts in Medical Humanities and Bioethics in which they examine the ethical implications of medicine, public health and other health professions from a variety of cultural, historical, and religious perspectives.

Certificate in Liberal Studies

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<http://www.mals.miami.edu> (<https://mals.as.miami.edu/academics/certificate/>)

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Liberal Studies requires 15 credit hours of coursework. The curriculum can be designed to fit each student's academic goals. Students may select from MALS courses or other graduate level courses with the approval of the director.

MLS 601. Aspects of Creative and Reflective Thought. 3 Credit Hours.

Selected aspects of creative and reflective thought, based on materials from the arts, the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences and history. The focus will be on themes and issues represented in a variety of cultural traditions.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 602. Perspectives on Human Nature. 3 Credit Hours.

Basic theories of human nature proposed by the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. The course deals with fundamental issues regarding the concept of human nature, such as the nature of the self and its relation to society, the impact of culture on self perception and the relation of thought to human action.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 603. Theories of the Physical Universe. 3 Credit Hours.

Various understandings of the nature of the universe and their impact on human culture. The course will deal with critical issues addressed in the various attempts to understand the physical world, such as fundamental structures and processes, the limitation of human perception, and the interaction between the human species and its environment.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 611. Studies in the Humanities. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the Humanities.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 612. Studies in the Social Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the Social Sciences.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 613. Studies in the Sciences. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the sciences.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

MLS 621. Studies in the Humanities. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the Humanities.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 625. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of special topics central to history and the human culture.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 626. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of special topics central to history and human culture.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 627. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of special topics central to history and the human culture.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 631. Studies in the Humanities. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the Humanities.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 696. Directed Readings. 1-3 Credit Hours.

A directed readings course allows you to work independently with a MALS professor, researching a topic of your choice.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 697. Directed Readings. 1-3 Credit Hours.

A directed readings course allows you to work independently with a MALS professor, researching a topic of your choice.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 798. Seminar in Liberal Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary seminar designed to expand the knowledge of students in the areas of critical theory, esthetics, media theory, psychology and politics.

Components: LEC.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 799. Seminar in Liberal Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Interdisciplinary seminar designed to expand the knowledge of students in the areas of critical theory, esthetics, media theory, psychology and politics.

Components: SEM.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

MLS 810. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Credit Hours.

The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, in most departments not to exceed six, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

MLS 815. MALS Project. 1-6 Credit Hours.

The student working on his/her MALS project enrolls for credit, not to exceed 6, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the project has been accepted.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: THI.

Grading: GRD.

Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

MLS 820. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.

Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master's degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in MLS 810 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: THI.

Grading: SUS.

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

MLS 825. Continuous Registration-Master's Study. 1 Credit Hour.

To establish residence for non-thesis students who are preparing for major examinations. Credit not granted. Regarded as full time residence.

Requisite: Plan of Master of Arts Liberal Studies.

Components: LEC.

Grading: SUS.

Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.