Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)

Program Path:

IDS Type: Departmentally Restricted IDS

Program Type: Foundational IDS Program

Description: The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program is a continuation of the voyage of discovery that begins when we read our first book: an opportunity for mature adults to further their own intellectual growth and savor the delights of learning for its own sake. The MALS program emphasizes the history of ideas and the connections between fields of learning, encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to knowledge. Thus it is not like traditional graduate programs, which usually focus on a single discipline and have specific vocational objectives. The knowledge and insights you gain and the skills you sharpen while earning the MALS degree will carry over into the business world and the public arena. The specialization required by our technological society needs to be balanced by a broader vision when making the judgments called for at work and in exercising responsible citizenship. The MALS program develops the timeless qualities of a liberal education at the graduate level: the capacities to think freely, to imagine adventurously, to choose discriminately, and to understand deeply. (From website.)

Program Structure:

Admission Requirements: Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Autobiographical Essay (3-5 pages), (3) Letters of Recommendation, Interview

Credit Hours: 30 credits

Required Coursework: 6 credits, Core courses

Individually Selected Coursework: 18 credits, Electives

Exit Courses & Work: 6 credits, Master’s Thesis or Synthesis Project

Established Department(s) of Focus: Any departments within the College of Arts and Sciences

Program Statistics:

Faculty: 7 MALS department faculty

Students: Resident students only

Program History: No information available

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