

MALS

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies



THE MALS PROGRAM

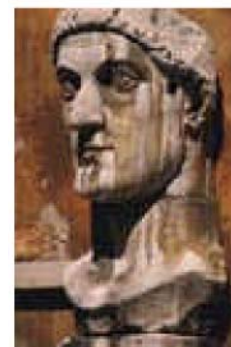
You honor the inner life. You have the deeper questions, need better answers. You want to read the books and talk about the ideas that shape our world. You

have an inquiring mind, an experienced perspective, and a firm sense of purpose about learning. The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program is designed for the returning 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 varied backgrounds. They are artists, business people, engineers, homemakers, lawyers, matriculating students, physicians, 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.

TAUGHT BY LEADING FACULTY

The core curriculum is taught by skilled teachers and renowned scholars from the graduate faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. Among the disciplines represented are art history, anthropology, English, history, physics, and sociology. Electives may be chosen from the wide range of subjects offered by the University, including architecture, film studies, philosophy, biology, and international studies.



SCHEDULE

Students will find class hours convenient as most classes are held one evening each week. Courses are offered in all semesters, fall, spring, and summer. The number of credits taken per semester is flexible and those who are unable to take a course every semester may extend the time necessary to complete the degree.

A NEW APPROACH

The extension of liberal studies to the graduate level is a relatively new venture in higher education. In contrast to traditional subject-specific graduate programs, the interdisciplinary approach of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, cuts across the arbitrary boundaries of specialization, drawing upon a broad range of knowledge to provide a clearer focus on the complex problems.



ADMISSION

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required for admission to the program. Application materials, including a written personal statement, official transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and a nonrefundable \$65 application fee should be forwarded to: MALS Program, 125 G Memorial Building, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2302. Upon receipt of these materials, a personal interview will be arranged with the director of the program.

A UNIQUE CURRICULUM

With the assistance of an academic advisor, students can design their own individualized course of study. The core curriculum of 9 credits provides students with a broad understanding of cultural backgrounds and lays the groundwork for the additional 21 credits of elective interdisciplinary study that completes the degree.

SPECIAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Every MALS student becomes part of the University community, and is issued a UM "Cane" card that provides access to campus facilities such as the Richter Library, computer labs, the Writing Center, and the state-of-the-art wellness center.



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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree is awarded when a student completes 30 credits—9 required and 21 elective. The last 6 credits may be in the form of a thesis or additional

courses. Students who elect course work instead of a thesis are required to submit a portfolio as their final project. With the guidance of the director of the program, students design a curriculum suited to their own interests and time constraints.

THE CORE CLASSES

MLS 601

Aspects of Creative and Reflective thought

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



MLS 602

Perspectives on Human Nature

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.

MLS 603

Theories of the Physical Universe

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.

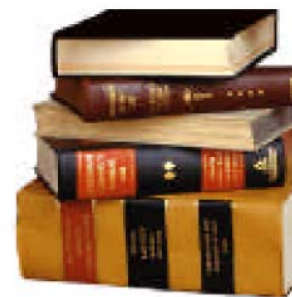


ELECTIVES

21 Credits

MALS students may enroll in other University of Miami graduate courses, such as architecture, film studies, philosophy, and international studies, with the approval of the director of the program.

Independent study courses designed to meet special needs and interests of MALS students may also be arranged.



TRANSFER CREDITS

Up to 6 credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university if they meet the criteria for the MALS degree.

TUITION, FEES AND FINANCES

The cost of this special program is \$963 per credit (\$2,889 per class). This represents a significant savings for MALS students over the regular tuition of \$1,480 per credit (\$4,440 per class). Nominal fees are charged for the Wellness Center and for graduation. All tuition and fees are subject to change.

There are loans available through the Federally Guaranteed Student Loan Program handled by Financial Assistance Services. Arrangements for a deferred payment plan can be made with the Office of Student Accounts on an individual basis. A limited number of tuition scholarships are also available. For details on any of these matters, please contact the MALS office.

APPLICATION

To apply, complete the MALS application form and send it with your personal statement and the \$65 nonrefundable application fee. Official transcripts and three letters of recommendation from former professors or other persons qualified to evaluate your educational performance are also required. All materials should be sent to the address below.

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