Liberal Studies

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program is an interdisciplinary graduate program administered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. This is a broad, interdisciplinary program of part-time or full-time graduate study that integrates and expands the student's knowledge and awareness and that is geared to the student's personal interests. Each student, in consultation with an academic advisor, designs an individual program of study around an interdisciplinary theme or topic that is of intrinsic interest to the student or that relates to the student's professional or vocational interests. Students take graduate courses across a range of NC State departments as well as MALS seminars designed specifically for the program.

Master's Degree Requirements

Thirty hours of course work made up of:

1. three MALS seminars or two MALS seminars and a research methods course,
2. 18 hours representing the student's interdisciplinary theme or concentration, and
3. a three-hour culminating project.

Examples of concentrations that are well supported by graduate courses in the NC State curriculum are: science, technology and society, the American experience and leadership.

More Information

Liberal Studies Program Website (https://mals.chass.ncsu.edu/)

Admissions Requirements

Students entering the Master's program in liberal studies must have an undergraduate degree. In addition to the material required by the Graduate School, students applying are asked to submit a four to five page statement describing their objectives in doing a degree in liberal studies and a resume. GRE scores are not required. All applicants are interviewed.

Applicant Information

• Delivery Method: On-Campus
• Entrance Exam: None
• Interview Required: Yes

Application Deadlines

• Fall: March 15

Degrees

• Liberal Studies (MA) (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/liberal-studies/liberal-studies-ma/)

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