



Twin Cities Campus

Liberal Studies M.L.S.

CCAPS Graduate Programs Instruction

College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

- **Students will no longer be accepted into this program after Spring 2017. Program requirements below are for current students only.**

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2017
- Length of program in credits: 30
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Liberal Studies

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: This program is not currently accepting students. Please contact the College of Continuing Education for more information about the status of this program.

The graduate major in liberal studies (LS) offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that includes an introductory seminar, a choice of liberal studies seminars, a choice of electives from disciplines throughout the University, a final project preparation course, and a final project seminar. Although LS seminars from MLS are scheduled for early evenings and some Saturday mornings, most graduate-level courses offered during the day are also open to MLS students.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

The preferred undergraduate GPA for admittance to the program is 3.00.

To be admitted, students must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited post-secondary US institution or its foreign equivalent.

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

The faculty committee reviewing each application looks for indications that the student can succeed in graduate study, that there is a good "fit" between the MLS program and the student's stated educational objectives, and that the student can express him/herself well in writing. The faculty also looks for positive qualities and other experiences the student will bring to the program.

Special Application Requirements:

The application package must include official transcripts of all baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate work, two letters of reference, an updated resume, a three- to four-page written statement of purpose, and an additional writing sample of 10 to 20 pages. Application deadlines are in spring for summer term and fall semester admission, and in fall for spring semester admission. Please refer to the program website for further details.

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 84
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 563
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5



- MELAB
 - Final score: 84

Key to [test abbreviations](#)(TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Plan C: Plan C requires 30 major credits and up to null credits outside the major. There is no final exam. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan C final project must be prepared as part of LS 8002 - Final Project for Graduate Liberal Studies and must be approved by at least two faculty members and the director of graduate studies.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Required Courses: 7 credits

LS 8001 Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry should be taken during the first semester in the MLS program.

LS 8101 Final Project Proposal Prep should be taken when a student has completed 12 to 15 credits.

LS 8002 Final Project is taken during the final semester in the MLS program. No other courses should be taken concurrently with LS 8002.

[LS 8001](#) - Introduction to Interdisciplinary Inquiry (3.0 cr)

[LS 8101](#) - Final Project Proposal Prep: Pulling the Pieces Together (1.0 cr)

[LS 8002](#) - Final Project for Graduate Liberal Studies (3.0 cr)

Required Liberal Studies Seminars: 9 credits

Every semester, the MLS program offers unique seminars in a small-group setting on a wide range of interdisciplinary topics. Students must take at least 3 seminars for a total of 9 credits.

Courses are selected with the help of the student's graduate faculty advisor.

[LS 5100](#) - Liberal Studies Seminar (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

or [LS 5950](#) - Special Topics (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

Electives: 14 credits

Electives can be chosen from graduate-level courses across the U of M. Additional liberal studies seminars or directed study may be taken as electives. Electives must come from at least two different departments and should reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the MLS.

Courses are selected with the help of the student's graduate faculty advisor.