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## Liberal Studies

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## Degree Offered

Master of Liberal Studies, an interdisciplinary graduate degree in arts and sciences. The degree provides an opportunity for students to study the liberal arts and sciences beyond the bachelor's degree. It is intended primarily for those who regard the liberal arts as subjects for lifelong learning and for those who, because their undergraduate curriculum was primarily professional, wish to broaden their general education. The Master of Liberal Studies is not intended as preparation for doctoral study.

### Admission Requirements

For regular admission, students must have completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a grade point average of B or higher overall. Applications are accepted at any time, but a deadline of August 1 is recommended for admission to the program for the fall semester, and December 1 for the spring semester. Request application materials from the program director, Associate Professor Michael E. Kaufmann, at (219) 481-6760 or (219) 481-6019.

### Course Requirements

To earn the Master of Liberal Studies degree, students must complete at least 30 hours of courses approved for graduate credit, including D501 Humanities Seminar, D502 Social Sciences Seminar, D503 Science Seminar, either D500 Graduate Project or D700 Topics in Liberal Studies, and 18 credits in electives from at least two disciplines in arts and sciences.

In consultation with the program director, each student designs a course of study appropriate to his or her interests and experience.

### Grades

No course with a grade lower than B will be counted toward the degree.

## Courses

**D500 Graduate Project (3-6 cr.)** Independent project to be undertaken in consultation with graduate advisor. This project requires students to demonstrate mastery of some specific topic or medium of expression.

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**D501 Humanities Seminar (3 cr.)** An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the humanities. Topics vary from semester to semester.

**D502 Social Science Seminar (3 cr.)** An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the social sciences. Topics vary from semester to semester.

**D503 Science Seminar (3 cr.)** An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the sciences. Topics vary from semester to semester.

**D700 Topics in Liberal Studies (3 cr.)** P: completion of two 500-level liberal studies seminars or consent of program director. Intensive study of major issues in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences. Interdisciplinary approach, seminar format. Individual project required. Specific topic announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated with different topic for a maximum of 9 credits.