School of Arts and Letters
Southeast

Program Director
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(An asterisk [*] denotes membership in the University Graduate School faculty with the endorsement to direct doctoral dissertations.)

Departmental URL
www.ius.edu/mls

Degree Offered

The Master in Liberal Studies program is an interdisciplinary graduate program that offers study beyond the bachelor’s level for those persons who are interested in continuing their education in a diversified, challenging manner. The program is not meant to prepare students 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 above. Applicants are accepted anytime, but to assure enrollment, students should apply by July 15 for the fall semester and November 15 for the spring. Applications may be obtained through the Master in Liberal Studies office at Crestview Hall 018B or by calling (812) 941-2604 or (812) 941-2668 or on the Web site: www.ius.edu/mls.

Course Requirements

Students are required to complete 33 credit hours of courses that have been approved for graduate credit. These courses must represent all three of the arts and sciences divisions and must include 9 credits of graduate seminars D501, D502, D503, and 6 credits of graduate project (D500).

Grades

Only courses in which a grade of at least a B is earned will count toward the degree.

Courses

D501 Humanities Seminar (1-4 cr.) An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the humanities. Topics vary from semester to semester.

D502 Social Sciences Seminar (1-4 cr.) An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the social sciences. Topics vary from semester to semester.

D503 Natural Sciences Seminar (1-4 cr.) An interdisciplinary graduate seminar in the sciences. Topics vary from semester to semester.

D510 Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies (3-4 cr.) A comprehensive introduction to graduate liberal studies. Explores the cultures of the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. Investigates interdisciplinary methodologies. Offers strategies for graduate-level reading, research, and writing for other publics.

D511 MLS Humanities Elective (1-3 cr.) P: Prior consent of instructor; authorization required. An MLS graduate elective course in Arts and Letters. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit.

D512 MLS Social Sciences Elective (1-3 cr.) P: Prior consent of instructor; authorization required. An MLS graduate elective course in Social Sciences. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit.

D513 MLS Science(s) Elective (1-3 cr.) P: Prior consent of instructor; authorization required. An MLS graduate elective course in Natural Sciences. Topics vary. May be repeated for credit.

D594 MLS Liberal Studies Directed Readings (1-3 cr.) P: LBST D501, D502, D503; prior consent of instructor; authorization required. Independent study involving a systematic schedule of readings sponsored and supervised by faculty member. May be repeated up to a maximum of six credit hours.
**D599 Internship (0-6 cr.)** An internship is an educational experience related to a student’s degree program and career plan which applies what the student has learned to work situations. It involves a student, employer, and university sponsor. See Career Services for more information and to register.

**D601 Graduate Project Proposal Seminar (3 cr.)** P: Approval of Director; authorization required. Independent study sponsored and supervised by faculty member/committee chair for research/creativity track, in which students choose a topic, create a bibliography, write a formal proposal, and defend it before a faculty committee.

**D602 Graduate Project (3-6 cr.)** P: D601; approval of Director; authorization required. Independent project work conducted in consultation with a faculty director.