Master of Liberal Studies

Program Path:

IDS Type: Departmentally Restricted IDS

Program Type: Foundational IDS Program

Description: The Master of Liberal Studies Program is based on the premise that studying the great ideas of Western civilization leads to increased intellectual awareness and self-fulfillment. Students also explore how these ideas apply to the problems that humans have confronted over the ages, and they consider the moral dimensions of the contemporary issues that they address each day. They read great books to revisit ideas and insights that emerged centuries ago and to examine their relevance to our complex world. The program fosters analytical and critical thinking skills that enable individuals to comprehend issues that continue to challenge and perplex us. (From website.)

Program Structure:

Admission Requirements: Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Essay, Letters of Recommendation

Credit Hours: 48 credits (4 credit courses)

Required Coursework: 24 credits, Six Core courses

Individually Selected Coursework: 20 credits, Five Electives

Exit Courses & Work: 4 credits, Graduate project

Established Department(s) of Focus: All Electives are offered within the program itself, and available elective courses are continually changing.

Program Statistics:

Faculty: 10 faculty members associated with the program

Students: Resident students only; part-time students encouraged. Program courses meet one evening a week during the fall and spring terms, and two evenings a week during the eight-week summer term.

Program History: Established in 1987

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