

**Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)**

**Program Path:**

**IDS Type:** Unrestricted IDS

**Program Type:** Foundational IDS Program

**Description:** The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program at Hamline (created in 1980) is an innovative concept in graduate education designed to offer the serious student opportunities to range freely among academic, spiritual, artistic, and professional issues and ideas. Students in MALS choose from a range of courses not available within traditional graduate programs. They study a variety of disciplines, such as literature, art, philosophy, history, psychology, sociology, and science. The resulting interdisciplinary approach extends students' intellectual and creative resources, encourages them to discover connections between their learning and professional lives, and promotes openness to new ideas. (From website.)

**Program Structure:**

**Admission Requirements:** Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Essay (3-4 pages, based upon one of two questions available on the website), (2) Letters of Recommendation

**Credit Hours:** Synthesis Option—38 credits, Proseminar Option—40 credits

**Required Coursework:** 16 credits, Four courses: Core seminar, The Essay, and (2) Multidisciplinary seminars

**Individually Selected Coursework:** Synthesis Option—16 credits of Electives, Proseminar Option—20 credits of Electives

**Exit Courses & Work:** Synthesis Option—6 credits, Proseminar Option—4 credits

**Established Department(s) of Focus:** Open

**Program Statistics:**

**Faculty:** 5 core faculty and 18 adjunct faculty members in the Graduate School of Liberal Studies

**Students:** Resident students only. Most students are part-time (one class per semester).

**Program History:** Established in 1980

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