COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY   (New York)

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (LSMA)

Program Path:

IDS Type: Departmentally Restricted IDS

Program Type: Foundational IDS Program

Description: The Liberal Studies Master of Arts programs began in September 1987; the programs were *American Studies, East Asian Studies, Islamic Studies*, and *Medieval Studies*. A program in *Jewish Studies* was introduced in September 1988, followed by programs in *South Asian Studies* in 1991, *Modern European Studies* in 1992, and *Human Rights Studies* in 1998. The Liberal Studies programs moved to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1995. These programs are interdisciplinary and cross-departmental. Students approach a particular culture, geographical area, historical period, or topic by drawing on the traditional liberal arts fields—the humanities, social sciences, and arts. The aim is to reach across departmental boundaries rather than choose one area to research exclusively. (From website.)

Program Structure:

Admission Requirements: Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Resumé, Statement of Purpose, Writing Sample (1000 word max), GRE, (2) Letters of Recommendation

Credit Hours: 36 credits (30 credits for Human Rights Studies)

Required Coursework: 3 credits, One Core course

Individually Selected Coursework: 24 credits, Electives

Exit Courses & Work: 3 credits, Final Paper

Established Department(s) of Focus: All departments in the humanities, social sciences and arts are available for MA Liberal Arts students.

Program Statistics:

Faculty: No IDS specific faculty information available

Students: Resident students only (part-time student status availabl.)

Program History: Liberal Studies program founded in 1987

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