

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

**Program Path:**

**IDS Type:** Unrestricted IDS

**Program Type:** Foundational IDS Program

**Description:** The MALS program begins with two courses in which you develop the tools that you need to understand and adopt the perspectives of multiple disciplines. These courses are intended to help you explore the questions and topics of interest to you that are central to your individualized degree plan. The first of these courses, Seminar in Liberal Studies, examines the nature and value of liberal study. For the second course in the program, Models of Critical Inquiry, you may choose one of four topical areas. Each examines the ways in which knowledge is produced and how it is used. You may select one of the following areas: 1.) Environment and Society, 2.) Landscapes of Learning, 3.) Relationships to the Past: History and Culture, or 4.) Art, Representation and the Body. Each of these courses is interdisciplinary and is intended to model the kind of inquiry you will pursue in development of your own program. With mentor guidance in your third course, Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Study, you design the remainder of your degree program. The subsequent eight studies prepare you for your final project. Your final project may take one of several forms, including a thesis, practicum, a creative project, or a series of papers. (From website.)

**Program Structure**

**Admission Requirements:** Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts

**Credit Hours:** 36 credits

**Required Coursework:** 9 credits, Three Core courses

**Individually Selected Coursework:** 24 credits, One Literature Review course, One Theory to Methods course, and Six Electives

**Exit Courses & Work:** 3 credits, Final Project

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

**Program Statistics:**

**Faculty:** 6 departmental faculty; no information on associated faculty

**Students:** Resident students only. Program designed for the part-time student.

**Program History:** No information available

**Contact Information:**

**Address:** Office of Admissions, Empire State College, 111 West Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (Four campus options are available: Eastern New York—Capital District region, Central New York—Syracuse, Western New York—Rochester/Buffalo, and Greater New York City—including lower Hudson Valley and Long Island)

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