

ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

(Pennsylvania)

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Capstone

Program Path:

IDS Type: Departmentally Restricted IDS

Program Type: Foundational/Fixed* IDS Program

Description: The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) for Community Leadership is an interdisciplinary program founded in the liberal arts tradition and designed for leadership in sustainable community development. The MALS program prepares professionals who will excel in positions of leadership in public and private settings. For the purposes of this program, leadership for sustainability is defined in cultural, economic, environmental, and social terms. The program is flexible and allows for some personalized curricular design. The program helps students become agents of social change through critical discussion, analysis of community issues, and creation of graduate level service and/or research projects to mitigate community challenges. Individuals who benefit from this program come from non-profit and profit sectors including cultural and environmental agencies, human and social services, and governmental agencies. (From website.)

Program Structure:

Admission Requirements: Application, Resumé, Statement of Purpose (one page), Plan of Study, Writing Sample (2-3 pages), GRE or GMAT or MAT, (3) Letters of Recommendation

Credit Hours: 33 credits

Required Coursework: 12 credits, 4 core courses

Individually Selected Coursework: 15 credits, 6 electives (students choose from among 10 courses but may substitute up to 9 credits for special topic courses)*

Exit Courses & Work: 6 credits, Capstone course

Established Department(s) of Focus: Open

Program Statistics:

Faculty: No IDS specific faculty information available

Students: Low-residency students allowed; part-time students allowed

Program History: Program established in 1999.

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