

**WINTHROP UNIVERSITY**

(South Carolina)

**Master of Arts in Liberal Arts**

**Program Path:**

**IDS Type:** Unrestricted IDS

**Program Type:** Foundational IDS Program

**Description:** The Master of Liberal Arts Program at Winthrop University is an interdisciplinary graduate program designed for mature learners who seek intellectual stimulation outside of traditional graduate programs. In contrast to traditional master's degrees which narrow a student's perspective in a single discipline, the MLA degree is based on the philosophy that fundamental human questions cannot be addressed adequately from such a narrow point of view. This philosophy, central to graduate liberal education across the country, is evident through the program at Winthrop. The theme of the program is "The Search for Order." This search is undertaken through core colloquia which explore how humans have searched and continue to search for order in their world through empirical, rational and intuitive means. Students expand their search through courses in history, literature, political science, psychology, sociology, art history, and other disciplines in the arts and humanities. The central feature of the program is that students must be given, and they must seize, the opportunity to think about and reflect on issues basic to our humanity; they must explore how we bring order to a chaotic world and vice versa. (From website.)

**Program Structure:**

**Admission Requirements:** Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Statement of Purpose, Interview (after application is reviewed)

**Credit Hours:** 33 credits

**Required Coursework:** 9 credits, Three Interdisciplinary colloquia developed on the theme "The Search for Order" from empirical, rational and intuitive perspectives

**Individually Selected Coursework:** 21 credits, Seven Electives

**Exit Courses & Work:** 3 credits, Capstone Colloquium

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

**Program Statistics:**

**Faculty:** No IDS specific faculty information available

**Students:** Resident students only

**Program History:** No information available

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