Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)

Program Path:

IDS Type: Unrestricted IDS

Program Type: Foundational IDS Program

Description: You honor the inner life. You have the deeper questions, need better answers. You want to read the books and talk about the ideas that shape our world. You have an inquiring mind, an experienced perspective, and a firm sense of purpose about learning. The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program is designed for the returning student who seeks to develop the critical thinking that marks a truly educated person—for the student who brings a heightened awareness of the unanswered questions that confront an inquiring mind—for the self-motivated person who never stops asking the first question: why? MALS students come from varied backgrounds. They are artists, business people, engineers, homemakers, lawyers, matriculating students, physicians, and teachers. The program gives them the opportunity for intellectual and personal growth and for sharing their experiences with others in a community of learning. (From the University of Miami MALS brochure.)

Program Structure:

Admission Requirements: Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Statement of purpose, (3) Letters of Recommendation

Credit Hours: 30 credits

Required Coursework: 9 credits, Three Core courses

Individually Selected Coursework: 15-21 credits, Electives

Exit Courses & Work: 0-6 credits, Optional thesis

Established Department(s) of Focus: Open

Program Statistics:

Faculty: No IDS specific faculty information available

Students: Resident students only; program designed for part-time students. Most MALS classes offered in the evening.

Program History: No information available

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