

**Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Course List
Fall 2026**

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MA in Liberal Studies (MALS) Fall 2026 Courses

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<i>Course</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Professor</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Instruction Mode</i>	<i>Time</i>
MLS 601	1U-5301	Aspects of Creative and Reflective Thought	Henry Green	Tuesday	In-Person Ashe 523	6:35pm – 9:20pm
MLS 602	1K-5293	Perspectives on Human Nature	George Wilson	Monday	In-Person Dooly Memorial 114	6:35pm – 9:20pm
MLS 625	5U-5304	Black Protest Leaders in America	Marvin Dawkins	Thursday	In-Person Merrick 204	6:35pm – 9:20pm
MLS 696	01	Directed Reading	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 697	01	Directed Reading	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 810	01	Master's Thesis	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 815	01	MALS Project	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 820	01	Research in Residence	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
IGS 644	Y3-5266	Energy Security & Environmental Sust.	Dina Moulioukova	ARR	Online	TBA
IGS 646	1U-5215	Civil Security Preparedness & Mgmt.	Brad McGuinn	Tues	In person	6:35pm - 9:20pm
PHI 631	S-7008	Ethical Theory	Jake Zuehl	TTh	In person	3:30pm - 4:45pm
PHI 744	4G-7046	Seminar in Philosophy of Mind	Brit Brogaard, Michael Slote	Wed	In person	2:30pm - 5:15pm
PHI 748	1K-6977	Philosophy of Science	Otavio Bueno	Mon	In person	6:35pm - 9:20pm

Selected aspects of creative and reflective thought, based on materials from the arts, the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences and history. The focus will be on themes and issues represented in a variety of cultural traditions.

Perspectives on Human Nature

MLS 602

Basic theories of human nature proposed by the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. The course deals with fundamental issues regarding the concept of human nature, such as the nature of the self and its relation to society, the impact of culture on self-perception and the relation of thought to human action.

Black Protest Leaders in America

MLS 625

This course examines Black protest leaders in America through the lens of biography and by focusing on the qualities and effectiveness of selected, well-known Black protest leaders from the early 20th century to the present. Such leaders as Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. Dubois, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Baker, Roy Wilkins, Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, Sr., Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) and Al Sharpton, among others, will be critically examined. A particular focus will be on the social, political and historical settings and circumstances surrounding their leadership, as well as protest organizations they created or in which they participated. Students will engage in readings and discussion, along with viewing video documentaries, and developing individual projects on Black protest leaders and organizations. The primary aim of this course is to enhance knowledge related to the significant role played by the many Black protest leaders who contributed, positively, to progress achieved by African-descent people in American society.