

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Spring 2025

MLS 603-1K **“ Theories of the Physical Universe”**

Professor Massimiliano Galeazzi

Mondays 6:35pm-9:20pm

Various understandings of the nature of the universe and their impact on human culture. The course will deal with critical issues addressed in the various attempts to understand the physical world, such as fundamental structures and processes, the limitation of human perception, and the interaction between the human species and its environment.

MLS 612-5U **“Studies in the Social Sciences”**

Professor George Wilson

Thursday 6:35pm-9:20pm

Interdisciplinary study of selected topics in the Social Sciences.

MLS 627-4K **“Special Topics”**

Professor Douglas Fuller

Wednesdays 6:35pm-9:20pm

Out of Europe: Travel, Discovery and the Generation of Knowledge: This course will focus on the compelling stories of many great explorers who survived long, arduous voyages to produce critical understandings of the natural world and how different peoples had adapted to non-Western contexts.

MLS 696/697-01 **“Directed Readings”**

Professor Daniel Pals

Hours Arranged

Directed Readings course allows you to work independently with a MALS professor, researching a topic of your choice. Professor Pals will be the advisor for all Directed Readings in Religion. For any other topic, you must find a professor in that field that is willing to act as your advisor.

Only students with a 3.0 GPA or higher will be able to enroll in a Directed Readings course. In order to register for the course you will need to submit a 2 page proposal along with a bibliography of 10

academic sources, at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester.

The final paper must be a minimum of 15 pages, and be submitted to both the professor and the MALS office on the first day of final exams. Hard copies only will be accepted.

Proposals must be given to both the professor and IPS office before registering, and at least 2 weeks before classes begin.

Students are allowed two directed readings courses during their studies in the Program.

*MALS Directed Readings Papers Due at end of Semester *

MLS 799-1U “Seminar in Liberal Studies”

Professor J Tomas Lopez

Tuesdays 6:35pm-9:20pm

Sex, Religion and Politics: A graduate seminar exploring the three taboos of American culture: sex, religion and politics. The class will concentrate on the function and obsession with these topics in art, TV, advertising and film

MLS 810-01 “ Master’s Thesis”

Professor Daniel Pals

Hours Arranged

The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, in most departments not to exceed six, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

MLS 815-01 “MALS Project”

Professor Daniel Pals

Hours Arranged

Before registering for a MALS Project students must submit a proposal and meet with Dr. Pals to discuss the project.

MLS 820-01 “ Research in Residence”

Professor Daniel Pals

Hours Arranged

Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master's degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in MLS 810 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence.