



UNIVERSITY  
OF MIAMI



*Master of Arts in*

LIBERAL STUDIES

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

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## **THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES (MALS) PROGRAM**

offers an interdisciplinary approach to learning. MALS courses present a variety of topics, ranging from cultural studies to film analysis, encouraging students to specialize in areas of personal or professional interest.

*"The value of an education in a liberal arts is not the learning of many facts, but the training of the mind to think."*

ALBERT EINSTEIN



# MALS

# Curriculum

Designed to accomodate your busy schedule,  
all classes are offered in the evenings and  
some are also offered online.

## Course Topics

- Human Rights:  
Walls and Justice
- The Medieval Worlds  
of Tolkien and Martin
- History of American Art:  
Civil War to the Present
- Contemporary Race Relations
- Sprituality and Education
- Archeology of the Holy Land
- Modernism, Photography,  
and the Mechanical Universe
- Global Climate Change
- Medical Humanities
- Religion in Revolutionary  
History
- War and Propaganda
- Diaries of WWII: Memories of  
Destruction and Survival
- From the Page to the Stage:  
Shakespeare's Influence on  
the Theatre



3

CORE  
COURSES



7

ELECTIVES

10

COURSES



(30 total credit hours)





# For those who know *they want to know more.*

Graduate programs in liberal studies have grown in popularity over the last few decades. In contrast to traditional subject-specific graduate programs, the interdisciplinary approach of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program reaches across the arbitrary boundaries of specialization, drawing upon a broad range of knowledge to provide a well-rounded educational experience.

MALS is a non-traditional graduate program that allows students to design their own individualized course of study through evening, online, and summer classes. The program is taught by tenured professors and renowned scholars from the graduate faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences in our quaint private university setting that is nestled in beautiful Coral Gables.





## The Flexibility to Explore

MALS is designed to allow students from any academic background to develop the critical insight and creative energy to be successful in any chosen career, providing unique and valuable insights into the human condition.

Coursework is offered in the evenings, during the summer, and online, allowing each student to craft an individualized plan of study that accommodates their schedule and satisfies their interests.

The result is a life-changing educational experience. Students are able to personalize their graduate experience under the mentorship

of UM's top faculty, choosing among electives that range in topic from medical humanities to medieval literature, from race relations to religious studies, from classics to climate change. Additionally, MALS students have the freedom to take courses at other UM schools and colleges, engage in experiential learning opportunities, participate in civic engagement projects, or complete an internship.

The MALS journey is one that gives you the opportunity for intellectual and personal growth, as well as an outlet for sharing your experiences with others through a robust and diverse community of learners.



**ORAL AND WRITTEN  
COMMUNICATION**



**CREATIVITY**



**PROBLEM-  
SOLVING**



**CRITICAL-  
THINKING**

**ESSENTIAL  
SKILLS**

**FLEXIBILITY**



**GLOBAL  
AWARENESS**



**ANALYSIS**



**LEADERSHIP**







## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



**The MALS program** has a limited number of tuition waivers available to students on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must apply each semester and provide financial documentation, as waivers are need-based.



**NO GRE  
REQUIRED**

## CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

The Certificate in Liberal Studies is ideal for someone who followed a more structured pathway in their undergraduate career and would now like to pursue a credential that highlights their creativity, communication ability, and cultural awareness. Certificate students come from a variety of backgrounds, including business, engineering, medicine, law, and teaching. The certificate requires **15 graduate credits** that can be transferred into the MALS program.



## CORE FACULTY

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**Dr. Daniel Pals**

*Director, MALS Program  
Professor of  
Religious Studies  
and History*

**Dr. Edmund Abaka**

*Associate Professor  
Department of History*

**Dr. Hermann Beck**

*Professor  
Department of History*

**Dr. Massimiliano Galeazzi**

*Professor  
Department of Physics*

**Dr. Henry Green**

*Professor  
Department of  
Religious Studies*

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*Professor  
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**Dr. Patrick McCarthy**

*Professor  
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**Dr. Catherine Newell**

*Associate Professor  
Department of  
Religious Studies*

**Dr. John Paul Russo**

*Professor  
Department of Classics*

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Department of Geography &  
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Department of Sociology  
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