Liberal Studies (Film and Media Studies), MLSt

Want to deepen your liberal studies knowledge and skills with a focus on film and media in society? Explore diverse cultural, aesthetic, creative, and critical lenses to better understand how film and media produce, perform, and integrate values and ideas.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MLSt Liberal Studies (Film and Media Studies)
The MLSt program with a concentration in film and media studies offers students an opportunity to explore liberal studies insights relevant to the scholarship of film and media in society.

The program is intended for students seeking a graduate degree that explores the integration of humanities questions with relevant political, religious, social and scientific insights. Throughout the program, students develop concrete creative and critical tools to respond to these urgent questions of the contemporary moment.

Studies focus on the culture, aesthetics and theory of film and media.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- Location: Tempe campus

Accelerated Program Options
This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- English, BA
- History, BA
- Interdisciplinary Studies, BA
- Interdisciplinary Studies (Organizational Studies), BA
- Liberal Studies, BA
- Organizational Leadership, BA
- Organizational Leadership (Project Management), BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Degree Requirements**

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (MLS 593)

**Required Core (9 credit hours)**
- MLS 501 Writing About Social Issues (3)
- MLS 502 Religion, Culture and Health: Where Cultures Intersect (3)
- MLS 503 Ethics, Science and Culture (3)
- MLS 504 Film Analysis (3)

**Electives (18 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
- MLS 593 Applied Project (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Students choose three of the four courses listed above to fulfill the nine credit hour core requirement.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.
Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a letter of interest in the program
4. a resume, biographical statement or curriculum vitae
5. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

**Career Opportunities**
Professionals with excellent critical problem-solving and communication skills are in high demand across sectors and industries, including business, media, entertainment, politics and community organizations. Skills in communication, film and media analysis, creative practice, as well as the collection and critical analysis of diverse data for the development of impactful content are valuable to businesses, nonprofit sectors and institutions relying on relevant strategies to engage and serve diverse audiences.

Career examples include:

- agent of artists, performers and athletes
- educator
- film, art and culture critic
- media and communications worker

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