

Liberal Studies, MLSt

LAMLSMLS

Develop broad, integrative knowledge and apply it to practical contexts and problems. Whether you are interested in growing your workforce skills, becoming a more effective community contributor, preparing for a doctoral or professional degree, or simply want to pursue a love of learning, you will appreciate this degree's flexibility and customizable design.

Program description

Degree awarded: MLSt Liberal Studies

The MLSt is an advanced degree that situates knowledge and know-how at the intersections of culture, community and profession. Its emphasis on integrative knowledge and cross-disciplinary approach cultivates students' capacity to see and understand the complex reality of societal problems and navigate challenges across cultural, professional and personal contexts. Communication, holistic analysis, perspective-taking and research are featured aspects of all core courses.

A unique aspect of the degree is the customization of learning. Working closely with faculty advisors, Master of Liberal Studies students build the majority of their program by choosing from a wide-ranging list of elective courses that best meet their interests and needs. With courses from across the humanities, social sciences, arts and natural sciences, this degree prepares students to become master learners and problem-solvers. The degree culminates in an applied learning experience under the guidance of a seasoned faculty member.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [Polytechnic](#) or [Online](#)

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 plus 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. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project courses (MLS 582 and MLS 593)

Required Core (9 credit hours)

MLS 510 Communicating in Complex Cultural Environments (3)

MLS 511 Advanced Liberal Studies and Worlds of Possibility (3)

MLS 512 Exploring and Expressing Ideas (3)

Electives (15 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)

MLS 582 Applied Project Plan (3)

MLS 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Featuring courses from English, film and media studies and art, this degree prepares students to become master learners across a wide range of cultural and social contexts. Electives are chosen in conjunction with graduate advisors.

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 of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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 their current residency.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

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, creative practice, as well as the collection and critical analysis of 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:

- archivist
- business manager of artists, performers and athletes
- market research analyst

- public relations specialist
- writer or creative writer

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