Liberal Studies, MLSt

Do you love thinking about the urgent questions at the intersection of culture, gender, religion, politics, ethics, and science and technology? Gain skills in communication, creative and critical expression, and learn broad-based methods of inquiry to meet the contemporary moment and achieve meaningful, justice-oriented goals.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MLSt Liberal Studies
The MLSt program offers students interested in creative, critical and integrative approaches to the study of human ideas and values an opportunity to explore, experiment with, and integrate a range of liberal studies insights.

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. This interdisciplinary approach trains students in the skills needed for the jobs of the future: communication, research and an understanding of the diverse and changing world.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) 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 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.

Emphasis areas available are borders (migration, health and cultural identity); gender, religion and culture; and science, nature and creative nonfiction writing.

**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 (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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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