

Liberal Arts, MLA (Part-Time)

Master's Candidacy

To earn a master's degree at Washington University, a student must complete all courses required by their department; maintain satisfactory academic progress; fulfill all academic and residence requirements; and file an Intent to Graduate. For a general layout of master's degree general requirements in Arts & Sciences, including an explanation of Satisfactory Academic Progress, students should review the Master's Degree Academic Information page of the Arts & Sciences *Bulletin*.

Program Requirements

- **Total Units Required: 30 units**
- **Degree length: 3 years maximum**

Master of Liberal Arts

Required Courses

Students complete 30 units total, including at least 15 units of core MLA interdisciplinary seminars and a final research project that typically earns 3 credits.

Core MLA Seminars

The MLA program consists of seminars that introduce students to the methods and questions of different disciplines. These seminars cover a wide variety of topics and issues.

Some students take all required courses in the seminars that are designed specifically for the MLA program; others augment a particular interest by taking related courses drawn from different departments with MLA program approval.

Final Project

A 3-credit final research project, developed under the supervision of an approved instructor, is required for the Master of Liberal Arts degree. This project presents an opportunity for the student to independently and extensively explore an area of personal interest; it must be completed at the conclusion of a student's course work. Under special circumstances and with permission, some students complete a final project that comprises two semesters of research and writing for 6 units of credit.

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