Doctor of Liberal Arts

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Degree Requirements

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Required Course Work

To earn the Doctor of Liberal Arts (DLA) degree, a student must complete 45 credit units after earning a relevant master's degree.

Graduate Course Work (36 units)

Course work includes 12 required DLA seminars.

Students will be required to take a comprehensive exam that tests their ability to synthesize the knowledge that they have gained in individual DLA courses. The exam consists of written and oral questions. The student must pass the written exam questions as a prerequisite for taking the oral portion of the exam.

Thesis Research and Writing (9 units)

The DLA thesis emphasizes original interpretation and synthesis. A faculty adviser appointed to the student early in the program works closely with the student at all stages of the thesis.