Georgetown University’s Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program emphasizes a comprehensive educational approach, providing you with the skills and experience that form the bedrock for advancement or transition in any career. Georgetown’s rich Jesuit tradition informs the common thread throughout the program’s interdisciplinary curriculum, with courses focusing on the exchange of dialogue, ideas, and perspectives that define humanity and continue to influence daily experiences. During your time in the program, you will explore philosophical, cultural, and social concepts throughout history to develop a broader perspective of the modern world.

LIBERAL STUDIES AT GEORGETOWN

At Georgetown, courses in Liberal Studies span topics from globalization, peace, politics, and existentialism to prominent figures such as Shakespeare, Chaucer, Thomas Jefferson, and Gandhi. The major events of human history, the best scholarship on human affairs, and the great works of literature, philosophy, theology, art, and science are not only studied for what they say, but also used as the subject matter for class discussion and writing assignments. You will simultaneously mine that same subject matter to cultivate a deeper understanding of human nature that can be applied both on the job and in life in general. As you read, discuss, analyze, write, debate, and share within this community of scholars, you will grow—intellectually, culturally, and professionally.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Tailored Learning. As a student, you will have the opportunity to select from a wide variety of courses to align your studies with your unique interests and aspirations.

Flexible Format. With courses offered exclusively in the evenings and occasionally on Saturdays, you can earn your degree with minimal career interruptions.

Passionate Community. Engage with like-minded peers in the classroom, where you will share thoughts, exchange ideas, and broaden your perspectives.

Comprehensive Curriculum. Rooted in Georgetown’s core value of cura personalis (“care for the whole person”), the program emphasizes a holistic educational approach that cultivates the body, mind, and spirit.

CULTIVATE THE CONTEMPORARY SKILLS NEEDED FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND LIFELONG SUCCESS

CURRICULUM

Housed on Georgetown’s main campus, the program offers small class sizes, specialized faculty attention, and entry in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. You can choose from two program tracks to earn the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree.

30-Credit Degree Plan

Nine courses, including two foundational courses, a daylong writing workshop, and a three-credit thesis. (30 credits, including three-credit thesis)

36-Credit Degree Plan

Twelve courses, including two foundational courses and a daylong writing workshop; no thesis is required. (36 credits, no thesis)

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Students in the MALS program come from many walks of life. For some, their last time in a classroom was not long ago; for others, it has been many decades. The program draws students from a wide variety of industries, including the federal government, private sector, associations, healthcare, and education. Students in the program hold an equally diverse array of job titles, including:

• Artist
• Attorney
• Author
• Chief of Staff
• Director of Communications
• Journalist
• Public Health Analyst
• Retiree
• Three-Star General
• Veteran

As mature and accomplished adults from a wide range of age groups, professions, backgrounds, and geographic locations, your fellow students will serve as some of your most important learning resources throughout your time in the program.

EARN YOUR MASTER OF ARTS IN Liberal Studies

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Visit our admissions page for more information about application deadlines and applying online.

TUITION

Educational expenses are assessed each semester based on the number of credits for which you are registered. Visit our website for current tuition rates.

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