

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)

Name: _ CSU ID#:

Concentration: Semester Entry: Email:

Transfer Courses/Course Substitutions

Institution	Course Number and Description	CSU Course Substitution	Grade	Approval

Plan of Study (Total 36 hours of coursework)

Introductory Course					
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Sub?	Semester	Grade
MALS 5000		3			
Interdisciplinary Foundational Seminars <small>(Select three 3-credit hrs courses from the following: ART 5000, ENGL 5000, MATH 5000, MUSC 5000, PHIL 5000 or POLS 5000)</small>					
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Sub?	Semester	Grade
		3			
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Academic Concentration Courses * <small>(Select six 3-credit hrs concentration courses from the following: English, History, Math, Philosophy, Liberal Arts)</small>					
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Sub?	Semester	Grade
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The Capstone Experience <small>[Select Non-Thesis (6-credit hours) OR Thesis Option (6-credit hours)]</small>					
Non-Thesis Option** Faculty Advisor: <small>[Complete BOTH MALS 6890 Research/Submission Course (3-credit hrs) AND MALS 6899 Comprehensive Exam Course (3-credit hrs)]</small>					
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Sub?	Semester	Grade
MALS 6890		3			
MALS 6899		3			
Thesis Option *** Thesis Title: Faculty Advisors: #1: Chair #2: #3: <small>[Complete BOTH MALS 6995 Master's Thesis Research Course(3-credit hrs) AND MALS 6999 Master's Thesis Preparation Course (3-credit hrs)]</small>					
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hrs	Sub?	Semester	Grade
MALS 6995		3			
MALS 6999		3			

FURTHER INFORMATION:

***Academic Concentrations**

English

History

Math

Philosophy

Liberal Arts (ART, CMS, PHIL, SOCI, THEA, etc.)

****Capstone Non-Thesis Option (MALS 6890 and MALS 6899)** (6 hours)

This non-thesis option requires that, after completing the Foundational Seminars and the Academic Concentration, the student complete an additional six semester hours in research problems from any of the areas of the Academic Concentrations - courses which require products such as submission for publication of a book review (or other publishable review), an application (with abstract) to present a paper at a local or regional conference, or a major revision of a previously-written essay/paper in the program which will be submitted for publication to a refereed journal. Students selecting this option must also pass a comprehensive exam of all course work. The paper research and submission course is MALS 6890, and the comprehensive exam course is MALS 6899.

*****Capstone Thesis Option (MALS 6995 and MALS 6999)** (6 hours)

Students who have completed all their course work in the areas of Foundational Seminars and at least fifteen hours in their Academic Concentration may select the capstone thesis option to fulfill the requirements for their degree. Students work under the supervision of three faculty advisors (from at least two different academic disciplines, one of whom must be designated the Thesis Chair), and may begin work on the thesis project only after a capstone thesis proposal has been formally approved. The thesis may take the form of academic or applied research, or it may be a creative work. The capstone thesis must be of a nature to warrant six hours of graduate credit in MALS 6995 Master's Thesis Research and MALS 6999 Master's Thesis Preparation. In general, the projects should yield a written piece of work, although products such as artistic/musical creations also may be acceptable.

GPA Requirement:

As per Academic Policy, graduate students must maintain Good Academic Standing throughout their matriculation in their graduate programs. Good Academic Standing at Clayton State University is defined as a minimum institutional graduate GPA of 3.0. That means that EACH semester, students must maintain a 3.0 for that semester. Graduate students whose Institutional GPA falls below the minimum acceptable GPA of 3.0 are placed on Academic Probation. Students who are placed on Probation must contact their advisor immediately for remediation. Continued minimum GPA below 3.0 may result in Academic Suspension and/or Dismissal from the program.