Liberal Studies, MLSt

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MLSt Liberal Studies

The MLSt program offers students interested in a transdisciplinary approach to human ideas and values an opportunity to expand their liberal arts backgrounds. The program is intended for students seeking a graduate degree that explores the integration of the humanities with political, religious, social and scientific questions within their cultural contexts.

The program connects students to the entire College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and integrates the disciplines. 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. The degree can be completed entirely online or on campus with a selection of icourses.

Students should email the program director for advising appointments.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (MLS 593)

**Required Core (9 credit hours)**
MLS 501 Writing About Social Issues: Culture, Gender, Society, and Well-Being in the Southwest (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 Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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 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](#).