

# LIBERAL STUDIES - L.S.M.

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
 School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities  
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## About This Program

The Master of Liberal Studies degree provides students with a unique opportunity to study at the graduate level in fields that are of interest and use to them. Under the guidance of the program's director, students select courses from across disciplines in the university to form their own individualized and integrated program of study.

## Contact Information

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- Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - Fully online
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers

- Interdisciplinary careers in social studies, humanities, sciences, arts, health, education, business, technology, etc.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum 2.750 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 610 TOEFL PBT score
  - Minimum 102 TOEFL IBT score
  - Minimum 86 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.5 IELTS score
  - Minimum 73 PTE score
  - Minimum 130 Duolingo English score

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Rolling admissions
- **Spring Semester**

- Rolling admissions
- **Summer Term**
  - Rolling admissions

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

| Code                               | Title                 | Credit Hours |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Major Requirements</b>          |                       |              |
| LSTU 60092                         | INTERNSHIP            | 3            |
| or LSTU 61098                      | LIBERAL STUDIES ESSAY |              |
| Electives <sup>1</sup>             |                       | 27           |
| <b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b> |                       | <b>30</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> Of the 27 credit hours of electives, students must select 12-15 credit hours of courses from a single department/school or program and 12-15 credit hours of courses from at least one other departments/schools or program. In addition to standard classroom courses, a maximum 3 credit hours of internship or practicum and 3 credit hours of research may be selected. Courses may be taken in any college in the university.

## Graduation Requirements

- Minimum 15 credit hours must be at the 60000-level (for example: LSTU 61091 and LSTU 61098). Some graduate courses may require prerequisites.
- Students will complete a program of study document in which they develop a theme (title) and choose coursework in the major and minor areas. In developing a program of study, students must adhere to several fundamental principles that the program of study must (1) emphasize interdisciplinary perspectives to learning and (2) be integrated.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Bring together the different fields in which they have been working.
2. See the advantages of doing so.
3. Continue to pursue the knowledge they entered the program to acquire.