LIBERAL STUDIES - L.S.M.

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Description
Kent State University is one of six institutions in Ohio to offer the Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) degree, but the only one that allows a student to take courses from several different colleges or schools in the university. The KSU Master’s Degree in Liberal Studies therefore provides students with a unique opportunity to study at the graduate level in fields that are of interest and use to them. KSU Master of Liberal Studies students, under the guidance of the Program Director, select courses from across the university to form their own individualized and integrated program of study. Please visit the program’s page for more information on Program Requirements.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
- Online
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 610 TOEFL score (102 on the Internet-based version), minimum 86 MELAB score, minimum 7.5 IELTS score or minimum 73 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

Official transcript(s), goal statement and three letters of recommendation. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

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.

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

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Twelve to fifteen credit hours must be in one department.

Graduation Requirements

- The degree requires a total of 33 credit hours, 30 credit hours of coursework plus the Liberal Studies Essay, which students write near the end of their time in the program and for which they receive 3 credit hours of graduate credit under the rubric AS 61098. The one required course, AS 61000, an online course that introduces students to interdisciplinary study, carries 2 credit hours of graduate credit and must be completed during the student’s first year in the program. If students feel they need to develop their research paper skills, they can take AS 61001 in conjunction with AS 61000. Except for these, no other specific courses are required for the L.S.M. degree. For the remaining 27-28 credit hours of course credit, students take 12 to 15 credit hours in a single department and 12 to 15 credit hours spread across two or three other departments. In addition to standard classroom courses, up to 6 credit hours of internship/practicum and 6 credit hours of research may be selected. Courses may be taken in any college or school in the university.

- Candidates for the L.S.M. degree must complete a minimum 33 credit hours of graduate work. 15 credit hours (which include AS 61000, AS 61001 and AS 61098) must be at the 60000-level. It should be understood that some graduate courses may require prerequisites.

- Students will complete a program of study document in which they will develop a theme (title) and choose coursework in the major and minor areas. In developing programs of study, Liberal Studies students must adhere to several fundamental principles:
  - The program of study must be integrated,
  - Since the L.S.M. degree focuses on the values of liberal arts education, the program of study must include at least 12 credit hours of coursework in the College of Arts and Sciences,
  - The program of study must emphasize interdisciplinary perspectives to learning.

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