LIBERAL STUDIES - L.S.M.

College of Arts and Sciences
School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities
https://www.kent.edu/multidisciplinary-studies

Examples of Possible Careers

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

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• Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered

• Online
• Kent Campus

Admission Terms

• Fall
• Spring
• Summer

*Note
Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

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.

Admission Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
• Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
• 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 (paper-based version)
  • Minimum 102 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  • Minimum 86 MELAB score
  • Minimum 7.5 IELTS score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission 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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Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30

1 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 department/school or program. In addition to standard classroom courses, a maximum 3 credit hours of internship/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 (which includes AS 61001 and AS 61098). 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 a program of study, students must adhere to several fundamental principles that the program of study must (1) emphasize interdisciplinary perspectives to learning and (b) be integrated.