



PROGRAM DETAILS

The USI Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) is a 33-hour degree that **can be completed fully online**. It offers students an affordable graduate program with a high degree of personalization to meet individual interests or career goals. Recent graduates include teachers, museum staff, administrators, entrepreneurs and more!

PROGRAM GOALS

- Effectively use research methods to locate credible information
- Analyze and draw conclusions from evidence
- Communicate effectively with diverse audiences
- Apply cultural knowledge to solve problems and complete projects
- Develop and apply knowledge and skills from multiple disciplines

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 1. Core Curriculum | 12 credit hours**
Courses in information literacy, data literacy, cultural literacy and advanced academic writing
- 2. Capstone | 3-6 credit hours**
Portfolio option (3 hours) or Thesis/project option (6 hours)
- 3. Elective Courses | 15-18 credit hours**
Choose from courses in Liberal Studies, History, English, Public Administration, Communications, Sports Management and more

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program must hold a bachelor's degree with at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The program admits students for the fall, spring and summer sessions. Application deadlines: July 1 for fall admission; November 1 for spring admission; April 1 for summer admission.

“ My MALS degree has improved my understanding of international politics and economics, increased my ability to read in other languages, expanded my comprehension of other cultures and of other historical perspectives, enhanced my communication skills, and led to raises and promotions. ”

Tami Jaramillo Zuniga, MALS '13 ■ University Public Safety Officer

“ My MALS degree not only helped me receive raises for obtaining an advanced degree but it allowed me to take courses that fit my personal interests. This helped me grow and become a better educator! ”

Joshua Dodd, MALS '13 ■ High School Art Teacher

“ I chose the MALS program at USI because I wanted to get a broader perspective as I studied in my discipline. Taking classes with an interdisciplinary focus has deepened my knowledge of topics I may never have encountered otherwise. This has given me a well-rounded education, which has made me a more globally and culturally aware individual. ”

Andrea Jefferson, MALS '14 ■ Assistant Professor, English and Communications

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