



# Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Thesis Option

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CREDITS

## TIER I: FOUNDATIONAL COURSEWORK

► Students must complete the following foundational courses:

MLS 500 Graduate Research and Writing	<b>9</b>
MLS 623 The Search for Meaning and Identity in the Contemporary World	
MLS 673 Mindsets: Cross-Cultural Understanding	

► Students must choose one of the following electives to complete the foundational coursework:

MLS 624 Classical Legacies	<b>3</b>
MLS 632 Capitalism and Its Impact	
MLS 635 Humanity and the Cosmos	

**TOTAL TIER I REQUIREMENTS** (Required: Degree Completion Plan)

**12**

## TIER II: FOUNDATIONAL FOR THESIS

Must complete 15 credits in two or more liberal studies disciplines.

MLS 515 Global Popular Culture since 1945	MLS 667 Cultural Diversity in the Workplace
MLS 551 War and Peace After the Cold War	MLS 668 Religion in Society & World Politics
MLS 556 The Global Cold War	MLS 683 The Art of Leadership: Literature and Film
MLS 560 Social Psychology	MLS 684 Ethics, Media, the Arts and Society
MLS 620 Philosophies of Leadership	MLS 685 Strategic Problem-Solving
MLS 661 Cultural Perspectives — Interpretive Strategies	MLS 688 How Organizations Work: Social and Cultural Perspectives
MLS 662 Ethics in a Changing World	MLS 693 Social Justice and Societal Oppression
MLS 664 Geopolitical Brinkmanship	MLS 694 Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution
MLS 665 Insecurity in the World	MLS 703 Independent Learning Contract

Other Excelsior College Graduate Classes (*with advisor approval*)

**TOTAL TIER II REQUIREMENTS**

**15**

## TIER III: THESIS

Students must complete 6 credits.

MLS 697 Methodology <sup>Ⓛ</sup>
MLS 799 The M.A. Thesis (3 credits, 15 weeks)

**TOTAL TIER III REQUIREMENTS**

**6**

**TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS REQUIRED**

**33**

<sup>Ⓛ</sup> Students may substitute an equivalent methodology class with the permission of their advisor.