

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE LIBERAL STUDIES

Overview of Degree Requirements

Graduate Liberal Studies at Wesleyan offers two degrees: the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) and the Master of Philosophy in Liberal Arts (MPhil). Students may meet the requirements for the degrees by completing a program of study in one area of concentration, complemented by courses taken across the divisions of study. The MPhil program requires that the student must have already completed a graduate degree at the master's level or higher, and the GLSP will not accept any credit from another institution toward the MPhil requirements.

Distribution Requirements

The **MALS** degree requires 36 units of graduate credit with this distribution:

- 6 courses (18 credits) within the area of concentration
- 6 courses (18 credits) outside the area of concentration
- Courses must be taken in at least three of the five areas of concentration
- Optional master's essay or project (instead of 6th course within concentration)

The **MPhil** requires 30 units of graduate credit with this distribution:

- 5 courses (15 credits) within the area of concentration
- 2 courses (6 credits) outside the area of concentration
- 2 electives (in or out of the concentration)
- 1 thesis
- Courses must be taken in at least three of the five areas of concentration

Completion Requirements

Areas of Concentration

Students may concentrate in Arts, Humanities, Mathematics, Sciences, or Social Sciences.

Curricular Requirements

Students must fulfill the distribution requirements listed above. There is no required sequence within the concentration, nor are there any required courses, but students should take courses in at least 3 concentrations. Students are expected to study with many instructors, and should not take more than three courses (excluding the final essay/project or thesis) with any one instructor, although students may petition for a fourth course.

Time to Complete

Six years is the time in which students are expected to complete all degree or certificate requirements; two additional years may be granted by petition. No credits older than eight years are applied toward a degree or certificate.

Transfer of Courses

When applying for admission, students may petition to transfer a maximum of 6 units toward the MALS degree. The courses must have been taken prior to beginning GLSP courses, and must make a logical contribution to the student's program. No courses may be transferred toward the MPhil.

Academic Standing

Academic excellence in coursework is expected of all students. B- is the minimally acceptable grade by which a course will count toward the degree or certificate, but higher grades are expected overall.

Commencement

Though students may complete degree requirements in any term, Wesleyan University confers degrees and certificates once annually, at the end of the spring term.

Student Handbook

Please see the Student Handbook for more information. The Handbook is available online at: http://www.wesleyan.edu/masters/pdfs/Student_Handbook.pdf