

MALS Degree Requirements

For Students who began the MALS Program PRIOR to Summer 2014

General Liberal Studies Concentration

Required Components

- 3 Interdisciplinary Courses, 2 of which must be Team Taught
- 4 Elective courses from MALS or Dartmouth College*
- 1 Independent Study (MALS 127)
- 2 Summer Symposia (MALS 120) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Research Methods (MALS 130, MALS 131 or MALS 132**) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Symposium Substitute (MALS 121***) - no tuition charged
- 3 MALS Ethics Workshops (Professionalism, Academic Integrity & Mentorship)
- Thesis Presentation (MALS 411) – no tuition charged
- Thesis - no tuition charged

Creative Writing Concentration

Required Components

- 3 Interdisciplinary Courses, 2 of which must be Team Taught
- 3 Creative Writing courses:
 - Non-Fiction [the narrative or personal essay]
 - Fiction [the novella or short story]
 - Screenwriting
 - Playwriting
 - Poetry
 - Periodic Journalism
- 1 Elective course from MALS or Dartmouth College*
- 1 Independent study in Creative Writing (MALS 127)
- 2 Summer Symposia (MALS 120) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Research Methods (MALS 130, MALS 131 or MALS 132**) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Symposium Substitute (MALS 121***) - no tuition charged
- 3 MALS Ethics Workshops (Professionalism, Academic Integrity & Mentorship)
- Thesis Presentation (MALS 411) – no tuition charged
- Creative Thesis - no tuition charged

Cultural Studies Concentration

Required Components

- 3 Interdisciplinary Courses, 2 of which must be Team Taught
- 3 courses in any of the Cultural Studies field areas: Note: CS courses may be taken from among Dartmouth College* course offerings with prior approval.
 - Gender Studies
 - Ethnic Studies
 - Class Studies
 - Media/Performance Studies
 - Post-Colonial Studies
- 1 Elective course from MALS or Dartmouth College*
- 1 Independent Study in Cultural Studies (MALS 127)
- 2 Summer Symposia (MALS 120) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Research Methods (MALS 130, MALS 131 or MALS 132**) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Symposium Substitute (MALS 121***) - no tuition charged
- 3 MALS Ethics Workshops (Professionalism, Academic Integrity & Mentorship)
- Thesis Presentation (MALS 411) – no tuition
- Cultural Studies Thesis - no tuition charged

Globalization Studies Concentration

Required Components

- 3 Interdisciplinary Courses, 2 of which must be Team Taught
- 3 courses in any of the Globalization Studies field areas: Note: GS courses may be taken from among Dartmouth College* course offerings with prior approval.
 - Government/War & Peace Studies
 - Area Studies
 - Politics/Public Policy
 - Anthropology
 - Sociology
- 1 Elective course from MALS or Dartmouth College*
- 1 Independent Study in the field of Globalization Studies (MALS 127)
- 2 Summer Symposia (MALS 120) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Research Methods (MALS 130, MALS 131 or MALS 132**) *or* 1 Summer Symposium & 1 Symposium Substitute (MALS 121***) - no tuition charged
- 3 MALS Ethics Workshops (Professionalism, Academic Integrity & Mentorship)
- Thesis Presentation (MALS 411) – no tuition charged
- Globalization Studies Thesis - no tuition charged

* Dartmouth College undergraduate courses taken as MALS elective, concentration or interdisciplinary credit must be upper division, and be augmented in readings and/or written assignments to equal graduate level coursework, by agreement between the student and instructor (See the Non-MALS Course Contract). Prior approval from the MALS administration is required. The number of undergraduate courses taken for graduate credit is limited to two.

**Beginning in Summer 2014, a research methods course will become a required course in the MALS Program. For students who began the program prior to Summer 2014, these research methods courses are optional and can be taken to fulfill one symposium requirement. Contact the MALS Administrator for details on how to enroll in one of these research methods courses for Symposium credit.

*** An acceptable Symposium substitute should be a conference with a substantive academic theme/topic that simulates the MALS summer symposium in intent by presenting myriad views and perspectives on the topic from a multi-disciplinary approach. The conference should be related to the student's independent work (or plan of study) in the MALS program, and should provide critical analysis of the topic, or subject. Upon approval, and attendance, at a Symposium Substitute conference, students will be required to submit an 8 – 10 page reaction paper in order to receive credit for attendance at the conference (this is the minimum requirement for receiving credit for a symposium substitute).

Petitions to substitute a conference for the second symposium should be submitted to the MALS Curriculum Committee, and should include:

- 1.) A cover letter stating the rationale for the conference topic/event; i.e., how your coursework and/or your independent work relate to the theme of the conference.
- 2.) Pertinent information about the event, including the schedule, speakers, topics to be covered, etc. Please print out this information, and include it with your petition – do not simply reference a web site, or URL, as petitions must be copied and distributed.

Deadlines for Symposium Substitute petitions are the same as Curriculum Committee deadlines:

- February 1 for conferences in the spring (March and April),
- April 15 for conferences in the summer (May, June, July, and August),
- August 1 for conferences in the fall (September and October)
- October 15 for conferences in the winter (November, December, January, February).