

# MALS Degree Requirements

THESE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL CONCENTRATIONS



## **NINE (9) REQUIRED COURSES; ONE (1) SUMMER SYMPOSIUM; ONE (1) THESIS; THREE (3) ETHICS WORKSHOPS:**

### **THREE (3) INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES** (*Two (2) of which MUST be team-taught*):

These are the core courses of the MALS program. The primary definition of an interdisciplinary course is a 'team-taught' course. In addition, other 'non-team-taught' courses have been approved for interdisciplinary credit. See *course listings*, or the *Program Administrator* for details.

### **THREE (3) CONCENTRATION COURSES IN EITHER:**

#### **General Liberal Studies**

ALL courses within MALS are automatically approved for General Liberal Studies' credit. Courses may be taken among Dartmouth College course offerings for General Liberal Studies' credit.

#### **Creative Writing (CW)**

#### **Cultural Studies (CS)**

Courses may be taken among Dartmouth College course offerings for Cultural Studies credit. \*\*

#### **Globalization Studies (GS)**

Courses may be taken among Dartmouth College course offerings for Globalization Studies credit. \*\*

### **ONE (1) ELECTIVE:**

ALL courses within MALS may be taken for elective credit. Courses may be taken among Dartmouth College course offerings for Elective credit.\*\*

*\*\*MALS students are limited to two (2) non-MALS courses with prior approval from the MALS administration. This includes Dartmouth College undergraduate courses, graduate courses, and transfer credits. Undergraduate courses may be taken for MALS elective, concentration, or interdisciplinary credit (See MALS Interdisciplinary Course Contract). These courses must be upper division, and will require additional readings and/or written assignments to equal graduate level coursework. The specifics of the requirements are by agreement between the student and the instructor (See Non-MALS Course Contract).*

### **ONE (1) INDEPENDENT STUDY (MALS 127):**

(*Students may do 2 by substituting their one elective for a second independent study*). Students may propose their independent study after successfully completing two courses, or two terms in the program. Independent studies are conducted 'in-residence' with Dartmouth faculty members (*only*) serving as independent study advisors. Review I/S Guidelines, or contact the Program Administrator for further details and submission deadlines.

### **ONE (1) RESEARCH METHODS MODULE (MALS 130, MALS 131 or MALS 132):**

MALS 130 – Cultural Studies Research Methods: From the Idea to the Text

MALS 131 – Social Science Research Methods

MALS 132 – Writing Methodologies: Strategies for Creative Writers

### **SUMMER SYMPOSIUM (MALS 120):**

The symposium is a student-led, faculty-moderated discussion seminar offered each summer based on a current topic of local/global interest, e.g., *The Ethics & Politics of Drone Warfare*, *The Coloniality of Knowledge*, *The Arab Spring*, and *Prison Houses of Democracy*.

**THESIS:**

Your thesis is the culmination of all your coursework leading to the attainment of your M.A.L.S. degree. Students may propose their thesis after successfully completing 6 courses. Your independent study and thesis **MUST** be in the same concentration. Students conduct their thesis work with a committee of 3 faculty members, or readers. Your thesis first reader is your thesis advisor. *Review the [Thesis Guidelines](#), or contact the Program Administrator for further details.*

**THESIS PRESENTATION (MALS 411):**

Every student is required to give a formal presentation of their thesis. Presentations are held during the spring term each year.

**MALS ETHICS WORKSHOPS:**

All first year MALS students are required to attend three 1.5 hour Ethics Workshops:

- Professionalism
- Academic Integrity
- Mentorship

*One workshop is offered during the fall, winter and spring terms. All three are offered during the summer term. Contact the MALS office for the current schedule.*