



Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

The University of North Carolina Wilmington, Onslow Extension Program, in partnership with the North Carolina Community College System, offers a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) that can be completed entirely in Jacksonville, NC.

Online and face-to-face courses are available and offered in Jacksonville at Coastal Carolina Community College and at the John A. Lejeune Education Center aboard Camp Lejeune. Area residents, military, and military dependents have access to these courses.

Liberal Studies Program

UNCW's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) degree program provides a highly integrated exploration of the liberal arts, which not only adheres to the traditional values of broad liberal arts education, but is specifically designed for highly motivated learners who wish to deepen their understanding of the social, scientific, and humanistic dimensions of today's world. GLS graduates are thus uniquely prepared to solve problems on the job and in their communities. Clearly, then, learning to discuss today's problems from a diversity of perspectives provides the liberal studies graduate with a competitive edge in today's diverse corporate and business environments.

UNCW Graduate School Admissions

- You may obtain an application at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uncw-grad>
- MALS program admissions requirements include:
 - An official Application for Admission package
 - Application
 - residency form
 - three reference forms
 - Writing sample in the form of an essay explaining how the MALS degree can assist the candidate in meeting her or his personal goals
 - A bachelor's degree, from an accredited college or university, with a minimum of a "B" average in undergraduate work
 - Submission of official transcripts of all college work (undergraduate and graduate)
 - At the discretion of the GLS Program Director, an interview with the director of the program and/or representative(s) from the advisory committee will be required. Applicants will be contacted by the GLS Program to arrange interview details. When appropriate and requested, interview by telephone or other electronic means may be permitted."
- For Application deadline visit: <http://www.uncw.edu/gls/grad-admissions.html>
- Academic Advisor: Beth Barton, Ph.D. (910.455.2310) bartonb@uncw.edu
- For more information about the Liberal Studies program visit <http://www.uncw.edu/gls/> or Dr. Herb Berg at 910.962.3299.

Contact UNCW Extension Program at:
Coastal Carolina Community College (910) 455-2310
Camp Lejeune (910) 451-5266
New River (910) 449-4440

Visit us on the web at: www.uncw.edu/extension

This program sheet is a guide and does not serve as an official tracking sheet. Degree requirements are subject to change in accordance with the UNCW undergraduate/graduate catalogue located at www.uncw.edu/catalogue.

Liberal Studies

Core Requirements (6 Credits)

UNCW Course	Title	Credit	Comments
GLS 502	Contemporary Issues in Liberal Studies	3	
GLS 598	Final Project in Liberal Studies	3	

GLS Electives (24 Credits)

Examples of GLS Class Titles

American Manhood	Confederate States America
American Religion and Sexuality in the 20 th Century	Introduction to Mediation
Appalachian Literature	Environmental Ethics
The South: History and Culture	Creative Writing
World Religions Post - 9/11	Sex, Drugs, and rock and Roll
Humor in War	Discovering Creative Self
America in the Jazz Age	Appalachian Folkways

Degree Requirements

The GLS Program requires a minimum of 30 credits of graduate study for a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

- No more than 6 semester hours may be transferred from another accredited institution
 - Grades earned on transfer work must be equivalent to "B" or better
- A student must maintain a "B" average in all graduate courses
- No more than 9 credits may be taken outside the MALS curriculum
- Only one GLS 591 - Directed Independent Study course may be taken
- All course work to be completed within five years

Students must complete their final project (GLS 598) under the direction of a committee consisting of a qualified project director and a reader. The project may take the form of scholarly research or creative work. For more information on the GLS final project visit: <http://www.uncw.edu/gls/curriculum-gls598.html>

Post-Master's Certificate in Liberal Studies

The post-Master's certificate in liberal studies requires the completion of 20 hours in graduate liberal studies beyond the Master's level. The certificate is intended to accommodate the needs and interests of those students who wish to extend their exploration of and commitment to graduate liberal studies beyond the Master's level, while seeking formal and official recognition of such an extended pursuit. The orientation of the post-Master's certificate, like that of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) degree, is geared toward a community of life-long learners who are primarily motivated by a love of learning and who wish to further expand their interests and deepen their understanding of themselves, the environment, and social and cultural concerns related to the local, regional, national, and global communities.

For more information on the Post-Master's Certificate in Liberal Studies visit <http://www.uncw.edu/gls/postmasters.htm>.