

# POLITICAL SCIENCE | MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)

## About the Program

The increasing scope and complexity of problems facing American society have placed substantial demands upon public and private sector leaders. It is a broad sentiment that our social institutions (and their leaders) have failed to provide the "good life." Our society is entering an era in which the traditional boundary between public, private, and nonprofit sectors is becoming increasingly blurred. Thus, it is even more important that today's public administrator understand and work effectively within the context of these social changes. Public administrators require particular knowledge and skills to provide the highest standards of leadership in their communities, and the MLS in Public Administration provides those essential qualities.

## Program Overview

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MLS Core Courses</b>		
IDS 801	Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies	1
IDS 802	Ways of Knowing in Comparative Perspective	3
IDS 803	Origins and Implications of the Knowledge Society	3
IDS 804	Information Literacy	3
<b>Concentration Core</b>		
POLS 611G	Policy Analysis	3
POLS 612G	The Administrative Process	3
POLS 616G	Public Personnel Management	3
POLS 618G	Public Budgeting	3
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 810	Organizational Communication and Leadership	
CRJ 810	Criminal Justice Systems, Policies and Practices	
INF 610G	Public Policy, Law, Ethics in Telecommunications	
INF 658G	Law of Cyberspace	
LDRS 802	Organizational Systems, Change, and Leadership	
LDRS 818	Ethical Leadership	
POLS 620G	Constitutional Law	
<b>Culminating Experience</b>		
Select one course from the following:		3
IDS 820	Projects in Liberal or Professional Studies	
IDS 890	Internship in Liberal or Professional Studies	
LDRS 810	Qualitative Research Methods	
POLS 856	Advanced Research Methods In Political Science	
Course approved by MLS Coordinator		
Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment		

Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment (Concentration)

Total Hours 31

## Graduate School Graduation Requirements

### All Graduate degrees <sup>1</sup> require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)
- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination **and** Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.

### Note for MLS and MPS degree concentrations:

**Master of Liberal Studies (MLS)** programs are administratively housed within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

**Master of Professional Studies (MPS)** programs are administratively housed within the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.