

# MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES

Earning a Master of Liberal Studies degree (MLS) from Fort Hays State University is the first step toward expanding your thoughts and transforming the horizons in front of you. Graduates from our master's program take their learned skills with them to adapt and evaluate intellectual work in new ways – in any discipline.

Our effective and intelligent online and on campus programs are designed to benefit the working professional with our 31-credit MLS degree, which allows you to balance work and life commitments while fostering your love of learning. At Fort Hays State, we want to transform your thinking – with a master of liberal studies degree, you'll have an advanced understanding of strategy and solutions that you can then utilize for your intellectual, social and professional growth.

## Program Overview

Code	Title	Hours
	Core Courses	10
	Area of Concentration	18
	Concentration Culminating Experience	3
	Comprehensive Exam (Core)	
	Comprehensive Exam (Concentration)	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>31</b>

## MLS Core

Regardless of your area of concentration, you will register in a series of four interdisciplinary core courses related to the organizing theme, "Ways of Knowing: A Foundation for Understanding and Exploring the Emerging Knowledge Society." This theme is broad enough to focus on historical and emerging "ways of knowing", yet defined enough for you to explore and understand the ways in which knowledge is generated, researched, applied and managed in our information-based world. The core courses include:

Code	Title	Hours
	Introduction to Graduate Liberal Studies	1
	Ways of Knowing in Comparative Perspective	3
	Origins and Implications of the Knowledge Society	3
	Information Literacy	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>10</b>

Learn more about the core courses (<https://www.fhsu.edu/mls/ids-courses/index/>).

## MLS Concentration

You will work closely with your graduate advisor to develop your concentration program of study (<https://www.fhsu.edu/mls/concentrations/index/>).

## 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.