

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

An Educational Journey

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the M.A.L.S. degree and for whom is it intended?

It is an interdisciplinary master's degree intended for adult learners who want to explore diverse subjects, seek intellectual growth opportunities, improve critical thinking and study a special interest in depth. It's for those who may have specialized in an area at the undergraduate level and now seek a broader liberal arts education. Typical students may be nurses, doctors, teachers, clergy, CEOs or civil servants, among others.

2. How are classes offered?

Classes are offered in seminar style and in a cohort of students who proceed through the program together as a group, stimulating an enriching exchange of ideas. Every fall, spring and summer, two classes are offered in eight-week sessions. This enables students to finish the program in two years. Classes are held at the Frederick Continuing Studies Center of Mount St. Mary's University.

3. What are the admission requirements?

Students must have completed a bachelor's degree (in any field) from an accredited college or university with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

4. What is the tuition?

Tuition is \$300 per credit for the 2005-06 academic year.

5. What about financial aid?

If you plan to apply for financial assistance, you should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible (ideally by March 1 for fall entrance and October 1 for spring entrance). The financial aid office, 301-447-5207, has details. Students receiving VA benefits should contact the registrar at 301-447-5215 and notify the M.A.L.S. program. Admissions decisions are made without any reference to any application for aid.

6. What is the curriculum for the program?

The M.A.L.S. is a 30-credit program. There are four levels of courses.

Level One features two courses that introduce students to the concepts and value of liberal studies. These courses emphasize ethical responsibility in today's world. (6 credits)

Level Two consists of three interdisciplinary courses that focus on intellectual and cultural achievements in Western civilization. These are meant to impart a general understanding of human organization and societal change, and they explore ethical issues from ancient times to today's global community. (9 credits)

Level Three allows for more specialized seminars on various topics and provides students greater independence of inquiry. It invites analysis of issues that affect us in the 21st century. Students select three seminars in this level of the program and work with professors in the arts and sciences. Possible courses include The New Europe; Islam and America: Past, Present and Future; and The Arts as Commodity. (9 credits)

Level Four is the capstone level of the program. Each student researches and writes a master's thesis. In this work, the student is expected to demonstrate powers of interdisciplinary analysis and an awareness of ethical issues central to the thesis topic. The student defends the thesis in a public forum. (6 credits)

7. How do I apply?

You can fill out the application in this pdf or call the Mount at 1-877-982-2329 to obtain an application or set up an appointment to discuss the program. The first cohort will begin soon, so don't delay. The application fee is \$35, but that fee will be waived if you plan to join our first cohort in January 2006.



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Application for Admission

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please type or print clearly. Use space provided on this application form and attach individual sheets as necessary. A complete application consists of:

- Application form dated and signed
- Official transcripts from all schools attended after high school
- Application fee of \$35 U.S. dollars (nonrefundable); make checks payable to Mount St. Mary's University
- Resume or brief statement, in essay form, describing your interest in the M.A.L.S. program and how you see it fitting your own personal and professional development.
- International Students must submit the application form for I-20 and TOEFL scores as well as an independent evaluation of any international transcripts.

FINANCIAL AID

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CAMPUS VISITS

You are strongly encouraged to visit our Frederick site and speak with a program representative. Talking with a faculty member, sitting in on classes, or taking a campus tour can all be helpful in choosing a graduate school. Please call 301-682-8315 to make an appointment.

It is the policy of Mount St. Mary's University not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, political or religious opinion or affiliation, age, sex or handicapping condition in the recruitment or admissions of students, or in the administration of the University's educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and athletic programs, and other University administered activities and programs. The compliance officer at Mount St. Mary's University for Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is Mrs. Pauline Engelstätter, Executive Director of Human Resources, 301-447-5372.



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Application for admission in Fall, Year _____ Spring, Year _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME (SEX: M F)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

PREFER TO BE CALLED

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY

HOME TELEPHONE

FAX

Use permanent address for correspondence? Yes No (If no, complete the section below)

Correspondence Address (if different from permanent address)

CITY

STATE

ZIP

COUNTRY

PHONE NUMBER AT CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)

Correspondence address valid from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

USA Permanent Resident Visa Student (Indicate type of Visa _____ and Country of Citizenship _____)

If not English, what is your native language? _____

Applicants whose native language is not English should enter the result of the TOEFL and have official scores sent to the M.A.L.S.

Dates taken _____ Score _____

OPTIONAL ITEMS

(Provision of this information is voluntary and in no way affects admissions decisions. The information is requested solely for the purpose of reporting statistical information to federal agencies)

Date of birth ____/____/____

Native American/Alaskan American

Caucasian/White

Asian American/Pacific Islander

Hispanic American/Chicano/Puerto Rican

Black/African American

Other (specify) _____



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CURRENT EMPLOYER/COMPANY NAME

EMPLOYER STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

YOUR CURRENT POSITION, TITLE OR RESPONSIBILITIES

EMPLOYER'S TYPE OF BUSINESS OR PROFESSION

YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WORK TELEPHONE

Does your employer provide tuition remission benefits? Yes No

Position (most recent first)

Employer/Company Name

City, State

Dates

EDUCATION

List below the colleges and universities you have attended. Request that the Registrar of each institution send an official copy of your transcripts to Mount St. Mary's M.A.L.S. office.

Name of Colleges and Universities

City, State

Degree & Major

Dates of Attendance

Graduated?

_____ Yes No

_____ Yes No

_____ Yes No

Approximate Undergraduate grade point average (GPA) _____

Have you ever been a student at Mount St. Mary's University? Yes No

If yes, dates of attendance _____ or year of graduation _____

Check here for Mount St. Mary's transcript release.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Sign above to authorize release of your Mount transcript; otherwise, it is your responsibility to provide the M.A.L.S office the official transcript.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you first learn of Mount St. Mary's M.A.L.S. program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni (A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Representative (O) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Guides (G) | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet (T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Publications (L) | <input type="checkbox"/> Current Student (S) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relatives (R) | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio (K) Please specify station _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer (I) | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper (P) Please specify paper _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Z) Please specify _____ | |

What characteristics of the Mount's M.A.L.S. program persuaded you to apply?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum (A) | <input type="checkbox"/> Class size (S) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality and accessibility of faculty (F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional and academic reputation (T) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location (L) | <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Format (F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic (C) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Z) Please specify |

APPLICATION SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

My signature below indicates that all the information contained within my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly represented. I understand that any misrepresentation of information included as part of my application could nullify my admission.

SIGNATURE

DATE



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Course Registration

New address?

Fall Spring Summer

NAME

S.S.#

STREET ADDRESS

HOME PHONE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

WORK PHONE

EMPLOYER

EMAIL ADDRESS

Does your company reimburse? Y N

Receiving VA Benefits? Y N

Receiving Financial Aid? Y N

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number	Section	Course Title	Session (I/II)	Day	Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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SIGNATURE

DATE

Credits completed to date: _____

Estimated graduation date: May _____