Why Seek a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies?
In Liberal Studies (LST), you are free to investigate what truly interests you by tracing your own path through the humanities and social sciences. Through LST, you will also develop important skills for the modern workplace, including innovative thinking, analytical writing, research skills, adaptability, and the ability to connect ideas and disciplines. Working with faculty mentors, you will create an individualized curriculum that combines foundational LST courses with other graduate courses in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Design Your Own Program

Master of Arts
Students in Villanova’s Master of Arts in Liberal Studies create a course of study based on their unique interests and goals. No two students make the same selection from an extensive list of offerings.

The degree requires 30 credits or 10 three-credit courses, including the following:
• Two Foundation courses (6 credits)
• One upper level LST course (3 credits)
• 18 credits (6 three-credit courses) from the regular graduate offerings of nearly 200 courses
• Directed Reading Seminar (capstone project)
• Qualifying Portfolio

Graduate Certificates
You may also pursue a Pre- or Post-Master’s certificate based on your interests with the completion of 15 credits. Certificates include:
• Certificate in Ancient Worlds: Gain a deeper understanding either of the intersections of ancient civilizations, such as Greece, Rome, and Mesopotamia, or of one particular ancient civilization.
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• Certificate in Peace and Justice: Prepare for a career in social justice, advocacy, peacemaking, conflict resolution, journalism, teaching and activism. You will explore the theoretical structures of justice as well as social, political and historical praxis for peace and justice education. Develop leadership skills for assessing the conditions for creating social justice and maintaining peaceful relations.
• Certificate in Great Books: Homer, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Leo Tolstoy, Virginia Woolf, Dante, Plato, Sappho, Shakespeare...Explore the great books of human civilization through a focused program of study.
• Post-Master’s Certificate: Choose your own area of interest.
Why Choose Villanova?

- **Freedom of Choice**: You may choose courses from a broad selection of humanities and social science options to tailor your own line of study.

- **Diversity**: You will study with a diverse range of students who are attracted to the master’s degree in liberal studies, whose life experiences add to the richness of the classroom experience.

- **Perfect for Educators**: A degree in liberal studies is perfect for teachers who want to earn a master’s degree or a certificate, or satisfy Act 48 requirements. And, Villanova offers special reduced tuition rates to all primary- and secondary school teachers.

- **Outstanding Professors and Mentors**: Liberal Studies draws upon some of the most engaged and passionate teachers in the College.

- **Reputation and Location**: Villanova University’s excellent reputation and convenient location on the historic Main Line, easily accessible by highway or public transportation, make it a natural choice for students seeking a graduate degree.

Liberal Studies Curriculum

You may choose from a broad range of courses based on your individual interests. For a complete list of courses see gradls.villanova.edu.

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