UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

(Maine)

**Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)** 

**Program Path:** 

**IDS Type:** Unrestricted IDS

**Program Type:** Floating IDS Program\*

**Description:** The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program offers guidance in focusing your exploration of knowledge, the opportunity to integrate serious work in several disciplines into a program that is academically and personally meaningful, the solid achievement of a Master of Arts degree, and the possibility of pursuing these studies as either a part-time or full-time student through courses scheduled for late afternoon or evening as well as during the day. Graduate work in the Liberal Studies Program was designed for a broad base of students. From its inception in 1979, it has drawn students from such diverse backgrounds as advertising, art, career counseling, employee relations, English instruction, fisheries biology, homemaking, journalism, landscape design, the ministry, occupational therapy, and broadcasting, among others. Students' average age is 44; 50% are female, 50% are male. (From University of Maine MALS brochure.)

## **Program Structure:**

**Admission Requirements:** Application, Official Undergraduate Transcripts, Statement of Purpose, (2) Letters of Recommendation, Interview

**Credit Hours:** 30 credits

**Required Coursework:** 6-9 credits, MALS Core Seminars (\*It is not necessary to begin your study with the Core Seminars, hence the floating designation.)

**Individually Selected Coursework:** 15-21 credits, Electives

Exit Courses & Work: 3-6 credits, MALS Master Project

**Established Department(s) of Focus:** Open

**Program Statistics:** 

Faculty: No IDS specific faculty information available

**Students:** Resident students only; program designed for part-time students; many courses offered in the evening.

**Program History:** Established in 1979.

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