

**Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Course List
Fall 2025**

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MA in Liberal Studies (MALS) Fall 2025 Courses						
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Course	Section	Course Title	Professor	Date	Instruction Mode	Time
MLS 601	IR 5364	Aspects of Creative and Reflective Thought	Henry Green	Tuesday	In-Person Ashe 523	3:35pm – 6:20pm
MLS 602	1K 12367	Perspectives on Human Nature	George Wilson	Monday	In-Person Merrick 203	6:35pm – 9:20pm
MLS 625	5U 12368	Black Protest Leaders in America	Marvin Dawkins	Thursday	In-Person Dooley Memorial 103	6:35pm – 9:20pm
MLS 696	01	Directed Reading	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 697	01	Directed Reading	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 810	01	Master's Thesis	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 815	01	MALS Project	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA
MLS 820	01	Research in Residence	Daniel Pals	Arranged	In-Person	TBA

MLS 601

Aspects of Creative and Reflective Thought

Selected aspects of creative and reflective thought, based on materials from the arts, the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences and history. The focus will be on themes and issues represented in a variety of cultural traditions.

MLS 602

Perspectives on Human Nature

Basic theories of human nature proposed by the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences. The course deals with insights, provided by different perspectives into human nature and related issues, such as the nature of the self and its relation to society, the impact of culture on self-perception, and the relation of thought to human action. Special attention will be given to the historical development of theories of human nature and their implications for social and political policy.

MLS 625

Black Protest Leaders in America

This course examines Black protest leaders in America through the lens of biography and by focusing on the qualities and effectiveness of selected, well-known Black protest leaders from the early 20th century to the present. Such leaders as Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey, Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ella Baker, Roy Wilkins, Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, Sr., Stokely Carmichael (Kwame Ture) and Al Sharpton, among others, will be critically examined. A particular focus will be on the social, political and historical settings and circumstances surrounding their leadership, as well as protest organizations they created or in which they participated. Students will engage in readings and discussion, along with viewing video documentaries, and developing individual projects on Black protest leaders and organizations. The primary aim of this course is to enhance knowledge related to the significant role played by the many Black protest leaders who contributed, positively, to progress achieved by African-descent people in American society.