



# MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES



INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
**ONLINE**

The IU Online **Master of Liberal Studies (MLS)** provides graduate instruction in three areas: arts and humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. As a student in the program, you obtain advanced skills and knowledge in these areas and an ability to approach problems with an interdisciplinary perspective.

While the MLS is open to any applicant wanting to pursue a multi-disciplinary course of graduate study, dual-credit teachers needing to meet Higher Learning Commission (HLC) guidelines will find the degree especially useful, because it allows them to acquire both discipline-specific coursework and a master's degree. HLC requires dual-credit teachers to hold a master's degree in their area of instruction or to have a master's degree in another area, plus at least 18 credit hours of graduate coursework in their area of instruction.

As many as 18 to 20 credits from the following IU Online graduate certificates will apply to MLS degree requirements: **biology, communication studies, composition studies, chemistry, history, language and literature, literature, mathematics, political science, or Spanish.**

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## Course Delivery

100% Online

## Total Credit Hours

36

## In-State Tuition Per Credit Hour

\$317.21

## Out-of-State Tuition Per Credit Hour

\$468.58

## Degree Requirements

To earn the Master of Liberal Studies, you must complete 34 to 36 credit hours, including:

- **Core courses** (13 credit hours)
- **Electives/certificates** (12–20 credit hours)
- **Capstone Experience** (3–9 credit hours)

Your capstone experience may include:

- **Traditional thesis**
- **Creative project**
- **Peer-reviewed publication**
- **Applied project**
- **Public intellectual capstone course**

## Transfer Credits

As many as 18 to 20 credits from coursework completed via certain IU Online graduate certificates (see list at left) will apply to MLS degree requirements.

Students who have earned credits from a different accredited college or university may transfer up to 6 credits.