

****MALS CORE COURSES****

A student is required to take two core courses.

MALS600 *Nature and Human Nature* (3 credits) Addresses the development, status, and understanding of humanity within a larger context: e.g., how writers in various disciplines have defined humanity, nature, and the relationship between the two; or the interaction between humans and our environment.

MALS610 *Force, Conflict and Change* (3 credits) From antiquity to the present, the use of force and the resolution of conflict have been among humanity's enduring preoccupations. Examines ideas about these issues, and associated questions such as the meaning of "heroism" and "just war."

MALS619 *The Scientist in Society* (3 credits) Scientific research is directly influenced by the society in which it is conducted. In addition to financial limitations, constraints are imposed by societal norms of what are acceptable topics and procedures for research. Focus on the philosophical basis of science as well as consequences to society of the scientific revolution.

MALS622 *Interpreting The Past* (3 credits) Applies a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives, e.g., archaeology, anthropology, history, literature, philosophy, and religion to explain how and what we learn about the past.

MALS624 *Writing in Liberal Studies* (3 credits) Provides instruction and practice in the various kinds of writing students may wish to do in the course of the MALS program and beyond. Focuses on one or more specific genres, such as the writing of poetry, fiction, memoirs, or research papers.

MALS625 *Film and Society* (3 credits) Explores the ways in which films produced within one or more cultures or time periods both reflect and help to shape their social and historical backgrounds. May include the making of films that include this social/historical perspective.

MALS626 *Studies In Contemporary Culture* (3 credits) Addresses contemporary problems and movements from a multidisciplinary perspective. Examples include artistic, literary, or sociological movements; religious or ethical questions; and political or global issues.

MALS660 *On Becoming Human* (3 credits) Examines the biological and cultural evolution of humans, focusing on similarities and differences between humans and our closest primate relatives.