

**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS • MASTER IN LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM
ANNOTATED DEGREE PLAN**

Time Limit	All coursework towards the MLA degree must be completed within 10 years of entering the program.	Concentration	A concentration is required. See list below*
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* **Concentrations:** Applied Music, Art History, Catholic Studies, Communication, Drama, English, French, History, International Studies, Irish Studies, Medieval Studies, Political Science, Philosophy, Psychology, Public Administration, Russian Studies, Spanish, Social Justice Studies, Theology, Women Culture and Society. The Interdisciplinary Studies concentration is recommended for students with academic interests spanning multiple disciplines/areas of study.

DEGREE PLAN OPTIONS: CONCENTRATION WITH OR WITHOUT A THESIS OR PROJECT

Course	A total of 36 credit hours is required for the MLA degree
MLA seminar 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of 9 credit hours of MLA seminars (three courses with MLMLA designation, excluding Thesis/Project courses) is required of all students. Seminars vary each semester in discipline and topic and are open to graduate students only. Students choose seminars based on academic goals and interests and may take these at any time prior to degree completion. MLA seminars are offered in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. See the current course schedule for a list of seminar courses.
MLA seminar 2	
MLA seminar 3	
Concentration course 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 18 and a maximum of 21 credit hours in a particular discipline/area of study are required for a concentration. For example, a student pursuing a concentration in Art History must complete any 6 courses (18 hours) with the MLART designation. Students pursuing the Irish Studies, Social Justice Studies, Public Administration, or Medieval Studies concentration will complete a prescribed set of courses. Students pursuing the Interdisciplinary Studies concentration can choose courses from multiple disciplines/areas of study based on their academic goals and interests. Any credit hours in the concentration beyond the maximum allowed (7 courses, 21 credit hours) will not count toward the MLA degree requirements. The limit of 21 credit hours reflects the interdisciplinary nature of the Master in Liberal Arts degree that requires students to take courses in multiple disciplines/areas of study within the humanities and social sciences.
Concentration course 2	
Concentration course 3	
Concentration course 4	
Concentration course 5	
Concentration course 6	
Elective 1 or Concentration Course 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 additional credit hours may come from a student's concentration or an elective from another discipline.
Elective 2 or Thesis/Project Part I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 6 remaining hours may come from either 2 electives or a thesis or project. Completion of a thesis or project is optional. The thesis or project is usually undertaken and completed in the last two semesters of the student's MLA graduate studies.
Elective 3 or Thesis/Project Part II	

Additional Graduation Requirements:

- All students must fulfill the **capstone** requirement. A student may fulfill this requirement by [a] submitting a graded paper from a MLMLA seminar course; [b] submitting a paper presented at a conference; or, [c] completing a 6 credit hour Thesis or Project.
- A **minimum GPA** (overall) of 3.0 is required to graduate.

