

Tuition

MLAS students pay one-half the regular graduate tuition rate. MLAS course tuition for the 2019-2020 academic year is \$3,042 per three-hour course. Vanderbilt University faculty and staff are eligible for a 70% discount on tuition for one course per semester. VUMC employees should contact their HR department for details on tuition reimbursement.

Eligibility

- Undergraduate degree from accredited college or university
- 3.00 undergraduate GPA
- GRE not required

To Apply

1. Online application to the Graduate School:
<https://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/>
2. Curriculum vitae or current résumé
3. Official transcripts from all colleges attended
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. Statement of purpose
6. Interview with MLAS Director



Master of Liberal Arts and Science

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Program Overview

Vanderbilt's Master of Liberal Arts and Science degree program is designed for the adult learner ready to return to the collegiate classroom and experience it in a new way. Whether you're returning to the university to learn what you missed the first time, pursue a post-graduate degree for professional development or personal achievement, or explore an academic topic of great interest, Vanderbilt's MLAS faculty, curriculum, and schedule all have you in mind.

Curriculum

The MLAS curriculum focuses on the interdisciplinary exploration of the liberal arts, broadly defined. Each year, a wide range of courses is offered from disciplines within Vanderbilt's College of Arts and Science, as well as occasional courses from faculty in other schools at Vanderbilt, such as the Blair School of Music and the Divinity School.

During the fall and spring semesters, four or more courses are offered, of which MLAS students typically choose one each semester. Each summer, two or more courses are offered. Students follow a program of study that helps fulfill their varied interests and academic goals. Prior to registration for each semester, MLAS holds a "Preview" Open House so that students can hear directly from that semester's faculty about upcoming courses and socialize with one another.

MLAS Core Course

Early in their MLAS careers, new students should plan to enroll in an MLAS Core Course (MLAS 6700). The Core Course is an interdisciplinary graduate seminar designed and required for MLAS students near the beginning of their studies to offer training in graduate-level research and writing.

MLAS Capstone Workshop

Toward the end of the program, often as a last course, students enroll in the required Capstone Workshop (MLAS 7340). This seminar is designed to guide students as they develop a final "capstone" project which combines what they have learned in the program with their own passions and interests.



MLAS Students

MLAS students are typically working professionals who value lifelong learning and feel a personal need to build upon their previous education. They are physicians, engineers, writers, administrators, homemakers, journalists, musicians, teachers, nurse practitioners, lawyers, businesspeople, and much more. Together they form an energetic and enthusiastic cadre of students who appreciate being in the classroom again and who

- seek an enriching and challenging academic experience;
- desire to discover new ways of viewing the world;
- wish to nourish their intellectual curiosity; and
- want to join a part-time program with evening classes.

MLAS Degree

After completing ten courses, students are awarded the Master of Liberal Arts and Science (M.L.A.S.) degree from Vanderbilt University and are honored at the University's formal commencement ceremony in May.



MLAS Faculty

All MLAS courses are taught by current Vanderbilt faculty members. Instructors are selected for their recognized abilities as teachers and their special interest in working with adult learners. By any measure—be it publications, teaching awards, community involvement, academic background, or scholarly honors—Vanderbilt's faculty is one of the most distinguished in the nation. Vanderbilt faculty members are themselves energetic and enthusiastic lifelong learners who value the MLAS experience.



Schedule

MLAS courses meet one evening per week each semester, usually 6:00-9:00 p.m. The fall semester typically runs from the last week of August to the second week of December; the spring semester from the second week of January to the last week of April; and the summer semester from the first week of June to the first week of August. Class sizes are limited to encourage optimal student-student and student-faculty interaction.

MLAS Certificates

The MLAS program offers optional certificates in four areas of study. Upon completion of five courses within that area of study, students are eligible to receive a certificate recognizing their concentration in one of the following:

- Ethics
- History
- Creative Writing
- Creative Arts (including courses in Art, History of Art, Music, Film Studies, Literature, and Theatre)

