

MEMORANDUM

To: CGPS Academic Council
From: Joe L. Cope, Dean
Re: Master of Liberal Arts
Date: August 10, 2020

ACU Dallas provides academic programs for adult learners. From time to time, the University identifies programs that are currently offered as residential programs on the ACU Abilene campus that would also work well for online delivery. In such cases, the Dallas campus works cooperatively with the Abilene department or program leadership to obtain program learning outcomes and student learning outcomes for each course and then to deliver the faculty-approved curriculum through a new modality.

Please review the Master of Liberal Arts program to approve for delivery through the Dallas campus. ACU Dallas will administer and fund the program, which will be led by a credentialed faculty member serving as Program Director and reporting to the Dean of CGPS.

The major requirements remain the same as the approved curriculum presented in the catalog. The only change between the programs is the admissions requirements.

Requirements for the MLA are:

1. This interdisciplinary degree requires studies in various disciplines with the courses and areas being related by the student's intellectual curiosity and needs.
2. The student must demonstrate appropriate research competencies to the satisfaction of the supervisory committee, the MLA advisor and the dean. Specific courses may be required to build research competencies.
3. At least 36 hours meeting the general graduate program requirements (including at least 50 percent at the 600 level or above) and the following guidelines:
 - a. Two academic divisions: the program must include courses from at least two academic divisions of the university.
 - b. Cluster of courses: 18 hours must reflect a cluster of courses related by theme or topic. The student has considerable freedom in defining a cluster theme or topic.
4. Single discipline: a maximum of 18 hours may be applied from a single discipline. Additional hours within a discipline may be taken as electives over and above the 36 hours required for the degree.
5. Other areas of interest: 12-15 hours may be related to any of the student's other interests.

6. Synthesis project: a 3-6 hour project related to the cluster area will culminate the degree program. Guided by the supervisory committee, this project will demonstrate the student's ability to develop ideas and use analytical skills at the master's level.
7. Comprehensive examination: The student will successfully complete a written and/or oral comprehensive examination extending the synthesis project and relating the course work under the direction of the supervisory committee. Unsatisfactory performance may require additional course work before another examination may be attempted.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for the MA of Liberal Arts are:

1. A completed application for admission with a nonrefundable application fee;
2. An official transcript(s) in English (or translated to English) of all previous colleges attended. The transcript must indicate an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent;
3. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; provisional admission may be granted for students with a lower GPA.
4. Interview with the MLA advisor or one appointed by the MLA advisor; and/or
5. Impromptu written statement from the applicant describing the purposes and objectives for entering the MLA program.

An admission committee will determine the student's eligibility for admission. Admission applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as received prior to the beginning of each academic term. Admission decisions will apply all general standards for graduate programs.

ACU Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Advise & Respond

Course Number:

or Degree Plan(s): Master of Liberal Arts

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change.

	Change to a Course	1	2	A	O	S
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	A	I
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	A	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	A	--	A	I
10.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A	A	I
11.	Cross list with another program or department	A	A	A	A	I
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	I
14.	New course (application required)	A	A	A	A	I

	Change to a Degree Plan	1	2	A	O	S	I
1.	Major/Program — Revision	A	A	A	A	A	--
2.	Major/Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	--
3.	Major/Program — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
4.	Major/Program — Offer existing university program on campus	--	A	A	A	A	--
5.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
6.	Major/Program — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I

7.	GPA — Revise major/program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A	A	--
8.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	I	I	I	--
9.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A	A	--
10.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	--
12.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A	A	I
13.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
14.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by Provost)	R	R	A	A	A	I

	Change to Undergraduate University Requirements	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
15.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content	A	A	A	A	A	A	--	A
16.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements chart	A	--	--	A	A	A	--	A
18.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to Catalog Information								
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees	--	--	A	--	A	A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	A	--	A	A	A	A

Program Director/Department Chair



Aug 13, 2020

Joe L. Cope

Date

Dean(s)



Aug 13, 2020

Joe L. Cope

Date

College Academic Council

Joseph Halbert

Date

University General Education Council

N/A

Chair's signature

Date

Undergraduate Academic Council

N/A

Chair's signature

Date

Provost

Robert Rhodes, Provost

Date

Faculty

N/A

Faculty Senate Chair's signature

Date

President

Phil Schubert

Date