

MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES

(MALS)

WHY OUR PROGRAM?

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) program at Thomas Edison State University (TESU) provides a unique opportunity to study the liberal arts with an applied perspective. The core curriculum is drawn from a variety of disciplines that challenge you to examine your professional values and ways of approaching problems. Interdisciplinary in nature, liberal studies draws from a number of disciplines and is rich in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and the arts.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ▶ You may tailor your master's program to your profession or your interests
- ▶ Offers both breadth across the liberal arts and depth in a specified area of study
- ▶ Provides foundational preparation for those who wish to pursue a Ph.D.

[TESU.EDU/MALS](https://tesu.edu/mals)

APPLY LIBERAL ARTS TO YOUR PROFESSION

In a constantly evolving global economy, employers seek individuals with the skills to think critically and contextually, and to identify creative workplace solutions. The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) degree program is designed for working professionals interested in applying the rigorous study of the liberal arts to their chosen professions.

The MALS degree emphasizes the importance of critical thinking and intellectual curiosity and provides highly applicable and marketable skills for the workforce.

AREAS OF STUDY

Once you complete your core MALS courses (18 credits), you can choose one of these areas of study:

- ▶ Digital Humanities
- ▶ Geropsychology
- ▶ Industrial-Organizational Psychology
- ▶ Professional Communications
- ▶ Online Learning and Teaching
- ▶ Learner-Designed

WHY CHOOSE TESU?

As one of the first universities in the country designed specifically for busy, motivated adults, Thomas Edison State University is dedicated to providing you with a high-quality education — anytime, anywhere.

- ▶ **Exceptional Value:** Competitive tuition and fees. Plus, financial aid and scholarships are available.
- ▶ **Barrier Free:** Students who receive an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be automatically admitted to a graduate program.* No GRE/GMAT or recommendation letter required.
- ▶ **Degree Flexibility:** Engage in your courses whatever time of day works for you. Courses are available 24/7.
- ▶ **Eight-Week Terms:** Complete your graduate program requirements in a shorter timeframe, promoting a more immersive learning experience.

*Several programs have additional requirements beyond GPA for admission.

ONLINE. ACCREDITED. RESPECTED

Three words that characterize Thomas Edison State University's (TESU) unique approach to providing quality higher education in today's technology-fueled times.

Dedicated to educating adult learners for more than five decades, TESU has set the standard in online learning. TESU is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and is recognized as the leader in online education as well as a national leader in the assessment of adult learning.

Our innovative online and independent study courses and credit-by-exam programs give you the flexibility to pursue your degree when and where it is convenient for you. With more than 100 areas of study, TESU offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees and undergraduate and graduate certificates. One of New Jersey's senior public institutions, TESU's liberal credit transfer policies and tuition models remove barriers for adults pursuing higher education. Our resume-relevant programs provide career-building skills to help you meet your educational and professional goals.

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CAREER INSIGHTS

Individuals with graduate degrees earn an average of \$1 million more in lifetime income compared to high school graduates.¹

Within a 100 mile radius of TESU:²

- ▶ **5.9% job growth** (2020-2025) (Nation: +7.5%)
- ▶ **90,481** known positions
- ▶ **9,486** annual openings
- ▶ Median earnings ≈ **\$73.7K/yr**

Top Occupations:

- ▶ Postsecondary Teachers
- ▶ Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors
- ▶ Social and Human Service Assistants
- ▶ Marketing Managers
- ▶ Education Administrators, Postsecondary

SOURCES:

- 1 <https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/research-summaries/education-earnings.html>
- 2 Emsi Q2 2020 Data Set

