

LIBERAL STUDIES, MA DIGITAL STUDIES SPECIALIZATION

Digital Studies is a diverse and growing interdisciplinary field in which humanistic inquiry is enhanced and redefined by the possibilities of digital tools for the researching, analysis, publishing, distribution, and consumption of scholarly work. The Digital Humanities specialization will enable students to pursue research topics of personal interest in literature, history, and visual culture using a variety of digital resources and analytical methods in the context of the most current theoretical discussions about the digital in the humanities.

Curriculum

Course	Title
Core Courses (3 units)	
IPLS 401-0	Seminar in Liberal Studies I
IPLS 410-0/410-DL	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Literary and Cultural Analysis
IPLS 590-0	Thesis Research

Specialization Courses - Digital Studies Electives (4 units)

Various IPLS courses are offered throughout the year. Students should refer to the annual course schedule to determine which courses will apply to their specialization.

Electives (2 units)

*Two graduate-level courses in liberal studies, humanities, and related social sciences. Students may take courses in the areas of American Studies, Chicago Studies, History, Religious and Ethical Studies, or other areas approved by the SPS Graduate Office.**

* Prior approval from the student adviser is required for registration in any courses offered by The Graduate School. No approval is necessary for enrollment in LIT or IPLS courses. Students are limited to three 300-level course registrations.

About the Thesis

Students sign up for the final course in the program during the term in which they start their master's thesis. The capstone project for the MALS program is an essay of 45 to 60 double-spaced pages written under the supervision of an approved faculty member. The project presents an opportunity to research and explore a topic thoroughly. Students often elect to expand a seminar paper from a previous course. With the approval of the program director, students may create an interdisciplinary final project rather than a traditional thesis.