

## MLS Seminar Core Competencies

### Program Mission

Students who have completed the MLS program will demonstrate:

- understanding of the methods of intellectual inquiry in *multiple* disciplines
- development of *broader* knowledge base with sufficient depth
- improved ability to *critically* analyze information
- ability to *synthesize* knowledge to examine complex issues
- capacity to apply learning to make *informed* decisions
- ability to *communicate* effectively

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- Identification of the interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and international nature of the topic.
- Scholarly level knowledge through reading of primary (research and creative works) and secondary texts (critical, historical, and theoretical treatises).
- Extensive, critical, and constructive student participation in class discussion.
- Ability to do graduate level critical and analytical thinking, including:
  - Finding, analyzing, and evaluating important concepts
  - Evaluating quality and accuracy of evidence
  - Identifying and critically evaluating intellectual and cultural/contextual issues
  - Demonstrating awareness of multiple approaches and their validity
  - Developing one's own critical approach based on knowledge of the field
- Ability to synthesize information from multiple approaches to examine complex issues.
- Completion of individual graduate level written and oral communication of learning:
  - Written papers that present critical and synthetic analysis of the topic
  - Oral presentations that convey the central tenets and specific issues

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