

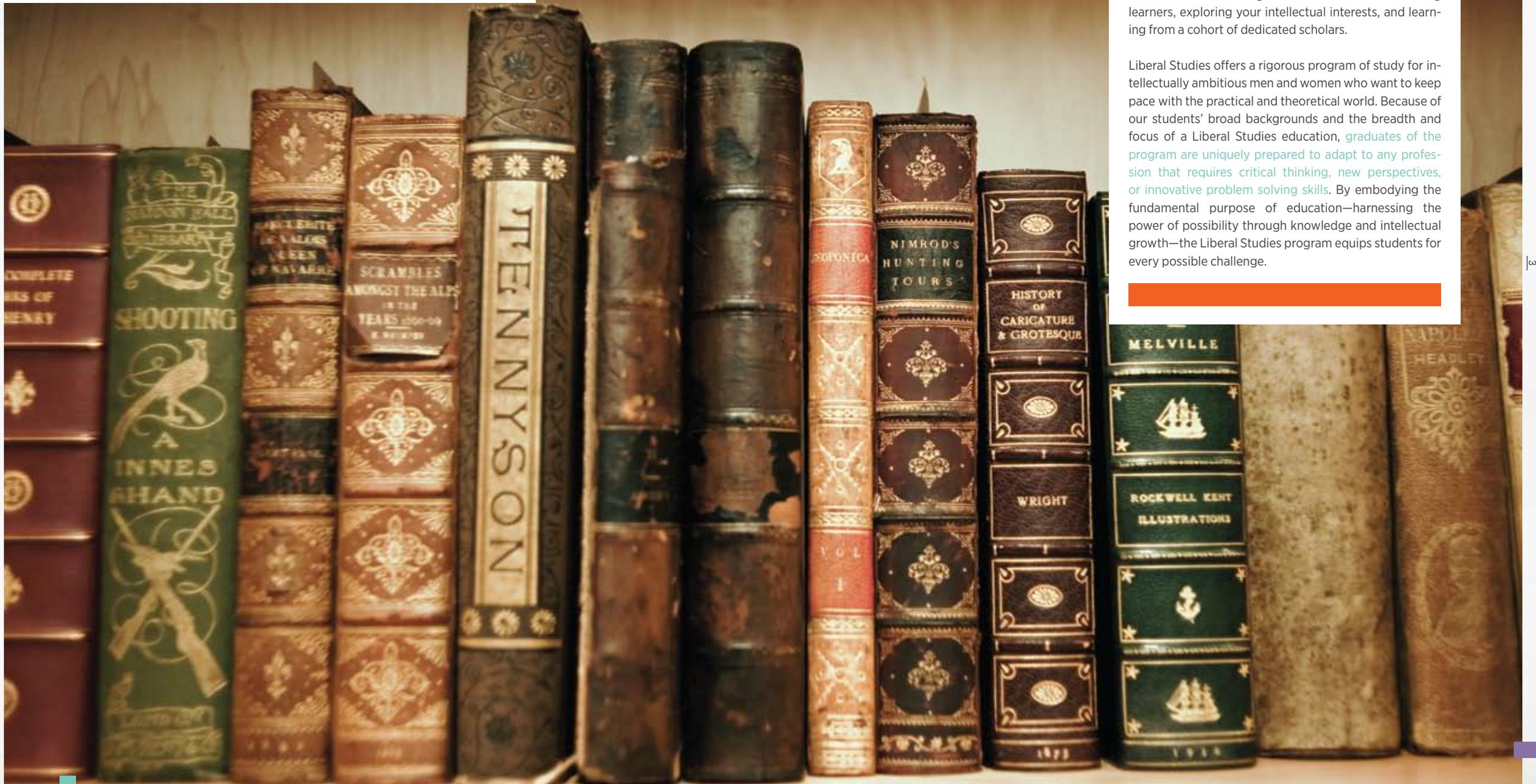
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LOYOLA
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Loyola College of Arts & Sciences

Hone your skills.
Sharpen your intellect.
Expand your perspective.



The graduate Liberal Studies program at Loyola University Maryland seeks to educate those who appreciate the journey as much as the destination.

Through a broad spectrum of courses, students study the roots and outcomes of the American experience, fostering the development of *eloquentia perfecta*—the ability to speak and to write effectively, gracefully, and responsibly across various media—one of the primary goals of a Jesuit education. Most of all, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies is about making connections with other lifelong learners, exploring your intellectual interests, and learning from a cohort of dedicated scholars.

Liberal Studies offers a rigorous program of study for intellectually ambitious men and women who want to keep pace with the practical and theoretical world. Because of our students' broad backgrounds and the breadth and focus of a Liberal Studies education, graduates of the program are uniquely prepared to adapt to any profession that requires critical thinking, new perspectives, or innovative problem solving skills. By embodying the fundamental purpose of education—harnessing the power of possibility through knowledge and intellectual growth—the Liberal Studies program equips students for every possible challenge.

HOW OUR PAST PREPARES YOU FOR THE FUTURE.

Academic excellence. Examining subjects from many points of view. Reflection, discernment, discovery, and social justice. *Cura personalis*—the care of the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. These are the ideals espoused by the priests of the Society of Jesus—otherwise known as the Jesuits. They have guided Loyola University Maryland for more than 150 years. And those same Jesuit values are an integral part of the **Liberal Studies** program as well.

The Jesuit way of learning has produced accomplished scholars and deep thinkers for hundreds of years. Today, this philosophy is espoused by hundreds of Loyola graduates worldwide, whose adaptability, compassion, and open-minded world view are as distinctive as the graduate education they received. Loyola students are prepared to make a difference in the world. To guide. To teach. To become leaders, engaged in the needs of local and broader communities. As you prepare for an impactful, inquisitive future, we encourage you to enter into an examined life of intellectual, social, and spiritual discernment, while preparing to provide service to a larger world.

For more information about the Liberal Studies graduate program, internships, our distinguished faculty, and the difference a Loyola education can make, please visit: Loyola.edu/grad/libstudies



A CURRICULUM AS BROAD AS THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE

As a graduate student in Liberal Studies, you will have the unique opportunity to study every angle of American culture—from artistic expression, to political thought, to pop cultural phenomena—through interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary lenses. The Liberal Studies curriculum examines the American experience through three distinct perspectives: Historical Courses, Thematic Courses, and Creative Courses, which cover many disciplines, including business, art, politics, sociology, philosophy, literature, science, and history. By choosing from classes like Existential Imagination; Fiction and Film in the 1980s; Science, Magic and Religion; Enterprise, Government, and the Public Neighborhood; and Community in Urban America (among many others), students gain a profound understanding of the entire spectrum of the human endeavor.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies requires 36 hours of graduate coursework, 30 of which must be within the Liberal Studies program itself. With the director's permission, students may apply up to six credits of coursework from other Loyola graduate programs such as Education, Business, Psychology, or Pastoral Counseling, or as many as 12 approved credits from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland's Master of Liberal Arts program.

FORMAT OPTIONS

Flexibility and convenience are critical to the success of any graduate or professional program. Liberal Studies is structured to meet your needs as a busy adult with multiple responsibilities. We offer seminar-style classes, which meet one night a week on Loyola's Baltimore campus, or at the graduate centers in Columbia and Timonium. Flexible enrollment options give students several courses from which to choose each term with no minimum number of course enrollments required at any time. While the program is designed to be completed within five years, the curriculum is flexible.

For current program curriculum and format information, please visit our program pages online at:

Loyola.edu/grad/libstudies



VALUE ADDED. AND ADDED. AND ADDED.

The significant financial advantages a graduate degree from Loyola represents is only a small part of the story. Loyola brings together all the pieces of your potential—your intellect, spiritual dimensions, interests, talents, personality—and transforms them into one balanced whole. Your mind, body, and spirit combine to create a distinct, holistically prepared, confident leader who can infinitely adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world—with the foundation to succeed not only in a professional career, but in every aspect of your life. As a graduate of Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences, you will have gained all the wisdom and experience you will need to make a positive impact on your family, friends, community, and the world at large. Indeed, a Loyola education offers value well beyond career earnings.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The largest form of financial aid for graduate study comes in the form of federal student loans. There are a limited number of employment opportunities available through graduate assistantships in various administrative departments. A list of all graduate assistantship opportunities is available online at:

Loyola.edu/cas/assistantships

Students who wish to be considered for a graduate assistantship should contact the department during the admission process. The application procedures for federal student loan assistance are available on the graduate financial aid Web site:

Loyola.edu/financialaid/graduate

FINANCIAL AID THROUGH LOYOLA

Loyola's office of financial aid administers several types of financial assistance for graduate students from federal, state, departmental, and private sources.

Loan assistance is available through the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program. Assistantships are available through several academic and administrative departments. Additionally, individual departments offer a limited number of merit-based and need-based grants to assist students with their educational expenses.

You can learn more about the financial aid options available to you by visiting the office of financial aid Web site:

Loyola.edu/financialaid

LOCATION

Liberal Studies courses are offered on Loyola's main Evergreen campus, and at graduate centers in Columbia and Timonium, Maryland. All of our campuses are easily located within a short drive of anyone living or working within the Baltimore metropolitan area or within the transportation corridors between Washington, DC, and York, Pennsylvania.

As a Loyola student, you will also have the opportunity to take advantage of a variety of resources. Loyola's three campuses have state-of-the-art computer facilities, 24-hour access to meeting rooms and labs, on-site bookstores, Integrated Presentation Technology systems, and other services important to graduate students in every discipline.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Individuals interested in applying for admission to the graduate programs in Liberal Studies are offered a variety of ways to complete the process. For your convenience, you can apply directly online, or use our downloadable application forms that are available online in PDF (Adobe Acrobat version 3.0 required). You can also request a viewbook or brochure to be sent to you by first class mail. To access our application forms, and review the steps and required documentation for admission, please visit our application pages online at:

Loyola.edu/grad/libstudies

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For information about application procedures and requirements please visit Loyola.edu/graduate

Contact the office of graduate admission:

Telephone: 410-617-5020 or 1-800-221-9107, ext. 5020

E-mail: graduate@loyola.edu

ABOUT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

Founded in 1852, Loyola University Maryland is a Jesuit Catholic university whose mission is to inspire students to learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world. It is committed to the educational and spiritual traditions of the Society of Jesus and to the ideals of liberal education and the development of the whole person. The University was named for St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order of Catholic priests, and is one of four universities in the United States to bear the name "Loyola."



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