

**The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Committee (MALSC)**  
**Annual Report 2014 - 2015**

During 2014 - 2015, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Committee met 16 times.

10 meetings were devoted primarily to discussions of academic policies and procedures, potential program restructuring, and communication with faculty;

6 meetings were dedicated to the review of student Academic Plans and Final Project Proposals.

As we waited for the outcome of the CEPP subcommittee decision on MALS, our committee meetings during the fall semester were devoted primarily to considerations of how to redefine and sustain MALS, what other models of MALS might look like, and what role graduate education might play at Skidmore College. Once the CEPP subcommittee findings were finalized, the MALS committee spent time reviewing how to handle the newly enrolled candidates, how to most effectively guide the current MALS enrollees to completion of their degrees, and how best to celebrate the good work that MALS has done over the past 20 years.

The specific topics discussed during the 2014 -2015 Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Committee meetings are listed below. Additional information about those conversations and details regarding committee recommendations and votes are documented in the minutes of the committee meetings, which are available upon request through the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Office.

**2014 - 2015 Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Committee Topics of Discussion**

MALS Introductory Seminar