

Graduate Concentration in Regional and Community Studies

within the

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) Program

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary graduate program that offers students the opportunity to design an individualized course of study in the arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences, and other fields.

The graduate concentration in Regional and Community Studies within the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies gives students the unique opportunity to explore the history and heritage, as well as the problems and potentials of Appalachia and the American South and other communities and regions.

Career Benefits

- Provides needed expertise for students who desire to work in social service, community service, tourism, urban and regional planning, and related occupations.
- Enhances the expertise of students who already work in social service and related occupations by educating them about the needs of diverse populations that they serve.

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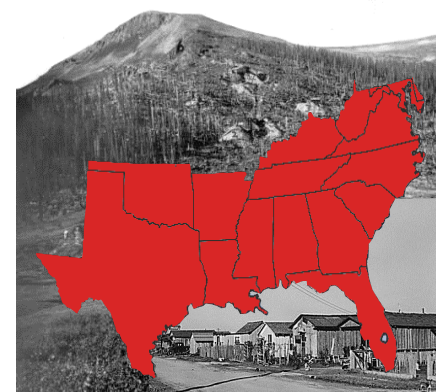
Established in 1911, East Tennessee State University is a research/doctoral-intensive, state-supported, coeducational institution with more than 14,000 students. The main campus is located in the beautiful foothills of the southern Appalachian Mountains in Northeast Tennessee. Johnson City is a progressive city with a population of over 63,000. ETSU is fully in accord with the belief that educational and employment opportunities should be available to all eligible persons without regard to age, gender, color, race, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation.



Students taking the Graduate Concentration in Regional and Community Studies may benefit from the Archives of Appalachia, a unit of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services (CASS). The archives contains a wealth of information on Appalachian culture and history: close to 7,000 sound recordings; approximately 1,800 videotapes; and 6,667 linear feet of paper documents.

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**The Sherrod Library
East Tennessee State University**



MALS Admission Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75
- Four- to five-page writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation
- Admission interview



ETSU students on community service.

For information on the Concentration in Regional and Community Studies, contact:

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Summary of Degree Requirements

- MALS Core: 13 credits
- Concentration Core: 9 credits
- Guided Electives: 9-12 credits

MALS Core (13 credits)

- MALS 5000: Founds. Liberal Studies -1 credit
- MALS 5100: Intro. Interdisciplinary Study-3 credits
- MALS 5200: Seminar in Liberal Studies-3 credits
- MALS 5400: Seminar in Interdisciplinary Research -3 credits
- MALS 5960: Thesis Research -3 credits
- MALS 5950: Project Research -3 credits

OR

Concentration Core (9 credits)

The following two courses are required (6 credits):

- MALS 5350: Theory and Practice of Regionalism -3 credits
- APST 5960: Documenting Community Traditions -3 credits

Choose *one* of the following courses (3 credits):

- HIST 5167: History of Southern Appalachia -3 credits
- ENGL 5060: Literature of Southern Appalachia- 3 credits
- SOCI 5057: Community Sociology -3 credits
- SPAN 5147: Interpretation and Community Outreach - 3 credits
- ENGL 5207: Literature of the South -3 credits

Guided Electives

Students will complete **9 (thesis option)** or **12 (non-thesis option)** elective credits of disciplinary department coursework as approved by the MALS Director in one of the following areas: **Appalachian and Southern Studies**; **Community Studies**; or **Hispanic Community Studies**. MALS retains a list of approved electives for each area. Below are examples of electives in each area. All courses are 3 credits.

Appalachian and Southern Studies

- APST 5150: Appalachia and Religion
- ENGL 5670: Seminar in Folklore
- HIST 5157: The South Since 1865

Community Studies

- ECON 5000: Essentials of Economics
- SOCI 5057: Community Sociology
- EDFN 5050: Social and Political Influences on Schools



Hispanic Community

- SPAN 5127: Introduction to Spanish-Speaking Community
- ENGL 5150: Sound Systems of English
- LANG 5100: Fundamentals of Translation and Interpretation