

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum of 180 credits

60 credits required for major

### Required Core Courses (24 credits)

Introduction to Cultural Studies  
Modern History  
Foundations of Modern Thought  
Media and Film Studies course of your choice  
Global Studies course of your choice  
Gender Studies course of your choice  
American Studies course of your choice  
Senior Thesis

### Electives Courses (15 credits)

### Concentration Courses (21 credits)

#### Media and Film Studies concentration

Global Media and Consumer Culture  
Media and Society  
Introduction to Film  
History of Film  
Three additional 300- or 400-level Media and Film Studies courses

#### Media Production concentration

Students choose one of these three courses:  
- Media and Society  
- Introduction to Film  
- History of Photography: 1960-Present  
Six additional courses in an area within the field of media production, such as Photography, Digital Art, and/or Filmmaking (in cooperation with the Northwest Film Center)

#### Social Philosophy concentration

Ethics and Social Issues  
Literary and Critical Theory  
Topics in Contemporary Philosophy  
Existentialism  
Three additional 300- or 400-level Social Philosophy courses

#### Individualized plan

In consultation with an academic advisor, students take 21 credits from an area of study that works within, crosses over or complements the field of Cultural Studies. Sample areas of study include Gender Studies, Global Studies, Literature, History, American Studies, Environmental Studies, Professional or Creative Writing, and Social Science

**TOTAL FOR THE MAJOR: 60 credits**

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GENEVA – A couple kiss near a phalanx of German riot police  
June 2, 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland.  
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Marylhurst University is a liberal arts university located 10 miles south of Portland between Lake Oswego and West Linn. Founded in 1893, Oregon's oldest Catholic university welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. Marylhurst is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

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# CROSSING BOUNDARIES

## MEDIA/CULTURE

Two world wars, civil rights, the independence of colonized peoples, the Cold War, globalization and major advancements in technology have forever changed day-to-day life. Cultural Studies emerged as a way to understand these rapid changes – to ask and answer the relevant and vital questions of our time.

In the Cultural Studies program at Marylhurst, you will explore how social, political, ethical and economic issues of the present are shaped by the past – and how our study of the past is influenced by the present. Cultural Studies is much more than cultural appreciation – it is the interdisciplinary study of **politics, historical identity, film, media, popular culture, ethnicity, gender, technology, globalization** and other cultural phenomena and social practices.

YOU CAN CREATE AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN OF CONCENTRATION IN THE CULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM, OR CHOOSE FROM THESE CONCENTRATIONS:

- **Media and Film Studies**
- **Media Production**
- **Social Philosophy**



### THE MARYLHURST EXPERIENCE

At Marylhurst, you will find flexibility and convenience in a challenging environment.

- Evening, weekend, daytime and online courses
- Easy transfer of applicable credits
- Small, seminar-style classes
- Opportunities to earn college credit for prior learning

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completing your B.A. in Cultural Studies, you will be able to:

- Interpret** cultural artifacts or events as meaningful in the context of social processes and **power** relations.
- Explore** representations of **gender** in either a literary, media, historical or philosophical context.
- Analyze** how works of art or **media** representations reflect and/or contest socially and politically accepted values.
- Examine** how the heterogeneity of American **identity** is both shaped and altered by historical context and socio-political influence.
- Identify** the effect of **globalization** on the diverse cultural values of peoples living in areas of the world outside the West.
- Explain** some of the major socio-political movements that animate **modern history**.
- Apply** the history of **philosophy** to the ethical, social and political issues of modern life.

### CAREER PATHS

In this program, you will gain the critical thinking and communication skills essential to any work environment.

Graduates are positioned to make significant contributions in fields that require practical sensitivity to cultural differences, such as international policy and business, community organization and activism, education and journalism, and media production and communications.

Students who wish to further their education will find opportunities in law, communication studies, urban studies, literature, philosophy, business, education, social sciences, cultural studies and history.



*“Those who do not learn from the future are destined to make mistakes in it.”*

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### CROSS-DISCIPLINARY FACULTY

The Cultural Studies faculty are dedicated scholars who work in diverse fields such as philosophy, cultural theory, social history, gender studies, film, media, comparative literature and sociology. They are actively engaged and conversant in the rapidly evolving nature of this relatively new field. Each brings unique perspective to the classroom, making Cultural Studies at Marylhurst a dynamic and relevant educational experience.

### NEXT STEP

Personalized academic advising is the key to creating the optimal plan for your academic success. Contact Marylhurst University today at [studentinfo@marylhurst.edu](mailto:studentinfo@marylhurst.edu) or 503.699.6268. Our helpful staff will answer questions about designing your academic program, and provide you with information about admissions requirements, transfer credits, financial aid, scholarships, and opportunities to assess and gain credit for prior learning.