M.A. in Liberal Studies (MALS) Fall 2020 Orientation

Thursday, August 20th
6:00 PM
Tonight’s Program

Welcome and Introduction to the MALS Program

Introduction of MALS Advising Fellows & MALS Faculty

Financial Aid at the Graduate Center

The Writing Center

Library Resources at The Graduate Center

Career Services & Life after CUNY

Tips and Tricks from Recent Graduates of MALS

MALS Student Activities
• **Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis**
  
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  Associate Professor, CUNY Graduate Center

• **Officer Hours**
  
  *Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 PM & by appointment*
• **DEOs: Deputy Executive Officers**
  (We would be called “deputy chairs” at most institutions).

• **David Humphries**
  ([DHumphries@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:DHumphries@qcc.cuny.edu))
  Professor of English, Queensborough Community College and the MALS Program at the CUNY Graduate Center

• **Karen Miller**
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  Professor of History, LaGuardia Community College and the MALS Program at the CUNY Graduate Center
DEOs’ Office Hours

- We will be holding regular office hours in the fall and will be meeting with students by appointment.

- Please email David and Karen to request their Zoom meeting passcode.

- David’s Zoom office hours: **Mondays 2-4 pm**
  Meeting ID: 910 1546 8623

- Karen’s Zoom office hours: **Thursdays 7-9 pm**
  Meeting ID: 992 7052 3855
• **Kathy Koutsis**, Assistant Program Officer
  (kkoutsis@gc.cuny.edu)

  • Officer Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

• **Donna Huaman**, College Assistant
  (dhuaman@gc.cuny.edu)

  • Officer Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays
    10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Advising Fellows

- **Sonia Sanchez**
  (ssanchez@gradcenter.cuny.edu)
  Doctoral Candidate, Critical Social Psychology
  Graduate Center, City University of New York

- **Andy Goldberg**
  (agoldberg2@gradcenter.cuny.edu)
  Doctoral Candidate, Theatre and Performance
  Graduate Center, City University of New York
MALS Faculty

- Anna Akasoy
- Peter Bratsis
- Nathalie Etoke
- George Fragopoulos
- Matt Gold
- David Gordon

- Tomohisa Hattori
- Eugenia Paulicelli
- Justin Rogers Cooper
- Annette Saddik
- Deborah Vietze
- Elizabeth Wissinger
FINANCING YOUR GRADUATE CENTER EDUCATION

REBECCA DENT, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MASTERS PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY
AUGUST 20, 2020
OFFICE OF FELLOWSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

• How to contact us:

Email: financialaid@gc.cuny.edu

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm
OFFICE OF FELLOWSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

• What we do:
  • Review federal financial aid applications
  • Process federal and private student loans
  • Process federal work study awards
  • Provide financial literacy information
  • Counsel students on any financial aid related issues
FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

• Federal Financial Aid is typically available to students:
  • In a degree-seeking program;
  • Who are enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credits);
  • Who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or eligible non-citizens;
  • If male, are registered with the Selective Service; and
  • Who have not previously defaulted on a student loan.
• If you are interested in applying for federal aid, you must file the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  • Can be filed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
    • Federal School Code: 004765
• Our office will contact you if additional information is required
FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

• Must have a valid 2020-2021 FAFSA on file
• Must be enrolled in at least 6 credits
• Two types of federal loans available
  • Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loans
  • Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
  • Both begin accruing interest when the loan is disbursed.
• May also require Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (if not already on file)
• Various loan repayment plans available
PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS

• Should be a measure of last resort
• Terms and interest rates set by lender and are based on borrower’s credit
• Little flexibility in repayment
• Only educational loan option for international students but will likely require a US citizen or permanent resident co-signer
FEDERAL WORK STUDY

- Must have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file
- Offered to a limited number of students with financial need, as determined by the FAFSA
- Students work on-campus, generally with their academic program
- Hours generally flexible
- Pay rate: $18 per hour
- Federal Work Study Wait List form on Financial Assistance website
FINANCIAL LITERACY

• Loan repayment/loan forgiveness series
  • Look for emails in September for sessions via Zoom
• Budgeting initiatives
• Coming up soon:
  • Long-term financial planning
COUNSEL STUDENTS ON ANY FINANCIAL AID RELATED ISSUES

• Students can contact our office with any questions they may have
• Available by email during business hours
• Ask questions! That is what we are here for
• If you are facing a financial hardship, please do not be afraid to speak with us. We are here to help, but if we do not know there is a problem, we can’t take action
  • Petrie/Health Hardship Fund
BURSAR’S OFFICE

- Bursar@gc.cuny.edu

Responsible for:

- Issuing bills
- Collecting payment
- Issuing student loan refunds and fellowship checks
- Producing 1098T forms
- Withholding taxes from International Students Fellowship Awards
REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

• Location: registrar@gc.cuny.edu

Responsible for:
• Processing loan deferments
• Processing residency changes
STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

• Be mindful of deadlines, such as the FAFSA deadline and the Financial Aid Registration deadline
• Check CUNYfirst regularly
  • Accept your award in CUNYFirst
  • Make sure that you do not owe financial aid any outstanding documents
  • You should monitor your bill to make sure your aid is being applied appropriately
• Check your GC email regularly. All financial aid correspondence will be sent to that address
• Be aware that if your enrollment changes your financial aid may also change
CONTACTS

• By Last name:
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GOOD LUCK!!

• We are always here to help you
• Don’t hesitate to reach out!
• My email: rdent@gc.cuny.edu
The Writing Center

- David Herhsinow, Director of the Writing Center
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Stephen Zweibel
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Library Website
library.gc.cuny.edu
GC Network Accounts
username and password

GC Network Username:
ssmith4

Password:

Log In

Forgot your password?
Beyond the GC Library

CUNY Libraries, Interlibrary Loan, MaRLI, and...
Meet Your Librarian
Ask a Librarian

Ask by Chat
Library Website, 24/7

RESEARCH
- Databases A-Z
- Google Scholar
- Journals A-Z
- OneSearch
- Outside CUNY
- Research Guides
- WorldCat

SERVICES
- Online Services
  - 24/7 Chat
  - Access & Borrowing
  - Ask a Librarian
  - Instruction & Workshops
  - Interlibrary Loan
  - Reserves

SCHOLARSHIP
- Citation Management
- CUNY Academic Works
- Data Management
- Digital Tools & Techniques
- Dissertations & Theses
- Open Access
- Open Educational Resources
- Scholarly Research Services
library Blog

gclibrary.commons.gc.cuny.edu

NEWS & GOINGS ON

Reserves Deadline for Fall Semester
Posted on July 30, 2019 | No Comments
The summer is still sweltering, how could we possibly be thinking ahead to the fall? Well, our acquisitions and circulation processes demand it! Reminders for Faculty: The priority deadline for all Reserve Requests to be submitted is August 9, 2019, for the fall 2019 semester [...] Full Story

A Closer Look: 365 5th Avenue
Posted on July 25, 2019 | 1 Comment
Nearly 20 years ago, The Graduate Center relocated to 365 5th Avenue in 2000, from its previous location on West 42nd Street. The present building was constructed in 1906, as the flagship location for B. Altman & Co., a luxury department store that had seen [...] Full Story
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What Else?

- Finding, analyzing & visualizing data
- Writing data management plans
- Creating & preserving digital scholarship
- Web archiving
- Making sense of publisher contracts
- Retaining your rights as an author
- Understanding impact metrics
- Evaluating possible publication venues
- ...and more!
Workshops

- Intro to the Library
- Zotero on Your Laptop
- Research for MALS Students
- Intro to Archival Research
- . . . and more!

For details, check the library website!
• Jennifer S. Furlong, Ph.D.
  Director of Office of Career Planning & Professional Development

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  • https://careerplan.commons.gc.cuny.edu/
MAL$ Rocks!

Lala St. Fleur
MAL'S Rocks!
Archaeology of the Classical, Late Antique, and Islamic Worlds
Interdisciplinary!
MALŠ Rocks!

Know thyself
Incorporate your interests into assignments
Ask for help
Tips and Tricks

• Kathryn Alessi
  Concentration: Social and Environmental Justice Studies
MALS Student Activities

• Max Belmont
  MALS Student Representative
I am currently the Student Rep for the MALS Executive Committee. Entering my 2nd year as the rep, my experience has been strongly centered around getting to know students and how they adjust to grad life and grad work.

It’s tremendously valuable to highlight because I feel as if it relates to how I am also adjusting and growing in this environment, and what I can do to help everyone grow with and enrich one another as well.

The MALS Student Association is one of the student resources at the Graduate Center.

Open to all MALS Students, the association provides not only funding for student events, but acts as a direct access between all students and the program’s administration.
The MALS Student Association at the CUNY Graduate Center

- Last year, we were able to hold Fall and Spring Check-ins where students exchanged resources and information surrounding ways to get current research out there, as well as good music and good food.

- Being active in the SA ensures that students can address their graduate school experience through interfacing with the administration. These are just some of the work in which the MALS SA strongly encourages all students to engage in.

- In order to join the group a valid GC e-mail account is needed. Once obtained after courses begin, you can register for the CUNY Academic Commons. Once there, please visit the MALS Student Group page and join.
Welcome to the Program!

Q & A

(Please type all questions in the Zoom Chat)

GC New Student Orientation, click [here](#).