

*UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA*  
*COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES*

**Master of Liberal Arts Program**

**DECLARATION OF CONCENTRATION**

**Information to be provided by MLA student:**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name MI.

Last four digits of student's Social Security Number: XXX – XX – \_\_\_\_\_

**Concentration:** (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Certificate:** (Optional, Please choose from approved list of certificate programs below) A declaration of pursuit of a Certificate in the MLA Program can replace the declaration of a concentration. MLA students may also declare a concentration and select a certificate track.

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| <i>African Studies</i>              | <i>Gender and Sexuality Studies</i> |
| <i>.African-American Studies</i>    | <i>Global Studies</i>               |
| <i>Ancient Studies</i>              | <i>Jewish Studies</i>               |
| <i>Cinema Studies</i>               | <i>Latin American Studies</i>       |
| <i>Cultural Heritage Management</i> | <i>Public Culture</i>               |
| <i>East Asian Studies</i>           | <i>Religion in Public Life</i>      |
| <i>Environmental Studies</i>        | <i>Urban Studies</i>                |
| <i>Folklore Studies</i>             |                                     |

**Program Director Approval (MLA)**

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Last Name (please print) First Name

Title/Position : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of MLA Program Director indicating program approval of the Concentration:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MASTER OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
**CONCENTRATION DECLARATION GUIDELINES**

**For MLA students:**

All MLA students must declare a concentration. This may be done in one of three ways: 1) Create an individual Concentration that describes your program of study, 2) select one of the approved MLA certificates – this requires the completion of all certificate requirements, 3) Create a Concentration and identify a relevant certificate that complements the Concentration.

Declared Concentrations and Certificate Tracks will be posted on MLA student transcripts by the LPS office. Only College of Liberal and Professional Studies **MLA degree candidates** in good standing are eligible to declare a concentration and continue coursework toward an MLA degree. Furthermore, the program director must approve the concentration to permit MLA students to continue in coursework beyond their 6<sup>th</sup> course unit. The form should be submitted before the end of classes in the term prior to the term in which an MLA student would begin their 7<sup>th</sup> course unit.

Any MLA students on registration hold due to outstanding incomplete work may declare a concentration with this form in preparation for a return to coursework but the declaration does not supersede the required completion of incomplete work to return to active status and good standing.

The declaration of a concentration and/or certificate program is a program requirement and no MLA student will be permitted to register for and submit a Capstone project in fulfillment of the degree requirements without the submission of this form to the Program Director. Similarly, the Program Director and the MLA Program can deny or cancel registration for MLA students who request or register for coursework beyond their 6<sup>th</sup> course unit prior to the submission of and approval of their declaration form.

Return the completed and signed independent study form to the MLA Program Director at the LPS office.