

## Humanities

College of Arts & Humanities

Humanities Program

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The Humanities Program offers an interdisciplinary approach to examine the common issues, ideas, and themes that run throughout different cultures and throughout human history. The program uncovers the creative side of the human spirit and crosses the boundaries of the shared human experience--the places where dreams meet reality, art meets life and technology meets nature.

By studying literature, arts, and philosophical and religious traditions from ancient to contemporary times, students are able to understand their connections to each other and to the world.

The major and minor offered by the Humanities Programs help students to become deep thinkers, connection makers, and problem solvers. Students will improve their writing skills and expand their critical thinking skills, as well as sharpen their understanding of different human perspectives.

**Admission to Major** is granted by the department. Minimum university admission requirements are:

- a minimum of 32 earned semester credit hours.
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 ("C").

Contact the program for application procedures.

### POLICIES/INFORMATION

**GPA Policy.** Candidates for a major in Humanities must maintain a 2.5 grade-point average in the major.

**P/N Grading Policy.** Humanities core courses taken for a major or minor in Humanities may not be taken on a P/N basis.

### HUMANITIES BA

Degree completion = 120 credits

#### Major Common Core (20 credits)

HUM 282W	Global Perspectives and Humanities Traditions (4)
HUM 350	Reading in Humanities (1-4)
HUM 380	Topics in Humanities (4)
HUM 450W	Humanities Seminar (4)
HUM 490	Senior Capstone Project (4)

#### Major Restrictive Electives (choose 15 credits)

ART 260	Art History Survey I (3)
ART 261	Art History Survey II (3)
ART 265W	Art As Politics (3)
ART 416	Art of Africa, the Americas, and the South Pacific (3)
ART 417	Medieval Art and Architecture (3)
ART 434	Arts Administration (3)
ART 460	Ancient Art (3)
ART 462	Renaissance Art (3)
ART 467	Art of the Islamic World (3)
ART 469	Asian Art (3)
ENG 318	Multicultural Literature (2-4)
ENG 433	Selected Studies in World Literature (4)
ENG 435	The World Novel (2-4)
ENG 436	Native American Literature (2-4)
ENG 438	African American Literature (2-4)
ENG 481	History of the English Language (4)
HUM 101W	Introduction to Humanities (4)
HUM 150	Western Humanities I: Beginnings through the Renaissance (4)
HUM 151	Western Humanities II: Renaissance through the Present (4)
HUM 155	Global Humanities I (4)

HUM 156	Global Humanities II (4)
HUM 250W	Perspectives in Humanities (4)
HUM 280W	Humanities Traditions (4)
HUM 281W	Human Diversity and Humanities Traditions (4)
HUM 498	Internship (1-4)
HUM 499	Individual Study (1-4)
MUS 321W	Music Literature and History I (3)
MUS 322W	Music Literature and History II (3)
PHIL 334W	History of Philosophy: Classical Philosophy (3)
PHIL 336W	History of Philosophy: Renaissance and Modern Philosophy (3)
PHIL 337	19th Century Philosophy (3)
PHIL 338	American Philosophy (3)
PHIL 358W	Eastern Philosophy (3)
PHIL 361	Philosophy of Religion (3)
PHIL 460	Philosophy of the Arts (3)

**Other Graduation Requirements:** Language (8 credits)

**Required Minor. Any.**

### HUMANITIES MINOR

#### Required for Minor (20 credits)

(choose 1 course in each of the following categories for a total of 4 credits)

##### Western

HUM 150	Western Humanities I: Beginning through the Renaissance (4)
HUM 151	Western Humanities II: Renaissance through the Present (4)

##### Global

HUM 155	Global Humanities I (4)
HUM 156	Global Humanities II (4)

##### Perspectives and Traditions

HUM 250W	Perspectives in Humanities (4)
HUM 280W	Humanities Traditions (4)
HUM 281W	Human Diversity and Humanities Traditions (4)
HUM 282W	Global Perspectives and Humanities Traditions (4)

##### Comparative Studies

HUM 350	Reading in Humanities(1-4)
HUM 380	Topics in Humanities (4)

##### Capstone

HUM 450	Humanities Seminar (4)
HUM 490	Senior Capstone Project (4)
HUM 498	Humanities Internship (1-4)

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **HUM 101W (4) Introduction to Humanities and the Search for Meaning**

An introduction to Humanities and its themes of study, including an exploration of the diversity of world cultures and multiple forms of creativity and expression. aspects of interactions among peoples across the world. Students will think critically about and increase their understanding of diverse human perspectives and global relationships.

Variable

WI, GE-6, GE-8

#### **HUM 150 (4) Western Humanities I: Beginnings through the Renaissance**

An introduction to the interdisciplinary study of the Western Humanities, from ancient times through the Renaissance. Artistic, philosophical and religious forms of cultural expression are considered within their social and historical contexts. ALT-Fall

GE-6

#### **HUM 151 (4) Western Humanities II: Renaissance through the Present**

An introduction to the interdisciplinary study of the Western Humanities, from the Renaissance to the present. Artistic, philosophical and religious forms of cultural expression are considered within their social and historical contexts. ALT-Spring

GE-6

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### **HUM 155 (4) Global Humanities I**

An introduction to the interdisciplinary study of the humanities, as expressed through the cultures and traditions of the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, and East Asia. Artistic, philosophical and religious forms of cultural expression are considered within their social and historical contexts.

ALT-Fall  
GE-6, GE-8

### **HUM 156 (4) Global Humanities II**

An introduction to the interdisciplinary study of the humanities, as expressed through the cultures and traditions of sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific region. Artistic, philosophical and religious forms of cultural expression are considered within their social and historical contexts.

ALT-Spring  
GE-6, GE-8  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

### **HUM 250 (2-4) Perspectives in Humanities**

Explores the critical analysis of written, visual and/or musical texts; considers these texts from a variety of cultural and historical contexts; and analyzes issues that engage basic questions of human existence, for individuals and societies. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
GE-6

### **HUM 250W (4) Perspectives in Humanities**

Explores the critical analysis of written, visual and/or musical texts; considers these texts from a variety of cultural and historical contexts; and analyzes issues that engage basic questions of human existence, for individuals and societies. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
WI, GE-6

### **HUM 280 (2-4) Humanities Traditions**

Historical or cultural periods, beliefs, or movements within the larger Western traditions of Europe and America and the expressions of these traditions through the visual, literary and performing arts and other forms. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
GE-6

### **HUM 280W (4) Humanities Traditions**

Historical or cultural periods, beliefs, or movements within the larger Western traditions of Europe and America and the expressions of these traditions through the visual, literary and performing arts and other forms. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
WI, GE-6

### **HUM 281W (4) Human Diversity and Humanities Traditions**

Cultural and artistic traditions of groups that have experienced discrimination or exclusion in U.S. society and how these groups express themselves through the visual, literary and performing arts and other forms. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
WI, GE-6, GE-7  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

### **HUM 282W (4) Global Perspectives and Humanities Traditions**

Historical or cultural periods, beliefs, or movements of one or more groups outside Europe and America and the expressions of these traditions through the visual, literary and performing arts and other forms. May be repeated when topic changes.

Variable  
WI, GE-6, GE-8  
Diverse Cultures - Purple

### **HUM 350 (1-4) Reading for Humanities**

Independent reading in the Humanities. Three options: 1) selected readings in Classical Humanities; 2) selected readings in Environmental Humanities; and 3) student-selected readings in Humanities. Requires permission of Humanities Program Director.

### **HUM 380 (4) Topics in Humanities**

Students will pursue interdisciplinary study of a topic rich in cultural significance. Topics include "The Arthurian Tradition," "The Harlem Renaissance," "The Oral Tradition," "The Pastoral Tradition," "The Quattrocento," "Expressions of Quixote in History and the Arts." Topics will change annually.

### **HUM 450 (4) Humanities Seminar**

Intensive study of a topic related to the Humanities. Topics have included the Baroque Era, Modernism and the Arts, and Culture and Critical Theory. Fall

### **HUM 450W (4) Humanities Seminar**

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Pre: HUM 282W  
Fall  
WI

### **HUM 490 (4) Senior Capstone Project**

An individual project by Humanities Majors that will demonstrate an ability to use interdisciplinary methods to draw together different areas of study in focusing on a specific topic, problem or concern. Requires approval of the Humanities Director or designated advisor.

Pre: Admission to college as Humanities Major

### **HUM 498 (1-4) Humanities Internship**

An applied work and learning experience in the field of interdisciplinary Humanities.

Pre: HUM 282W, advanced standing in Humanities and consent of instructor. On-Demand

### **HUM 499 (1-4) Individual Study**

Interdisciplinary study in an area for which the student has basic preparation. Pre: Approval of faculty.