

HUMANITIES BA AND MINOR

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 science, and technology meets nature.

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

A Humanities degree provides the essential tools that employers are looking for today: communication, creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and global awareness. 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.

Academic Map/Degree Plan at www.mnsu.edu/programs/#All

POLICIES/INFORMATION

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.

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

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	433W	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)
MUSC	301W	Music History 1 (3)
MUSC	302W	Music History 2 (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	Topics in Asian Philosophy (3)
PHIL	361	Philosophy of Religion (3)
PHIL	460	Philosophy of the Arts (3)

Other Graduation Requirements:

Required for Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree ONLY: 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	450W	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, and 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

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

HUMANITIES CONTINUED

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

Topics in Humanities will be a variable-title course that explores special topics in common issues, ideas, and themes that run throughout different cultures and throughout human history. May be repeated with different topics.

HUM 450W (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.

Prerequisite: HUM 282W
Fall (On-Demand), Spring (On-Demand)
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.

Prerequisite: Admission to college as Humanities Major

HUM 498 (1-4) Humanities Internship

An applied work and learning experience in the field of interdisciplinary Humanities. Prerequisite: 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. Prerequisite: Approval of faculty.