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# INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES College of Humanities and Social Sciences

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW & DEGREES**

We offer the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Humanities as an interdisciplinary degree that examines common issues, ideas, and themes that run through different cultures and human history. The program focuses on the creative side of the human spirit and crosses the boundaries of our shared human experience.

By studying literature, philosophical and religious traditions, architecture, and the arts from ancient to contemporary times, students will make connections between human expression and how we understand each other and the world.

Students may also choose Humanities as a minor, with an emphasis in interdisciplinary or environmental Humanities.

For 100% online learners, the Humanities BA and minor may also be completed online.

#### Degrees:

Humanities, Bachelor of Arts (BA) Humanities, Minor

#### ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR TODAY'S ECONOMY

As part of the Humanities Program, our students experience a broader education provided through interdisciplinary study. This approach helps them to become critical yet more flexible thinkers, more articulate writers, and resourceful problem-solvers, essential skills that industry leaders are looking for in today's college graduates.

Within the College of Arts & Humanities, one of our goals is to encourage students to be lifelong learners who recognize the interrelatedness of all knowledge in a diverse, global society. This goal is what the Humanities Program is all about! Our course offerings the past two years – from Classical Greek Traditions to The World's Wisdom to the Culture of Route 66 – demonstrate our ability to offer courses that meet the needs and interests of our students today, as well as prepare them for the future.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE & FACULTY SUPPORT

Faculty members contributing to the program are well qualified and highly motivated, and our adjuncts bring specialized knowledge to our course offerings. Our courses are available online with interactive options that help maintain student retention and completion. Our courses help students meet their General Education requirements and graduate in a timely manner.

#### Faculty/Student Ratio:

Lower-level and core courses 1:25. Seminar 1:12. Senior Capstone 1:1.

#### PREPARATION FOR THIS PROGRAM

No specific preparation is required for the Humanities Program. We ask students to bring an active interest in history, culture, art, architecture, languages, and literature from their backgrounds and across the globe.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# SAMPLE FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM (HUMANITIES, BA)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 English Composition (4) HUM 155 Global Perspectives (4) General Education -Goal Area 4 (4) General Education -Goal Area 11 (2-3)	General Education -Goal Area 1B (3-4) General Education -Goal Area 3 (4) General Education -Goal Area 6 (4) General Education -Goal Area 9 (3-4)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
HUM 150 Western Humanities (4) General Education -Goal Area 3 (3-4) General Education -Goal Area 7 (4) General Education -Goal Area 5 (3-4) Third Year (Fall)	General Elective (3-4) General Education -Goal Area 6 (3-4) General Education -Goal Area 5 (3-4) General Education -Goal 10 (3-4) Third Year (Spring)
HUM 380 Topics in Humanities (4)	HUM Elective (3-4
HUM Elective (3-4)	LANG Requirement
LANG Requirement	Minor (3-4)
Minor (3-4)	Minor (3-4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
HUM 450 Seminar (4)	HUM Elective (3-4)
HUM Elective (3-4)	HUM Elective (3-4)
Minor (3-4)	HUM Upper Division Elective (4)
Minor (3-4)	Minor (3-4)

Students must take 15 credits of Major Restrictive Electives to complete the BA in Humanities, preferably at the 300-400 level. A list of the Major Restrictive Electives are available in the academic bulletin.

To meet the language requirement for the BA in Humanities, students must take two sequential courses for 8 credits in the same language. Proficiency in another language opens doors to opportunities in many professional fields and develops skills in global citizenship, diversity, and critical thinking with local and world-wide relevance.

#### For additional information about course requirements, please visit hss.mnsu.edu/humanities

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