

INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES MAJOR (B.A.)

<https://cola.unh.edu/interdisciplinary-studies/program/ba/interdisciplinary-humanities>

Description

The interdisciplinary humanities program examines the fundamental questions and issues of human civilization. Through studying diverse texts in the arts, music, literature, history, philosophy, and science, students seek answers to questions that thoughtful human beings must address in the course of their lives. Whether these questions come from Socrates (What is justice?), from Sir Thomas More (What is obligation to God?), from Raphael (What is beauty?), from Newton (What are the laws of nature?), or from Martin Luther King, Jr. (What is freedom?), they direct our attention to enduring human concerns and to texts that have suggested or illustrated the most profound and powerful answers. The humanities program is housed in the Department of Classics, Humanities, and Italian Studies.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: Yes

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

The major consists of a minimum of 40 credits of academic coursework, with a minimum grade of C-.

The required minimum overall GPA in major coursework is 2.0.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Core Courses | | |
| One (1) 400-level HUMA course | | 4 |
| HUMA 500 | Critical Methods in the Humanities ¹ | 4 |
| Select three of the following team-taught courses: | | 12 |
| HUMA 510A/510B/510C/510D | Ancient Humanities: Cultures and Empires | |
| HUMA 511A/511B/511C | Medieval Humanities: Rise of Global Empires | |
| HUMA 512A/512B/512C | Modern Humanities: Colonies, Constitutions, and Capital | |
| HUMA 513A/513B/513C | Global Humanities | |
| Discovery Program Capstone | | |
| HUMA #700 or HUMA 798 & HUMA #799 | Seminar (preferably during junior or senior year) ^{2, 3} Research Seminar and Research Seminar | 4 |
| Electives | | |

Select four electives from COLA at the 500-level or above. At least one must be at the 600-level or above. ⁴ 16
Total Credits 40

- ¹ Students will be made acquainted with the methods and technology required for research in humanities.
- ² This seminar provides an opportunity for in-depth reading, viewing, and/or listening to texts and artifacts. The emphasis is on the multiple perspectives and methodologies that can be brought to bear upon these works from several humanistic disciplines.
- ³ Each student participates in the research tutorial (for a total of 6 credits) throughout the senior year. The tutorial provides a context within which students may discuss and receive direction in the course of completing a major research paper, the senior thesis. At the end of the second semester, students present their research to the faculty and their fellow students.
- ⁴ Selected with the advice and approval of each student's major adviser or the program coordinator. These offerings should bear some relation to the student's particular interests and senior research paper, as seems appropriate in each individual case.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to find and evaluate primary and secondary source material necessary for humanistic research.
- Demonstrate the ability to propose, conduct, and present interdisciplinary humanistic research in a written, oral, or other forms.
- Compare and contrast the meanings of major texts and other significant cultural productions.
- Identify and interpret creative and cultural forms from a given historical, cultural, or geographic context.