

# Humanities Major

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## About

The Department of Humanities offers a pioneering “Great Questions” liberal arts major, which guides students through an integrated, interdisciplinary exploration of what it means to live a good and truly human life. Through dynamic Humanities Seminars on God, the Human Person, the Natural World, and Society and a wide selection of engaging elective Humanities Courses, the curriculum draws on wisdom ancient and new to inquire into the human condition and to seek knowledge to live by.

With roots in the Augustinian Intellectual Tradition, Humanities encourages critical, constructive, and creative thinking about what is needed for human flourishing today; fosters intellectual fellowship and community among students and faculty; and prepares students for their vocation in life.

Humanities faculty are specialists in complementary disciplines, including theology, philosophy, literature, political science, history, architecture, and economic history. Both flexible and comprehensive, Humanities offers classes that fulfill multiple requirements for the Core Curriculum.

**Program:** [Humanities](#)

**Type:** Bachelor of Arts

## PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

### Required Major Courses (30 credits)

All Humanities majors take four required Humanities Seminars on the “Great Questions”: God, the Human Person, the Natural World, and Society. The Senior Seminar, which we call the Senior Symposium, is the required capstone course. Students craft their own path for completing the major by choosing any combination of five elective Humanities Courses, three of which must be taken within the Department of Humanities.

There are no prerequisites for any Humanities classes. Humanities Seminars and elective Humanities Courses may be taken in any order. Many courses may fulfill Core Curriculum requirements.

*Program Notes:*

- Three of the five elective Humanities Courses must have the HUM subject code.

Course	Title	Credits
HUM 2001	THL:God	3
HUM 2002	Human Person	3
HUM 2003	PHI:World	3
HUM 2004	PSC:Society	3
HUM 6500	Senior Seminar	3
	Humanities Elective for B.A.	15

## Core Curriculum Requirements (41 credits)

Humanities Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Upper-Level Theology (3 cr)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

## Free Elective Requirement (51 credits)

Students with a Humanities primary major have fifty-one (51) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 30 credits
- **Core Credits:** 41 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 51 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Humanities as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

# Category Descriptions

## Humanities Elective for B.A.

Credits: 15

Select 5 Classes in courses of 3 credits or more in HUM 1975, 2100:6950, or any course of three or more credits with the HUM attribute.

## Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.