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B.A. in Humanities-Elementary

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Woodring College of Education

What Is the Study of Humanities—Elementary?

This major is designed to accompany the professional Elementary Education program, and to prepare students to teach in elementary schools. It offers the same approach and much of the subject matter of the BA Humanities, History of Culture major, and is an interdisciplinary major in the humanities. The humanities include the study works of philosophy, religion, history, literature and the arts.

Students who want to be able to teach about art, literature and religion in a variety of cultures should consider this major. They will be able to choose among courses which study religion, the humanities and cultural history in Europe and the Americas, and in China, Japan, South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and predominantly Islamic areas.

The small size of classes and seminars in the BA Humanities programs encourages close relations between students and faculty. Working closely with faculty, students learn to formulate problems clearly, to consider and evaluate different methods and concepts, to do efficient research, and to write and speak clearly, concisely, and effectively.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

Students acquire a substantial knowledge of religious, philosophical, literary and aesthetic movements in the history of Western culture. Students study works of the humanities in at least one other culture, and that culture's history. Students learn methods of study that are applicable to teaching the humanities. At the same time they receive a degree and certification in elementary education. This degree program has proven to be an excellent preparation for a career in teaching in elementary schools.

The Humanities—Elementary Education degree cultivates appreciation for the arts, openness to multiple perspectives, and a desire to engage in studying different cultures. In these ways it helps students to prepare for more knowledgeable and effective participation in civic life, as well as for a teaching career.

How to Declare:

This major is designed to accompany the professional Elementary Education certification and degree program in Woodring College. For information about teacher certification requirements and about the professional curriculum in Elementary Education, please consult the Elementary Education Department. For this degree students enroll at the same time with the Elementary Education department and with the Liberal Studies Department. Interested students should contact both departments as soon as possible.

Mid-Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities—Elementary within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete LBRL 121, 122

LBRL 123 if possible

All LBRL courses must be passed with a B average for entry into LBRL 302 spring quarter of Junior Year.

LBRL 123 is a pre or co-requisite for LBRL 302.

Other Activities:

If you plan to pursue the Elementary Education Certification Program—refer to the Elementary Education Program Guide, or speak with the Elementary Education Program office as soon as possible.

Contact Information:

Liberal Studies Dept. Website:
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Sample Careers:

Elementary School Teacher
Attorney
Teacher
Professor
Librarian
Writer
Business Administrator
Historian
Non-Profit Organization Administrator



Humanities—Elementary Major Requirements: 47-49 Credits

- LBRL 121 Western Tradition I: The Ancient World (5)
- LBRL 122 Western Tradition II: Medieval & Early Modern Europe (5)
- LBRL 123 Western Tradition III: Modern World (5)
- LBRL 302 Methods of Interdisciplinary Study (5)

Choose two from two of the three following groups:

Group 1:

- LBRL 231 Introduction to the Study of Religion (4)
- LBRL 232 Myth and Folklore (4)

Group 2:

- LBRL 243 Art and Ideas (4)
- LBRL 273 Art and Society in China and Japan (4)

Group 3:

- LBRL 271 Humanities of India (4)
- LBRL 272 Religion and Society in China and Japan (4)
- LBRL 275 Humanities of Japan (4)
- LBRL 276 Humanities of Africa (5)
- LBRL 277 Humanities of China (4)
- LBRL 278 Humanities of Islamic Civilization (5)
- LBRL 281 Representations of Otherness (4)

Choose one:

- LBRL 301 Historical Methods in the Humanities (5)
- ENG 304 Critical Introduction to Poetry (5)
- HIST 314 The Enlightenment Tradition (5)
- HIST 348 European Intellectual History (5)

Choose two:

- LBRL 417a-e various topics (5 each)

Electives under advisement from:

- LBRL 321 Between Renaissance and Inquisition: Censorship and Religious Conflict in Spain's Golden Age (5)
- LBRL 323 The Romantic Paradox: Love, Life & Death (4)
- LBRL 325 Surveillance, Voyeurism and the Culture of Suspicion (4)
- LBRL 332 Universal Religions: Founder and Disciples (4)
- LBRL 333 Religion in America (5)
- LBRL 334 Hebrew Bible & the Religion of Ancient Israel (4)
- LBRL 336 New Testament and Early Christianity (4)
- LBRL 338 Mysticism (5)
- LBRL 360 China and the Emerging World Economy: From Antiquity to the Early Modern (5)
- LBRL 371 Major Asian & African Traditions: Their Modern Fate (4)
- LBRL 372 Postcolonial Novels: Art, Rhetoric, and Social Context (4)
- LBRL 375 Buddhism (5)
- LBRL 378 Religion and Society in India (4)
- LBRL 475 Buddhist Art (4)
- LBRL 478 Renewal & Reform in the Islamic World since 18th Century (5)
- LBRL 499 Research in Humanities (3)

And other appropriate upper division courses

Other Humanities Options:

- B.A. Humanities (63-68 credits)
- Minor in Humanities (31-33 credits)
- Minor in The Study of Religion (23-28 credits)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

HUM: LBRL 121, 122, 123, 231, 232, 243, 321, 323, 332, 333, 334, 336, HIST 314

ACGM: LBRL 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 281, 338, 360, 371, 372, 378

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.