

B.A. in Humanities—Elementary

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Why should I consider a Humanities—Elementary Major?

This major offers the same approach and much of the subject matter of the B.A. Humanities, History of Culture major. It is designed to accompany the professional Elementary Education program. Students acquire a substantial knowledge of religious, philosophical, literary and aesthetic movements in the history of Western culture. Students are encouraged to

acquire some knowledge of works of the humanities in at least one other culture, and of 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 proved 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.

What is the study of Humanities—Elementary?

The humanities include the disciplines which study works of philosophy, religion, history, literature, and the arts. Through these disciplines, people in different cultures have thought about texts which give meaning given to human experience, and on how to judge whether interpretations are accurate and statements are true. They have thought about assessments of right and wrong in practical human actions, and on the standards for making moral judgments. They have reflected on experiences of

art, and on standards for finding excellence in a work of art and for cultivating a sense of beauty and taste. Central to study of the humanities is the concept of 'culture', because individual works of the humanities and the disciplines which study them differ in different cultures and change over time. The Department of Liberal Studies teaches students to analyze works of the humanities in relation to broader social contexts and fundamental historical changes.

The Department of Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary humanities department. The Department offers the B.A. in Humanities degree as an interdisciplinary program with two areas of concentration: Religion and Culture, and History of Culture. The Department supports study of the humanities in the cultures of Europe and North America, China, Japan, South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and predominately Islamic areas.

Mid Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's 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.

How to Declare a Humanities—Elementary Major:

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.

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Sample Career Fields:

- 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)

Other Humanities options:

- B.A. Humanities (63-69 credits)
- Minor in Humanities (31-32 credits)
- Minor in The Study of Religion (24-27 credits)

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 332 Universal Religions: Founder and Disciples (4)
 - LBRL 333 Religion in America (5)
 - LBRL 334 Hebrew Bible & the Religion of Ancient Israel (4)
 - LBRL 335 The Biblical Tradition (5)
 - 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 370 Major Asian & African Traditions: The Traditional Order (4)
 - 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 the 18th Century (5)
 - LBRL 499 Research in Humanities (3)
- And other appropriate upper division courses

These courses are required (or advised) for this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements:

BCOM: ENG 202

HUM: LBRL 110, 121, 122, 123, 231, 232, 243, 321, 323, 332, 333, 334, 336

PHIL 114, 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, WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.