

Humanities Courses

HUM 110 The Meaning Of Life (3 credits)

Through an engagement with some of the great texts, thinkers and ideas across the history of cultures, this course will introduce students to some of the key questions and methods of the humanities. Students will engage literary, philosophical and religious works that ask and answer questions such as: What is the good life? What is beauty? How do we address human suffering? What is the nature of human hope? Who is God? What are the bounds of human understanding and knowledge?

HUM 220 Society, Ethics and Culture (3 credits)

Through an engagement with some of the great texts, thinkers and ideas across the history of cultures, this course will introduce students to some of the key social and moral questions of the humanities. Students will engage literary, philosophical, and religious works that ask and offer possible answers to questions such as: How should individuals treat one another and why? What is the nature of the human community – spiritual, political, social, familial? How do we address human conflict?

HUM 330 Junior Seminar in the Humanities (2 credits)

This seminar is designed as an integrative experience for majors in Humanities. Students will study, discuss, and write about a theme of interest or a prominent writer that in some way integrates and/or traverses the humanities. This guiding theme will be chosen by faculty in consultation with students. Students will continue to develop skills in reasoning, analysis, and critical thinking. Juniors will begin to explore and develop a research plan on a topic in the humanities in preparation for their senior thesis.

HUM 440 Senior Seminar in the Humanities (2 credits)

This seminar is designed as an integrative experience for majors in Humanities. Students will study, discuss, and write about a theme of interest or a prominent writer that in some way integrates and/or traverses the humanities. This guiding theme will be chosen by faculty in consultation with students. Seniors will collect and present a portfolio of their undergraduate work accompanied by a short synthesis paper that relates, and integrates the sum of their intellectual experiences in the humanities and other courses. Seniors will also write a senior thesis paper on a topic in the humanities. Honors candidates will use the seminar to test and refine the work they are doing on their honors theses.