

# Humanities - Interdisciplinary

College of Arts and Humanities

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## Humanities Interdisciplinary Minor



## College of Arts and Humanities Honors Program

The College of Arts and Humanities Honors Program is designed to provide the opportunity for advanced interdisciplinary studies for upper-division students with outstanding scholarly and creative achievements. The program also provides interaction with a community of intellectual peers in arts and humanities and related disciplines. The program consists of a three-course commitment (10-12 units), beginning with the 3-unit Honors Seminar (Arts and Humanities 100H) taken in the second semester of the junior year. Each participating department will then provide courses or an independent study option for honors students for the subsequent two semesters of the senior year, culminating in the student's completion of a research/creative project. A one-unit Honors Colloquium (Arts and Humanities 101H) will serve as a culmination experience for students to present and discuss their research/creative projects. This program will encourage students to cross traditional disciplinary boundaries through discussion with faculty and fellow students in different departments and to work closely with faculty toward the completion of a research or creative project of the student's choice.

**Application Criteria.** Students with a 3.5 cumulative GPA in the last 60 units are eligible to apply. Application for the Honors Program includes the following: a current copy of transcript, a written personal statement, a substantial sample of the student's writing and/or creative work, and a letter of recommendation/nomination from a Fresno State faculty member willing to serve as mentor/adviser to the student for the honors thesis/project. The student must successfully complete and earn a grade of *A* in the Arts and Humanities Honors Seminar (AH 100H) to continue in the program.

Applications are accepted in December for the following spring semester and in May for the following fall semester.

### The Minor

The Humanities Interdisciplinary Minor surveys relationships among philosophy, literature, music, architecture, sculpture, and painting. It also makes some use of science, popular culture, contemporary events, and whatever else is relevant that may come to hand in order to explore as richly as possible the interrelationships among arts and ideas. And it does so for entire cultures, subdivided, of course, into their major periods.

<i>Humanities Interdisciplinary Minor</i>	<i>Units</i>
HUM 10 and 11 .....	<b>6</b>
HUM 15 or 104 or 118 .....	<b>3</b>
HUM 108 and 110 .....	<b>6</b>
Approved Electives (select from remaining humanities courses or from other pertinent courses approved by the faculty adviser) .....	<b>6</b>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>21</b>

**Note:** The Humanities Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

## COURSES

### *Arts and Humanities (AH)*

#### AH 1T. Topics in Arts and Humanities (2-4)

Combination of relevant study of cultural and critical topics with strong reasoning skills designed for high school students who are members of the Academic Decathlon teams in Fresno and surrounding counties. (Formerly HUM 1T)

#### AH 100H. Arts and Humanities Honors Seminar (3)

Investigation of arts and humanities issues such as communication of ideas, language, theatrical and musical expression, myth, memory, identity (gender, race, nationality), reason and emotion, love and sex, violence and war, nature and the environment, and happiness. (Formerly HUM 101T)

#### AH 101H. Arts and Humanities Honors Colloquium (1)

Refinement, completion, and presentation of honors thesis/project. (Formerly HUM 101T)

#### AH 116. Humanities in the Modern Era (3)

An examination of art, literature, philosophy, and music and their interrelationships in the Western world during the 19th and 20th centuries up to the present day.