

Humanities (HUM)

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HUM 1010. Humanities Through the Arts. (3 Credits)

Studies the media and compositional elements of the various art forms (literature, music, visual arts, theater, film, dance, and architecture), for greater understanding and enjoyment. Teaches how to interpret artistic meaning by analyzing artworks formally as well as in their historical contexts, such as the predominant subject matters and styles of their period. Encourages students to integrate the arts into their daily lives habitually, so that they become lifelong learners and educators.

HUM 1010G. Humanities Through the Arts. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed with: HUM 1010

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HUM 1010H. Humanities Through the Arts. (3 Credits)

Studies the media and compositional elements of the various art forms (literature, music, visual arts, theater, film, dance, and architecture), for greater understanding and enjoyment. Teaches how to interpret artistic meaning by analyzing artworks formally as well as in their historical contexts, such as the predominant subject matters and styles of their period. Encourages students to integrate the arts into their daily lives habitually, so that they become lifelong learners and educators.

HUM 1200R. Humanities Forum. (3 Credits)

Introduces students to a wide variety of aspects of the humanities. Provides enriched learning situations in which students are exposed to humanities events or noted guest scholars and other lecturers. Requires attendance of a choice of specified events on campus and off, as well as of workshop meetings with an instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 2010. World History Through the Arts I. (3 Credits)

Studies early societies through the 1600s, as the first part of a two-part series which examines world civilizations through the arts. Explores formative creative events in history and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans faced in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today.

HUM 2010G. World History Through the Arts I. (3 Credits)

Studies early societies through the 1600s, as the first part of a two-part series which examines world civilizations, including non-Western civilizations, through the arts. Explores formative creative events in history, and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans faced in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today. Promotes a trans- and intercultural, global understanding of human creativity and its impact through the ages.

HUM 2010H. World History Through the Arts I. (3 Credits)

The first of a two-part series which examines world civilizations through the arts. Studies early societies through the 1600s. Explores formative creative events in history and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans faced in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today.

HUM 2020. World History Through the Arts II. (3 Credits)

Studies societies from the 1600s, as the second part of a two-part series which examines world civilizations through the arts. Explores formative creative events in history and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans face in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today.

HUM 2020G. World History Through the Arts II. (3 Credits)

Studies societies from the 1600s, including non-Western societies, as the second part of a two-part series which examines world civilizations through the arts. Explores formative creative events in history and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans face in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today. Promotes understanding of the global, trans- and intercultural nature of human creativity and its impacts.

HUM 2020H. World History Through the Arts II. (3 Credits)

The second of a two-part series which examines world civilizations through the arts. Studies societies from the 1600's. Explores formative creative events in history and their relationships to modern issues. Presents perspectives of traditional humanistic values of arts and ideas. Investigates how others have dealt with problems that humans face in the past, and possible strategies for problem solving that might aid students today.

HUM 2030G. Art Form Focus I. (3 Credits)

Surveys the nature, history, and possibilities of one specific art form, such as painting, sculpture, theater, architecture, dance, music, or literature, in the context of the influence that art forms exert on each other. Deals with characteristics of a chosen art form prior to 1500 in more depth than HUM 1010 or 2010 can, while highlighting how creative events in human history always are in dialogue both with the social discourses of their times and with each other.

HUM 2040G. Art Form Focus II. (3 Credits)

Surveys the nature, history, and possibilities of one specific art form, such as painting, sculpture, theater, architecture, dance, music, or literature, in the context of the influence that art forms exert on each other. Deals with characteristics of a chosen art form after 1500 in more depth than HUM 1010 or 2020 can, while highlighting how creative events in human history always are in dialogue both with the social discourses of their times and with each other.

HUM 2100. Adventures of Ideas Through 1500. (3 Credits)

Studies great written or visual texts in the Western or Eastern history of ideas--artistic, literary, philosophical, religious, political, technological, or scientific--from Antiquity through 1500. Readings and thematic focus vary by instructor, but all courses interrelate texts from different disciplines and world regions under one broad topic relating to the human condition, such as love, death, war and peace, family, justice, the state etc.

HUM 2100H. Adventures of Ideas Through 1500. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in the UVU Honors program or approval by the instructor.

Studies great written or visual texts in the history of ideas--artistic, literary, philosophical, religious, political, technological, or scientific--from Antiquity through 1500. Readings and thematic focus vary by instructor, but all courses interrelate texts from different disciplines and world regions under one broad topic relating to the human condition, such as love, death, war and peace, family, justice, the state etc. This Honors version of HUM 2100 requires more rigorous reading and writing assignments and is open to students in the Honors program or students with special approval from the instructor only.

HUM 2200. Adventures of Ideas After 1500. (3 Credits)

Studies great written or visual texts in the Eastern or Western history of ideas--artistic, literary, philosophical, religious, political, technological, or scientific--from the Renaissance through the present. Readings and thematic focus vary by instructor, but all courses interrelate readings from different disciplines and world regions under one broad topic relating to the human condition, such as individuality, power, health, freedom, violence, the natural environment, etc.

HUM 2200H. Adventures of Ideas After 1500. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Enrollment in the Honors Program or instructor's approval

Studies great written and visual texts in the Eastern or Western history of ideas--artistic, literary, philosophical, religious, political, technological, or scientific--from the Renaissance through the present. Readings and thematic focus vary by instructor, but all courses interrelate readings from different disciplines and world regions under one broad topic relating to the human condition, such as individuality, power, health, freedom, violence, the natural environment, etc. This Honors version of HUM 2200 requires more rigorous reading and writing assignments and is open to students in the Honors program or students with special approval from the instructor only.

HUM 2500. Introduction to Ancient Greek I. (6 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005

Allows students the opportunity to intensively study the Ancient Greek language at the introductory level. Focuses primarily on Attic Greek. Focuses primarily on grammar and textbook exercises with some analysis of literary and/or philosophical selections in Ancient Greek. Relates particularly to students interested in studying Ancient Greek philosophy or Ancient Greek literature, and offers an important grounding for students interested in studying the New Testament.

HUM 2510. Introduction to Ancient Greek II. (6 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): HUM 2500

Allows students to continue intensive study of the Ancient Greek language at the introductory level. Focuses primarily on Attic Greek. Focuses primarily on grammar and textbook exercises with some analysis of literary and/or philosophical selections in Ancient Greek. Relates particularly to students interested in studying Ancient Greek philosophy or Ancient Greek literature and an important grounding for students interested in studying the New Testament.

HUM 2810R. Internship. (1-6 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Approval of Cooperative Coordinator

Pre- or Corequisite(s): Completion of at least nine credits of class work in Humanities.

Allows pre-advanced Humanities students to receive credit for Humanities-related service as a paid or unpaid intern in a governmental, not-for-profit, or private agency. Provides practical and research development in the selected areas of service so as to further students' academic and professional interests and goals. Internship must be supervised by agency representative. Must be approved by Humanities internship advisor and department chair and written contracts must be completed and signed. Credit is determined by the number of hours a student works during the semester. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit.

HUM 2900R. Independent Study. (1-3 Credits)

Provides independent study as directed in reading and individual projects. Request must be submitted for approval by the department. Students may do independent study for one, two or three credits with a limit of three credits applying toward graduation with an AA/AS degree.

HUM 2950R. Directed Readings. (1-3 Credits)

Provides an opportunity for second year students to do in-depth research within the Humanities. Study is limited to advanced work beyond that which can be completed in existing, available classes. A proposal must be submitted and approved by the department prior to enrollment.

HUM 3060. Visual Rhetoric. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed with: ENGL 3060

Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2010 with a grade of C- or higher and University Advanced Standing

Investigates the growing academic and cultural interest in the rhetorical nature of visual texts. Teaches critical thinking about the consumption and productions of images and multimodal texts. Explores visual grammars and other theories of visual rhetoric as articulated by contemporary image, language, and scholars of rhetoric. Encourages the development of theoretical and practical knowledge through reading, discussion, and analysis as well as through the production of visual texts and written work.

HUM 3200R. Topics in Humanities. (1-3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or at least sophomore status) and University Advanced Standing

Studies varying topics such as a theme (e.g., death or story-telling), figure (e.g., John Cage or Michelangelo), or movement (e.g., DaDa or Pragmatism) in humanities. Involves study of more than one art form (e.g., film, literature, and music) or discipline (e.g., art, history, and biology). May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation with different topics.

HUM 3250R. Topics in Area Studies. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or at least sophomore status) and University Advanced Standing

Studies the literature, philosophy, and arts of a particular geographical area. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation with different topics.

HUM 3300R. Topics in Period Studies. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): (ENGL 2010 or at least sophomore status) and University Advanced Standing

Studies a particular period within the humanities (such as the medieval world, Romanticism, or Modernism). Involves study of more than one art form (e.g., music, art, and literature) or discipline (such as literature and philosophy) from the chosen period. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 3500. Approaches to Humanities. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Surveys recent critical and aesthetic theory for each art form and teaches students how to apply theoretical approaches to the interpretation of individual texts, films, artworks, buildings, performances, etc. Includes readings of seminal works by philosophers, academic or professional critics, and practicing artists. Studies examples where the apparent divide between theory and practice is collapsed, where, for instance, an artistic product in itself may have provided a new approach for future artistic productivity and interpretation, or where a theoretical contribution has been made in such a way as immediately to demonstrate a certain creative practice.

HUM 3800. Aesthetics. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed with: PHIL 3800

Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Studies aesthetics as perceived by the disciplines of philosophy, psychology, sociology, anthropology, history, and others. Analyzes art forms, including the visual arts, literature, music, and theater from the perspectives of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Hume, Dewey, Danto, Bell, Collingwood, Thoreau, and Dickie.

HUM 3820. Philosophy through Literature. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed with: PHIL 3820

Prerequisite(s): (PHIL 1000 or PHIL 1000H or PHIL 2050 or PHIL 2050H or PHIL 2050G or PHIL 2110 or PHIL 2150 or instructor approval) and University Advanced Standing

Provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to the study of philosophy through literature. Gives students the opportunity to read some of the most engaging thinkers and how they offer differing perspectives through a variety of texts. Breaks down some of the strict divisions placed between philosophical and literary texts.

HUM 4000R. Humanism and Posthumanism. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): At least junior standing and University Advanced Standing

Pre- or Corequisite(s): ENG 2010

Explores Humanism or Posthumanism across the arts and their diverse cultural history. Defines humanism as varieties of the traditional view that Man is the measure of all things, and Posthumanism as an umbrella term for recent theoretical approaches within the humanities that challenge this view, for instance by placing humanity in the context of global or universal, intrinsically diverse and self-generating, scientific, technological, or ecological systems. May compare aspects of humanism throughout space and time, in its diverse cultural manifestations, or may focus on a twenty-first-century view of these long traditions. May also choose the example of the humanistic or posthumanistic aspects of a single time period, culture, or interdisciplinary oeuvre. Offers an opportunity to advanced students to synthesize, critique, and strengthen their own viewpoints, and to expand their interdisciplinary understanding of human expression, in response to the most fundamental or recent currents within intellectual history. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 4010R. Forms and Genres Across the Arts. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): At least junior standing and University Advanced Standing

Pre- or Corequisite(s): ENGL 2010

Explores forms and genres of imagery, narrative, drama, composition, or performance, across all art forms. Fosters analytical and interpretative skills in reading all kinds of texts. Highlights the inextricable interrelations among all realms of sensual, intellectual, aesthetic, and cultural experience. Illuminates the polar dynamics of tradition and innovation, continuity and change, and departure and return throughout the history of human creativity. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 4140R. Advanced Topics in Humanities. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): At least junior standing and University Advanced Standing

Pre- or Corequisite(s): ENGL 2010

Studies a topic relevant to cross-disciplinary humanities at an advanced level of critical engagement. Involves more than one art form or discipline of humanistic inquiry. Requires study of secondary literature and theoretical texts. May be repeated, with different topics, for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 4300. Environmental Aesthetics. (3 Credits)

Cross-listed with: PHIL 4300

Prerequisite(s): (PHIL 1000, PHIL 1000H, PHIL 2050, PHIL 2050H, PHIL 2050G, HUM 1010, HUM 1010H, HUM 1010G, or HUM 3500) and University Advanced Standing

Introduces students to emerging themes in environmental aesthetics. Evaluates concepts and attitudes toward nature including, but not limited to, the concept of beauty in natural and human-made environments from a cross-cultural perspective. Studies environmental formalism, cognitivism and non-cognitivism, as well as divergent spiritual, ecological, religious, and moral approaches to the appreciation of nature.

HUM 4810R. Internship. (1-6 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Departmental chair approval and University Advanced Standing

Allows advanced Humanities students to receive credit for Humanities-related service as a paid or unpaid intern in a governmental, not-for-profit, or private agency. Provides practical and research development in the selected areas of service so as to further students' academic or professional interests or goals. Internship must be supervised by agency representative. Must be approved by Humanities internship advisor and department chair and written contracts must be completed and signed. Credit is determined by the number of hours a student works during the semester. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit.

HUM 4900R. Directed Readings. (1-3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Department Chair Approval, Instructor Approval, and University Advanced Standing

Designs reading and writing assignments in consultation with a faculty member to meet special needs or interests not available through regular course work. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

HUM 4910. Humanities Capstone I. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): Senior Standing and University Advanced Standing

Pre- or Corequisite(s): HUM 3500

Instructs Humanities majors in their last year of the program on how to conduct research, develop a complex critical argument, and draft a senior thesis, to be completed and defended in Capstone II the following semester. Encourages students to explore their desired professional or graduate research interests.

HUM 4920. Humanities Capstone II. (3 Credits)

Prerequisite(s): HUM 4910, Senior Standing, and University Advanced Standing

Completes work begun in Capstone I. Instructs Humanities majors in their last year of the program on how to conduct research, develop a complex critical argument, and write and defend a senior thesis. Encourages students to explore their desired professional or graduate research interests, helping them generate professional documents like CV/resume and personal statement/cover letter.