Humanities

The B.Hum. Honours is available with a Study Year Abroad option. Consult the B.Hum. Honours program requirements for more information.

Program Requirements

Language Requirement
Language courses are normally selected from the following list and chosen in consultation with the College’s Academic Advisor. It may be necessary to fulfill a prerequisite before taking these courses.

- GREK 2200 and GREK 2201
- LATN 2200 and LATN 2201
- FREN 1100 [1.0] or FREN 2100 [1.0]
- GERM 2010 and GERM 2020, or GERM 2110 [1.0]
- ITAL 2010 and ITAL 2020, or ITAL 2110 [1.0]
- RELI 2010
- RUSS 2010 and RUSS 2020
- SPAN 2010 and SPAN 2020, or SPAN 2110 [1.0]

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B.Hum. Honours (20.0 credits)

1. 4.0 credits in Humanities Core: 4.0
   - HUMS 1000 [1.0] Myth and Symbol
   - HUMS 2000 [1.0] Reason and Revelation
   - HUMS 3000 [1.0] Culture and Imagination
   - HUMS 4000 [1.0] Politics, Modernity and the Common Good

2. 3.0 credits in: 3.0
   - HUMS 1005 [0.5] Early Human Cultures
   - HUMS 1200 [0.5] Humanities and Classical Civilisation
   - HUMS 3200 [1.0] European Literature
   - HUMS 4103 [0.5] Science in the Modern World
   - HUMS 4104 [0.5] Modern Intellectual History

3. 2.0 credits in: 2.0
   - HUMS 2101 [0.5] Art from Antiquity to the Medieval World
   - HUMS 2102 [0.5] Modern European Art 1527-2000
   - HUMS 3102 [0.5] Western Music 1000-1850
   - HUMS 3103 [0.5] Western Music 1850-2000
   (See Note, below)

4. 2.0 credits in: 2.0
   - RELI 1731 [0.5] Varieties of Religious Experience
   - RELI 2710 [1.0] Maccabees to Muhammad
   - CLCV 2008/ENGL 2012 [0.5] Greek and Roman Epic
   or
   - CLCV 2010/ENGL 2605 [0.5] Greek and Roman Drama

5. 1.0 credit fulfilling the language requirement 1.0

6. 1.0 credit from: 1.0
   - CLCV 2902 [0.5] History of Ancient Greece I
   - CLCV 2903 [0.5] History of Ancient Greece II
   - CLCV 2904 [0.5] History of Ancient Rome I
   - CLCV 2905 [0.5] History of Ancient Rome II

7. 5.0 credits in: 5.0
   a. 1.0 credit at the 2000-level or above
   b. 1.0 credit from:
      - HUMS 4901 [0.5] Research Seminar: Antiquity to the Middle Ages
      - HUMS 4902 [0.5] Research Seminar: Renaissance to Enlightenment
      - HUMS 4903 [0.5] Research Seminar: Romanticism to the Present
      - HUMS 4904 [0.5] Research Seminar: Non-Western Traditions
   c. 1.0 credit from:
      - ENGL 3305 [0.5] Shakespeare and the Stage
      - ENGL 3306 [0.5] Shakespeare and Film
      - HIST 2204 [0.5] Early Modern Europe 1350-1650
      - HIST 2206 [0.5] Early Modern Europe 1600-1800
      - HUMS 3205 [1.0] Platonism and Idealism
      - PHIL 3002 [0.5] 17th Century Philosophy
      - PHIL 3003 [0.5] 18th Century Philosophy
   d. 2.0 credits in electives

or (for Study Year Abroad)

a. 5.0 pre-approved credits to be taken at an accredited international institution. Acceptable courses that cannot be equivalenced in a specific discipline will be equivalenced as HUMS courses

8. 2.0 credits in free electives. 2.0

Total Credits 20.0

Note: for Item 3 above, students who transfer into the B. Hum. may use up to 2.0 credits of any previously completed art and/or music courses (with the exception of advanced placement courses); students who study abroad may use up to 2.0 credits of art and/or music courses taken abroad; students enrolled in a Combined Honours in Humanities and Art History or Humanities and Music may substitute up to 1.0 credit of music or art from their combined discipline for the respective requirement or part thereof.

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B.Hum. Combined Honours (20.0 credits)

Students already admitted to the B.Hum. may register for a Combined Honours degree in Humanities and any other discipline offered within the B.A. Honours degree as a Combined Honours. Credits used to satisfy Items 1 through 8 below may also be used to satisfy up to 2.0 credits of the requirements of the other discipline under Item 9. A core seminar in Humanities used to fulfil the requirements of the other discipline will satisfy the 1.5 credit advanced credit requirement of that discipline. In this case the requirement that advanced credits be 3000-level or above is waived.
Requirements

1. 4.0 credits in Humanities Core:  
   - HUMS 1000 [1.0] Myth and Symbol
   - HUMS 2000 [1.0] Reason and Revelation
   - HUMS 3000 [1.0] Culture and Imagination
   - HUMS 4000 [1.0] Politics, Modernity and the Common Good

2. 3.0 credits in:  
   - HUMS 1005 [0.5] Early Human Cultures
   - HUMS 1200 [0.5] Humanities and Classical Civilisation
   - HUMS 3200 [1.0] European Literature
   - HUMS 4103 [0.5] Science in the Modern World
   - HUMS 4104 [0.5] Modern Intellectual History

3. 2.0 credits in:  
   - HUMS 2101 [0.5] Art from Antiquity to the Medieval World
   - HUMS 2102 [0.5] Modern European Art 1527-2000
   - HUMS 3102 [0.5] Western Music 1000-1850
   - HUMS 3103 [0.5] Western Music 1850-2000
   - (See Note, below)

4. 2.0 credits in:  
   - RELI 1731 [0.5] Varieties of Religious Experience
   - RELI 2710 [1.0] Maccabees to Muhammad
   - CLCV 2008/ENGL 2012 [0.5] Greek and Roman Epic
   - or CLCV 2010/ENGL 2605 [0.5] Greek and Roman Drama

5. 1.5 credits in:  
   - HUMS 4901 [0.5] Research Seminar: Antiquity to the Middle Ages
   - HUMS 4902 [0.5] Research Seminar: Renaissance to Enlightenment
   - HUMS 4903 [0.5] Research Seminar: Romanticism to the Present
   - HUMS 4904 [0.5] Research Seminar: Non-Western Traditions

6. 0.5 credit from:  
   - HUMS 4905 [0.5] Research Seminar: Antiquity to the Middle Ages
   - HUMS 4906 [0.5] Research Seminar: Renaissance to Enlightenment
   - HUMS 4907 [0.5] Research Seminar: Romanticism to the Present
   - HUMS 4908 [0.5] Research Seminar: Non-Western Traditions

7. 7.0 credits in electives that include the requirements for the other discipline of the combined degree or the minor.

Total Credits 20.0

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Biology and Humanities

B. Hum. Combined Honours (20.0 credits)

A. Credits Included in the Humanities CGPA:

1. 4.0 credits in Humanities Core: 4.0

   - HUMS 1000 [1.0] Myth and Symbol
   - HUMS 2000 [1.0] Reason and Revelation
   - HUMS 3000 [1.0] Culture and Imagination
   - HUMS 4000 [1.0] Politics, Modernity and the Common Good

2. 1.5 credits in:
   - HUMS 1200 [0.5] Humanities and Classical Civilisation
   - HUMS 3200 [1.0] European Literature

3. 1.0 credit in:
   - HUMS 1005 [0.5] Early Human Cultures
   - RELI 1731 [0.5] Varieties of Religious Experience
   - or 1.0 credit in an approved Beginner's-level language.

4. 2.0 credits in:
   - HUMS 2101 [0.5] Art from Antiquity to the Medieval World
   - HUMS 2102 [0.5] Modern European Art 1527-2000
   - HUMS 3102 [0.5] Western Music 1000-1850
   - HUMS 3103 [0.5] Western Music 1850-2000
   - (See Note, below)

5. 1.5 credits in:
   - RELI 2710 [1.0] Maccabees to Muhammad
   - CLCV 2008/ENGL 2012 [0.5] Greek and Roman Epic
   - or CLCV 2010/ENGL 2605 [0.5] Greek and Roman Drama

6. 0.5 credit from:
   - HUMS 4901 [0.5] Research Seminar: Antiquity to the Middle Ages
   - HUMS 4902 [0.5] Research Seminar: Renaissance to Enlightenment
   - HUMS 4903 [0.5] Research Seminar: Romanticism to the Present
   - HUMS 4904 [0.5] Research Seminar: Non-Western Traditions

7. 1.0 credit fulfilling the language requirement 1.0

8. 0.5 credit at the 2000-level or above 0.5

B. Credits Included in the Biology CGPA:

9. 3.0 credits in:
   - BIOL 1103 [0.5] Foundations of Biology I
   - BIOL 1104 [0.5] Foundations of Biology II
   - BIOL 2001 [0.5] Animals: Form and Function
   - or BIOL 2002 [0.5] Plants: Form and Function
   - BIOL 2104 [0.5] Introductory Genetics
   - BIOL 2200 [0.5] Cellular Biochemistry
   - or BIOL 2201 [0.5] Cell Biology and Biochemistry
   - BIOL 2303 [0.5] Microbiology

10. 2.0 credits from:
    - CHEM 1001 [0.5] General Chemistry I
    - CHEM 1002 [0.5] General Chemistry II
    - CHEM 1005 [0.5] Elementary Chemistry I
    - & CHEM 1006 [0.5] Elementary Chemistry II
    - CHEM 2203 [0.5] Organic Chemistry I
    - CHEM 2204 [0.5] Organic Chemistry II
    - CHEM 2207 [0.5] Introduction to Organic Chemistry I
    - & CHEM 2208 [0.5] Introduction to Organic Chemistry II
11. 3.0 credits in BIOL or BIOC at the 3000 level or above.

Total Credits 20.0

Note:

1. For Item 4 above, students who transfer into the B.Hum. may use up to 2.0 credits of any previously completed art and/or music courses (with the exception of advanced placement courses); students who study abroad may use up to 2.0 credits of art and/or music courses taken abroad; students enrolled in a Combined Honours in Humanities and Art History or Humanities and Music may substitute up to 1.0 credit of music or art from their combined discipline for the respective requirement or part thereof.

2. For Items 3 and 7 above, students who must take a beginner's-level prerequisite to their Intermediate Language Requirement should do so in place of RELI 1731 & HUMS 1005. Students who are already able to demonstrate a proficiency in a second-language at an intermediate level may have the requirement waived, and in that case may be required to take an additional elective credit at the 2000-level or above in order to bring their total number of credits up the the required 20.0.

3. For items 9 and 10, students taking CHEM 1005 and CHEM 1006 will be required to obtain a grade of B- or higher in CHEM 1006 to take BIOL 2200, and more advanced courses in BIOL and CHEM and advanced laboratory courses in BIOL for which BIOL 2200 is a prerequisite.

B.Hum. with Minor

Students already admitted to the B.Hum may add a minor to their program in any other discipline in the University which offers a minor. Students registered in the Humanities - B.Hum. Honours who add a minor follow the requirements listed under items 7 to 9 of Humanities - B.Hum. Combined Honours instead of the requirements listed under items 7 to 9 of the Humanities - B.Hum. Honours degree.

Humanities (HUMS) Courses

HUMS 1000 [1.0 credit]

Myth and Symbol

Recurring symbols in myth, epic and ritual representing the relation between the sacred and the profane, the origin of the cosmos, the basis of community, and formative human experiences. Primary sources drawn from ancient India and China, Greek epic, Hebrew Scripture, and aboriginal practices.

Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

Lectures three hours a week and tutorials one and a half hours a week.

HUMS 1005 [0.5 credit]

Early Human Cultures

Cultural experiences of small scale societies, including kinship, rituals, magic, social structure, and subsistence. Reading may include the works of classic anthropologists such as Maine, Tylor, Morgan, and Boas. Precludes additional credit for ANTH 1001 and ANTH 1003.

Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 1200 [0.5 credit]

Humanities and Classical Civilisation

The ideas which animated ancient Greek and Roman civilisation and which influenced later western cultural movements through a reading of literary, historical, and philosophical works. Authors include Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, the Greek Tragedians, Plato, Vergil, and Cicero.

Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

Lecture three hours a week.

HUMS 1500 [0.5 credit]

Introduction to the Humanities: Five Books that Changed the World

A reading-intensive course on five influential books from Antiquity to the present day. Works may include the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, Homer’s Odyssey, Plato’s Republic, Dante’s Inferno, Machiavelli’s The Prince, Shakespeare’s Hamlet, Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein, Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil, Marx’s Communist Manifesto.

Prerequisite(s): enrolment in a degree program in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, or the Faculty of Public Affairs. Students enrolled in the BHum. program are not eligible to register in this course.

Lecture three hours per week.

HUMS 2000 [1.0 credit]

Reason and Revelation

The origins of philosophy in ancient Greece and its pursuit in the medieval West, with special attention to knowledge, happiness, and love. Readings include works by Plato, Aristotle, Plotinus, Augustine, Boethius, Aquinas, and Dante.

Prerequisite(s): HUMS 1000 and enrolment in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

Lectures three hours a week and tutorials one and a half hours a week.

HUMS 2101 [0.5 credit]

Art from Antiquity to the Medieval World

A chronological and thematic survey of the Arts from the earliest times to ca. 1400. Precludes additional credit for HUMS 4101 (no longer offered).

Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

Lecture three hours a week.
HUMS 2102 [0.5 credit]  
Modern European Art 1527-2000  
A chronological and thematic survey of the Arts from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century.  
Precludes additional credit for HUMS 4101 (no longer offered) and HUMS 3101 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): HUMS 2101 and restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 3000 [1.0 credit]  
Culture and Imagination  
Major forms of literary, artistic, and philosophical expression from 1500-1800. Sources drawn from renaissance humanism, reformation theology, enlightenment and romantic philosophy.  
Prerequisite(s): HUMS 2000 and enrolment in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week and tutorials one and a half hours a week.

HUMS 3102 [0.5 credit]  
Western Music 1000-1850  
Introduction to basic theory, harmony, history and interpretation of Western music including the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and early Romantic periods.  
Precludes additional credit for HUMS 4102 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 3103 [0.5 credit]  
Western Music 1850-2000  
Western music from the mid-nineteenth century to the present with emphasis on the seminal contributions of Liszt, Wagner, Mahler, Debussy, Stravinsky, Schönberg and others.  
Precludes additional credit for HUMS 4102 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): HUMS 3102 and restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lecture three hours a week.

HUMS 3200 [1.0 credit]  
European Literature  
Major movements and works from Dante's Divine Comedy through Voltaire's Candide. Themes include the New Humanism vs. old Chivalry in the Renaissance and Baroque periods; the rise of the modern novel and drama; reason, nature, and the Enlightenment project.  
Also listed as ENGL 3201.  
Prerequisite(s): HUMS 2000 and third-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program. English students should have third-year standing with a GPA of B or above.  
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 3205 [1.0 credit]  
Platonism and Idealism  
The Platonic tradition in epistemology will be compared with Modern epistemological theories, primarily from the German Idealistic school. Main authors will be Plato, Kant, Hegel. Other authors may include Plotinus, Proclus, Augustine, Eriugena, Cusanus, Ficino, Leibniz, Spinoza, Locke.  
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 4000 [1.0 credit]  
Politics, Modernity and the Common Good  
Modern and post-modern ways of thinking and doing, including revolutionary new ideas in politics, philosophy, culture, economics, and international relations. Thinkers considered include Arendt, Foucault, Hegel, Heidegger, Hobbes, Kant, Marx, Nietzsche, Polanyi, Rousseau, Said, and Taylor.  
Prerequisite(s): HUMS3000 and enrolment in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week and tutorials one and a half hours a week.

HUMS 4001 [0.5 credit]  
Directed Studies in the Humanities  
A course for independent study and writing, under the supervision of a College designated faculty member. This course involves supervised readings and written essays.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.

HUMS 4002 [0.5 credit]  
Directed Studies in the Humanities  
A course for independent study and writing, under the supervision of a College designated faculty member. This course involves supervised readings and written essays.  
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program and Good Standing in the program.

HUMS 4103 [0.5 credit]  
Science in the Modern World  
An introduction to the major scientific ideas of our time (such as Big Bang theory, molecular genetics, evolution, atomic structure), and the impact of technology on society (e.g. global warming, pollution, genetically modified foods, viral infections).  
Precludes additional credit for HUMS 4100 (no longer offered).  
Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.  
Lectures three hours a week.
HUMS 4104 [0.5 credit]
Modern Intellectual History
An examination of some of the major ideas and ideologies from 1800 to the present, including romanticism, liberalism, nationalism, symbolism, socialism, Freudianism, communism, feminism, and postmodernism.
Prerequisite(s): restricted to students in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Lectures three hours a week.

HUMS 4901 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar: Antiquity to the Middle Ages
An interdisciplinary seminar on a selected topic in the humanities from Antiquity to the Middle Ages. The topic will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMS 4902 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar: Renaissance to Enlightenment
An interdisciplinary seminar on a selected topic in the humanities from the Renaissance to the Enlightenment. The topic will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMS 4903 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar: Romanticism to the Present
An interdisciplinary seminar on a selected topic in the humanities from Romanticism to the present. The topic will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Seminar three hours a week.

HUMS 4904 [0.5 credit]
Research Seminar: Non-Western Traditions
An interdisciplinary seminar on a selected topic in the humanities as expressed in aboriginal and Non-Western cultures. The topic will vary from year to year.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Bachelor of Humanities program.
Seminar three hours a week.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca