Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Why choose a degree in Humanities?

The BA in Humanities is an interdisciplinary degree program that provides excellent preparation for twenty-first century careers. Students choose from three major tracks and complete coursework in three or more humanities departments or programs across the university. The program's focus on values, ethics, and civil debate is also reflected in its emphasis on critical thinking, reading and writing, and on individualized student advising and a flexible curriculum.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (http://admissions.ku.edu/) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (http://www.iss.ku.edu/) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu/) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Requirements for the B.A. Major

Humanities Major Core Knowledge and Skills

The Humanities major requires a total of 30 credit hours. 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above.

Note: Sharing course work (credit hours) between the HUM major and another major is restricted to 6 hours.

All non-HUM courses taken toward the major must be approved by the HUM undergraduate coordinator.

Majors must choose 1 of the following tracks: Global Humanities or Peace and Conflict Studies.

Track 1: Global Humanities

This track studies aspects of the cultures of Western and non-Western civilizations (e.g., Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples). It is designed to provide the student with knowledge of diverse cultures and with methods for investigating their differences and commonalities. 30 credit hours, to include the following:

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Track 2: Peace and Conflict Studies

This track provides students with opportunities to study issues of violence and methods of peace-making from an interdisciplinary humanities perspective. Majors choosing this option must complete 30 credit hours to include the following:

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<td>6 hours PCS upper division courses (2 out of 3):</td>
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PCS 565 The Literature of Human Rights

6 hours of interdisciplinary core courses, for example:

ANTH 501 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: ______
GEOG/EVRN 371 Environmental Geopolitics

HIST 314 Globalization: History and Theory
POLS 674 Ethics in International Relations
POLS 684 International Law: The State and the Individual
or POLS 685 International Law: Laws of Armed Conflicts
REL 667 Religious Perspectives on War and Peace
REL/COMS 669 Human Conflict and Peace
SOC 650 Transnational Migration

9 hours of courses from one of the three designated areas:

Area 1: The pursuit of social, economic and environmental justice, for example:

HIST 314 Globalization: History and Theory
SOC 351 Africa Today
SOC 521 Wealth, Power, and Inequality

Area 2: The role of nation-states and of international norms and institutions, for example:

HIST 334 The Great War: The History of World War I
HIST 340 The History of the Second World War
POLS 661 Politics of the Middle East
POLS 678 Chinese Foreign Policy
POLS 689 Topics in International Relations:

Area 3: The impact of religious, philosophical, and cultural influences, for example:

ANTH 501 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology: ______
ENGL 536 Readings in the Holocaust
PCS 555 Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies: ______
REL 665 Religious Ethics
REL/COMS 669 Human Conflict and Peace
WGSS 665 Women, Health, and Healing in Latin America

Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

**Major Hours**
Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

**Major Hours in Residence**
Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Hours**
Satisfied by a minimum of 18 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA**
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa/).

Sample 4-year plans for the BA degree in Humanities with the following concentrations can be found here: Global Humanities (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/ba/global-humanities/) and Peace & Conflict Studies (http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/humanities/ba/peace-conflict-studies/), or by using the left-side navigation.

**Departmental Honors**
An undergraduate student must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 in the major. Students must be recommended for honors by the advisor of the comprehensive project completed for HUM 424 Senior Seminar in Humanities. Members of the HUM advisory committee then evaluate the project to determine whether the student should be awarded honors.