

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:

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Humanities		
HUM 110	Introduction to Humanities	3
or HUM 111	Introduction to Humanities, Honors	
World Literature		
HUM 304	World Literature I	3
or HUM 308	World Literature II	
or HUM 312	World Literature III	
Western Civilization		
HUM 204	Western Civilization I	3
or HUM 205	Western Civilization II	
or HUM 206	Contemporary Western Civilization	
One Asian, African, Latin American or Indigenous Studies course from HUM or another department as approved by a HUM advisor (One EALC, AAAS, or ISP course at the 300 Level or above)		3
One Digital Humanities or one Peace and Conflict Studies course		3

15 remaining credit hours of major electives at the 300-level or above in a student's area of interest to include a minimum of two courses (6 CR) from upper-division HUM courses and a maximum of three courses (9 CR) from other CLAS departments chosen in conjunction with an HUM advisor.

Courses at the 300-level or above in the following CLAS departments may be counted towards major elective credit for the Humanities degree:

AAAS, AMS, CLSX, COMS, EALC, ENGL, EURS, FMS, GERM, GIST, HA, HIST, ISP, LA&S, LING, PCS, PHIL, REES, REL, SLAV, SPAN, WGSS

Additionally, courses in these departments at the 300-level or above may also serve as major electives with HUM advisor approval:

ANTH, EVRN, GEOL, POLS, PSYC, SOC

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:

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory and Capstone Coursework		
9 hours of introductory and capstone coursework:		
HUM 110	Introduction to Humanities	3
or HUM 111	Introduction to Humanities, Honors	
PCS 220	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies	3
PCS 650	Senior Seminar in Peace and Conflict Studies (students are required to carry out a substantive research project to produce a term paper or comparable work.)	3
21 additional hours to include:		
6 hours PCS upper division courses (2 out of 3):		6
PCS 550	Classics of Peace Literature	
PCS 555	Topics in Peace and Conflict Studies: _____	

PCS 565	The Literature of Human Rights	
6 hours of interdisciplinary core courses, for example:		6
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:		9
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	

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 overall grade-point average of 3.25 and 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.

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>).