Minor in Humanities

The minor in Humanities addresses the needs of students who seek to complement their major field of study with a solid grounding in the intellectual traditions and cultural practices of a particular area of world culture, or who wish to deepen and broaden their knowledge and understanding of a specific historical period. In addition, study in the humanities provides an excellent opportunity for students preparing for careers in the professions that require high standards of written and oral communication skills. Given its emphasis on text-based curriculum that encourages critical thinking, shared discussion, and written and oral analysis on significant topics, the Minor in Humanities prepares undergraduates to excel as they move forward into graduate or professional schools or the work force.

Requirements for the Minor

The Minor in Humanities requires 18 hours of coursework, 9 hours of which must be taken at the junior/senior level, and 3 of which may be shared with a student’s major.

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

HUM 110 Introduction to Humanities 3
or HUM 111 Introduction to Humanities, Honors

One additional HUM course at the 100 or 200 level including, but not limited to, the following examples:

HUM 204 Western Civilization I 3
or HUM 114 Western Civilization I Honors

HUM 205 Western Civilization II
or HUM 115 Western Civilization II Honors

HUM 125 Introduction to Medical Humanities
HUM 140 Introduction to World Literature
HUM 206 Contemporary Western Civilization

Three HUM or PCS courses numbered 300 and above, chosen in consultation with an advisor, and focusing on a specific theme. Including, but not limited to, the following examples:

HUM 320 Being Human in the Workplace
HUM 505 Europe Today
HUM 552 Foodways: Latin America
PCS 550 Classics of Peace Literature

One PCS or Digital Humanities course numbered 300 or above including, but not limited to, the following examples:

HUM 545 Methodologies in Digital Humanities, Honors

Minor Hours and GPA

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

Minor Hours
Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including Fs and repeated courses.

Minor Hours in Residence
Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.