Humanities (Hum)

Courses

HUM 101. The Human Experience. 4 Credits.
This course uses the individual human experience as a lens for viewing ways of thinking across disciplines, drawing primarily on concepts and methodologies from the humanities but also incorporating ideas from the social sciences and the sciences. Materials chosen each semester will vary, often focusing on a central theme. This course helps students begin to develop competencies in problem solving, personal development, and relating to others. Students may be expected to attend events outside of class. F,S,SS.

HUM 101L. Humanities Recitation.

HUM 102. The Human Community. 4 Credits.
While this course has the same structure and goals as Humanities 101, its subject matter will focus primarily on the methods and expressions of human interactions within communities, with a focus on texts and artifacts that articulate the growth of human consciousness, responsibility, and potential. The texts chosen for this course will require students to compare and contrast ancient and modern ideas in the major disciplines of the humanities. Students may be expected to attend events outside of class. F,S,SS.

HUM 212. Integrated Cultural Experience. 3 Credits.
This course seeks to examine human concerns and motivations through the examination of artistic and cultural expressions. Students will attend and analyze various types of cultural events, including dramatic productions, art shows, films, and music concerts to examine the sub-text of the human condition. They will also study texts in which authors present philosophies regarding the nature of art and the importance of particular mediums (poetry, visual arts, film, etc.) in voicing personal and social concerns. In addition, students will study the philosophy of philanthropy by researching and gaining personal experience in a community service activity. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. F,S.

HUM 224. Integrated Social Science Inquiry. 2-4 Credits.
Readings and discussion of selected works that reflect the methodology and concerns of the social sciences; integration of social science topics and methods with other Integrated Studies courses/topics. F,S.

HUM 225. Advanced Integrated Social Science. 2-4 Credits.
A continued, in-depth exploration of social science topics raised in Integrated Social Science (224). This course will require that students pursue more advanced research in and consideration of topics included in the social sciences as they relate to the Integrated Studies Program theme. F,S.

HUM 270. Integrated Studies Life Sciences. 3 Credits.
Through a variety of media and experiences, ISP Life Sciences explores historical and modern developments in the Life Sciences that have altered the conception of what it means to be human. ISP Life Sciences is an interdisciplinary examination of the core concepts of Life Sciences that may include genetics, evolution, and ecology through the process of scientific inquiry. No laboratory. F,S.

HUM 271. Integrated Studies General Science. 3 Credits.
Through a variety of media and experiences, General Sciences explores historical and modern developments in the Physical Sciences that have altered the conception of how our world and universe work and the place of humans within it. This course an interdisciplinary examination of the core concepts of Physical Sciences that may include cosmology, environment, climate, and sustainability through the process of scientific inquiry. F,S.

HUM 271L. Integrated Studies General Science Laboratory. 1 Credit.
Three-hour weekly laboratory to complement General Science 271. This hands-on lab experience in scientific discovery utilizes the scientific method. Students develop the skills to design, conduct and analyze their own experiments motivated by their own observations and curiosity. This lab experience emphasizes the link between science and the real world. Labs can range from food science to human behavior. Prerequisite or corequisite: HUM 271. F,S.

HUM 283. Evidenced Based Reasoning Across Disciplines. 3 Credits.
In this course, students will examine chosen issues in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities and will gain a general familiarity with the academic and popular forms of writing, evidence based reasoning, and research in each discipline. They will become familiar with the research methodologies of each discipline and learn to integrate the different methods and perspectives with their own analysis. F,S.

HUM 300. Knowledge, Truth and Reality. 1-3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary exploration of the nature of knowledge, truth, and reality from the perspectives of science, philosophy, and religion. On demand.

HUM 312. Creative Inquiry. 1 Credit.
This hands-on course allows students to deeply pursue and attempt to solve problems that spring from their own curiosity, from a professor’s challenge, or from the pressing needs of the world around them. Course options may vary from a focused analysis of a current problem to team-based investigations led by a faculty mentor or creative endeavor. The purpose of the course activities are to allow students to experience and engage in creative activities or hands on research/problem solving, providing them with deep learning opportunities where they can develop critical thinking skills, team-based problem solving skills, and collaboration, communication, and presentation skills. Offered as needed by permission of department. Repeatable (when topics vary) up to three times. Repeatable to 3 credits. F,S.

HUM 325. Interdisciplinary Global Human Rights. 3 Credits.
This course addresses a variety of current international issues from multiple perspectives and through a lens of interdisciplinarity. Through the study of global issues and topics, students will read, write, and discuss topics of international concern affecting human rights today and the future of the global common. This discussion based course will utilize readings, current events, and other media focusing on critical and creative thinking, and collaborative problem-solving in addressing current world problems. F,S,SS.

HUM 391. Advanced Humanities Seminar. 1-4 Credits.
An interdisciplinary reading, writing and discussion course whose focus varies from semester to semester, but which draws on texts from the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences. Repeatable. F,S,SS.

HUM 408. Writing Across the Disciplines. 3 Credits.
This senior level course will provide students with an intensive writing experience that focuses on methods and strategies in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. Students will gain an understanding of the theoretical underpinnings of the disciplines while they engage in the process of integrating disciplinary materials and writing tactics as well as formulating written responses to topics of current concern. Prerequisites: ENGL 120 or ENGL 125 or ENGL 130 and Junior/Senior standing. F,S.