

Guide for Humanities Majors

In order to graduate, you must fulfill all college and university requirements, as well as all Humanities major requirements. College and University requirements include General Education courses, Gordon Rule courses and Exit courses.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General Education requirements are:

- ✓ 6 credit hours: English Composition
- ✓ 6 credit hours: Natural Sciences
- ✓ 6 credit hours: Historical Perspectives
- ✓ 3 credit hours: Fine Arts
- ✓ 6 credit hours: Math (Quantitative Methods)
- ✓ 6 credit hours: Social Sciences
- ✓ 3 credit hours: Non-Western Cultures (ALAMEA)

These requirements are met through specifically designated courses listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and the Schedule of Classes.

Helpful Tips:

Many Humanities majors will find the following math courses particularly appropriate:

- MGF 1106 - Finite Mathematics &
- MGF 1107 - Mathematics for Liberal Arts

You may use one (1) of the two following courses to satisfy 3 of the 6 credit hours required for math:

- PHI 2101 - Introduction to Formal Logic –OR–
- STA 1022 - Basic Statistics

The 6 credit hour Historical Perspectives requirement will be satisfied by HUM 2211 and 2243.

Of the Fine Arts courses that will satisfy the Gen. Ed. requirement, certain classes will ALSO count towards the 3 hours of Creative and Performing Arts required in the Humanities major. These include ART 2201C - Fabrications and DAN 2100 - Intro. To Dance. Consult with your advisor for more information.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS

The Foreign language requirement is met by achieving a grade of C or better in at least 2 college level (no Intro courses) semesters of the same foreign language, or by achieving a sufficiently high enough score on the placement test offered by the Department of World Language Education (CPR 419, 974-2547). If you are beginning the study of a language and must take an Intro course, you must continue on in the study of that language for 2 semesters at the college level. If you wish to continue studying a language that you have studied previously, you must take a placement test before registering. A high enough score on the test may satisfy the requirement.

3 credit hours in a Literature and Writing course must be completed; 6 credit hours in a Major Works and Major Issues course must also be completed. The courses designated as fulfilling these requirements are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog and the Schedule of Classes. Of the 9 total hours, 3 must come from OUTSIDE of the following departments:

- American Studies, Classics, Communication, English, All Foreign Languages, Humanities, Liberal Studies, Mass Communications, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

**Note: HUM 4938 counts toward the upper-level course requirement for the HUM major, and satisfies 3 of the 6 required Major Works and Major Issues credit hours.

GORDON RULE REQUIREMENTS

All Gordon Rule requirements are met by completing General Education, Exit and Humanities requirements.

HUMANITIES REQUIREMENTS

The Humanities major requires a total of 36 credit hours:

- ✓ 6 credit hours: HUM 2210 - Studies in Culture: Ancient through Medieval Periods and HUM 2230 - Studies in Culture: Renaissance through Twentieth Century.
- ✓ 27 credit hours: 3000- and 4000-level courses in Humanities. A list of required and suggested courses follows:
 - 3 credit hours Non-Western Culture: One (1) 3000- or 4000-level course covering Latin American Culture, Native American Culture, Asian Humanities or the American Southwest
 - 9 credit hours Core Curriculum: Three (3) 3000-level courses focusing on major cultural periods of Europe, the United States or Latin America.
 - 8+ credit hours: Two (2) or three (3) 3000- or 4000-level courses totaling at least 8 credit hours to satisfy the 36 credit hour requirement.
 - 3 credit hours: HUM 3331 - Themes in Humanities. This is a prerequisite to the Senior Seminar, and is **only offered in the fall term**.
 - 4 credit hours: HUM 4931 - Senior Seminar. This course normally involves writing a major term paper (20-30 pages), and is **only offered in the spring term**. It is highly recommended that you only take this course after successfully completing several upper-level Humanities courses. Be sure to plan ahead with your advisor to ensure that you are sufficiently prepared for the course, and that you will be able to take this course in the spring of your senior year, or your graduation may be delayed.
- ✓ 3 credit hours: Creative or Performing Arts—One (1) course of 3 hours or more. This course must be taken outside the Humanities Department, and may also be used to satisfy the Visual and Performing Arts General Education requirement. Consult with your advisor to confirm that your selected course will satisfy the requirements.

SEEING THE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR

It is strongly recommended that you contact your advisor at least once per semester to review your progress, plan your program, and ensure that you are meeting the requirements for graduation. Aristoula Mandelos is the Undergraduate Advisor. She may be reached at 974-9371, or mandelos@cas.usf.edu. Her office hours will vary from semester to semester.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Legacy Scholarship in Humanities is available to enrolled declared Humanities majors who have completed at least 8 credit hours of 4000-level Humanities courses. There are one or more awards of approximately \$250, and the applications are normally available early in the spring semester. Consult the undergraduate advisor for applications and more information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Directed studies and internships are not regularly scheduled classes. A faculty member may occasionally arrange to supervise a student for one or more hours of directed study, or up to two hours of an internship at an approved institution. Such arrangements would depend on that faculty member's expertise in a given subject, and willingness to undertake supervision of a student. Most importantly, the student must demonstrate sufficient preparation and capacity for independent work. Students should NOT expect to substitute directed studies or internships for regular course offerings out of scheduling convenience. No more than 4 hours of directed study and/or 4 hours of internships will normally be accepted towards the American Studies major requirements. The undergraduate advisor can provide additional information about, but will not normally set up or supervise internships and directed studies.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.cas.usf.edu/humanities>.