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# Humanities

In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Offered by the Department of Classics and Humanities

Major in humanities with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.  
Emphasis in European humanities.  
Minor in humanities.

## The Major

The humanities comprise all uniquely human accomplishments. Founded in history, they are the artistic and intellectual traditions of civilized peoples, namely: language, literature, philosophy, religion, and the arts. The goal of the humanities major is an interdisciplinary understanding of peoples and their times through accomplishments that convey best what they value most. In short, humanities shows us what being civilized amounts to, and by directing us to the meaning and worth of life, it helps us to create and enjoy a life of our own.

Majors in humanities may choose a general course of studies that allows for a balance between Western and non-Western civilization or they may emphasize European civilization, which takes its start with the Greeks. They all have at their disposal the Burnett Classics Seminar Room with its library and media resources. In addition to close academic advising and fellowship in a small department with diverse interests, they culminate their studies with a senior seminar.

With a background in critical analysis and with an appreciation of history, ideas, and the arts, a graduate in humanities might find opportunities in communication, diplomacy, or commerce, as a cultural consultant, an editor or writer, an arts critic, a travel consultant, or a museum curator. Some of these careers, as well as teaching or research, will require study beyond the bachelor's degree, but the broad, integrated humanities program is designed for success in many fields.

## Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

## Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

## Humanities Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
**(Major Code: 15991)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

**During their last semester, all seniors majoring in Humanities shall submit to the department a portfolio of their scholarly work.**

## General Humanities Program

**Preparation for the Major.** Humanities 101; History 100-101; and three units from Classics 140, Comparative Literature 270A, 270B, English 220, Humanities 140, Philosophy 103, Religious Studies 101, or Women's Studies 102. (12 units)

**Language Requirement.** (Select one, 13-28 units)  
Arabic 101, 102, 201, 202; and one four-unit upper division course taught in the language. (20 units)

Chinese 101, 102, 201, 202; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (23 units)

French 100A, 100B, 201, 210, 220, 221; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (25 units)

German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A, 205B; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (24 units)

Greek: Either Classics 101G-202G; and Classics 303G-304G. (14-16 units)

Hebrew 101, 102, 200, 201, 330. (14 units)

Italian 100A, 100B, 201, 210; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (19 units)

Japanese 111, 112, 211, 212; and one four-unit upper division course taught in the language. (28 units)

Latin: Classics 101L-202L or 250L; and Classics 303L-304L. (14-16 units)

Portuguese 101, 201, 301, 401. (16 units)

Russian 100A, 100B, 200A, 200B; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (23 units)

Spanish 101, 102, 201, 202, 211, 212; and Spanish 301 or 302. (25 units)

See foreign language departments for equivalents. This fulfills language degree requirement for the B.A. degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement.** Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or English 508W or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

**Major.** A minimum of 30 upper division units to include Humanities 490; 12 units from Classics 340, Humanities 401, 402, 403, 404; 15 units from Art (art history), Asian Studies 458, Classics, Comparative Literature, English, History, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theatre 460A, 460B, or Women's Studies, with no more than six units in any discipline (at least nine units must be taken in non-Western content; courses in Art, Comparative Literature, English, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, or Women's Studies may be taken only with prior permission of major adviser).

**Master Plan.** A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the humanities undergraduate adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

## Emphasis in European Humanities

**Preparation for the Major.** Humanities 101; History 105-106; and three units from Comparative Literature 270A, 270B, Humanities 140, Philosophy 103, Religious Studies 101, or Women's Studies 102. (12 units)

**Language Requirement.** (Select one, 13-25 units)  
French 100A, 100B, 201, 210, 220, 221; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (25 units)

German 100A, 100B, 202, 205A, 205B; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (24 units)

Greek: Either Classics 101G-202G; and Classics 303G-304G. (14-16 units)

Italian 100A, 100B, 201, 210; and one three-unit upper division course taught in the language. (19 units)

Latin: Classics 101L-202L or 250L; and Classics 303L-304L. (14-16 units)

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**Major.** A minimum of 30 upper division units to include Classics 340, Humanities 401, 402, 403, 404 and 490; three units from Geography 336, Political Science 301A, 301B, or 302; nine units from European content courses in Art (art history), Comparative Literature, English, History, Humanities, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theatre 460A, 460B, or Women's Studies 340, with no more than three units in any discipline (courses in Art, Comparative Literature, English, History, Philosophy, or Religious Studies may be taken only with prior

permission of major adviser). (Some upper division courses in the major may have prerequisites not included among courses in the preparation for the major.)

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## Humanities Minor

The minor in humanities consists of a minimum of 18 units, of which at least 12 units must be upper division and at least 12 units must be in Humanities; three to six units must be selected from Humanities 460 and Asian Studies 458; three units may be selected from Classics 140 or Comparative Literature 270A.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

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