

HUMANITIES (BA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2022–Spring 2023 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>) (AS)
Department: Comparative Humanities (<http://louisville.edu/humanities/>)
Academic Plan Code(s): See Track Requirements tab.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department’s Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Program Information

The Department of Comparative Humanities explores the question, what does it mean to be human? Using many humanities disciplines such as literature, religion, Jewish Studies, film, philosophy, theatre, music, visual arts, and linguistics, our courses and our major invite students to explore the answers to this question from global, historical, and contemporary viewpoints.

Students are challenged to develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills, but they are also challenged through project-based assignments that inspire them to apply what they have learned in creative and complex ways.

As a result, the degree provides flexible, transferable skills that prepare our graduates for the dynamic contemporary job market.

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Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ¹	31
	College/School Requirements	22
	Program/Major Requirements ¹	18
	Supporting Courses	32
	Track Requirements	18
	Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Accelerated BA/MA in Humanities

Humanities majors who are considering pursuing a master’s degree (MA) in Humanities can speed up the process by applying some of their undergraduate credit hours toward a master’s degree. Students accepted into the Accelerated BA-MA take three graduate courses (9 credit hours) as an undergraduate that apply toward both the bachelor’s degree and the eventual master’s degree.

Interested students must apply to the program during their Junior year (i.e., when they have accumulated 60-90 hours of credit). Applicants must have a minimum overall grade point average and major grade point average of 3.35 for admission to and for retention in the program.

The accelerated BA/MA in Humanities will be offered for the Interdisciplinary Humanities Concentration and for the Linguistics Concentration, but not for the Concentration in Public Humanities.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Admission to the BA in Humanities requires completion of 15 semester hours and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

The Application for Major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply/>).

Accelerated BA/MA in Humanities

- Students must apply no later than the end of the junior year for admission to the accelerated program by submitting the Humanities Division application for the accelerated BA/MA in Humanities.
- A minimum overall grade point average and major grade point average of 3.35 will be required for admission to and for retention in the program.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	31

^{*}All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1

Foreign Language ¹	12
Electives in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences ^{2,3,4}	9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ⁵	
Minimum Total Hours	22

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 105 or HUM 152	Humanities in Global Cultures Cultures of America	3
HUM 320	Research and Writing in the Humanities	3
HUM 509 ⁶	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities	3
or HUM 510	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	
Interdisciplinary Perspectives—Choose one of the following: ⁷		3
HUM 590	ST: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Humanities	
or HUM 595	Principles of Cultural History	
Humanities, Culture and Society—Choose two (2) of the following:		6
HUM 310	Religion and Culture	
HUM 326	Studies in Film and Culture	
HUM 331	Humanities and Gender	
LING 330	Language and Culture	
Minimum Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
History elective at 300 level or above in area of track		3
Minimum Electives ^{8,9}		29
Minimum Total Hours		32

Code	Title	Hours
Track Requirements (see Track Requirements tab)		18

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
HUM 509 or HUM 510	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	

- ¹ Completion of the intermediate level of a single foreign language
- ² In addition to courses counted toward General Education
- ³ 3 hours must be at the 300 level or above
- ⁴ Additional 3 hours of college programmatic requirement is met in supporting courses.
- ⁵ May be incorporated into other degree requirements
- ⁶ Chosen in consultation with the Humanities Advisor
- ⁷ The same course cannot count for both the core program major requirement and the track requirement.
- ⁸ At least 15 elective hours must be earned at the 300 level or above.
- ⁹ Students who satisfy General Education Requirements by courses defined by the program will require additional electives to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Track Requirements

Track in Comparative Cultural Studies

Academic Plan Code(s): HUM_BA_CLT

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 304	Culture of the Modern Period	3
HUM 322	Modern Fiction: Twentieth Century	3
HUM 590	ST: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Humanities ¹	3
One 300-level HUM course in period or field of focus ²		3
One 500-level course in period or field of focus ³		3
One course in period or field of focus ²		3
Minimum Total Hours		18

¹ Topic to be chosen in line with student interests.

² To be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor.

³ To be chosen in consultation with an academic advisor. HUM 590 may be taken twice under different topics.

Track in Film Studies

Academic Plan Code(s): HUM_BA_FST

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 224	Introduction to Film	3
HUM 324	Approaches to Film Interpretation	3
HUM 524	Special Topics in Film Study	3
Select three courses from the following:		9
FREN 328	French Cinema	
HUM 325	Survey of Film and Culture	
PAS 312	African Americans in American Media	
PAS 341	Black Film and Literature	
POLS 552	Politics through Film	
SPAN 554	Hispanic Culture through Film and Media	
Minimum Total Hours		18

Track in Linguistics

Academic Plan Code(s): HUM_BA_LIN

Code	Title	Hours
LING 325	Introduction to Linguistics	3
15 credit hours of LING at 300-500-level		15
Minimum Total Hours		18

Track in Religious Studies

Academic Plan Code(s): HUM_BA_REL

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 216	Introduction to World Religions	3
HUM 308	Studies of Religion	3
HUM 510	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion ¹	3

Nine credit hours in Religious Studies at the 300-level or above ² 9

Minimum Total Hours 18

¹ Students who take HUM 510 to satisfy their CUE requirement will need to take an additional Religious Studies elective to complete the track's requirements.

² Electives in Religious Studies may be taken from the following courses: HUM 306, HUM 308, HUM 309, HUM 310, HUM 311, HUM 312, HUM 313, HUM 314, HUM 315, HUM 316, HUM 317, HUM 319, HUM 335, HUM 336, HUM 340, HUM 341, HUM 342, HUM 343, HUM 344, HUM 349, HUM 510, HUM 511, HUM 512, HUM 514, and HUM 516.

Flight Plan

Track in Comparative Cultural Studies

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
HUM 105 or HUM 152	Humanities in Global Cultures or Cultures of America	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Foreign Language 1		4
Hours		15

Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SB		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
Foreign Language 2		3-4
Hours		15-16

Year 2		Hours
Fall		
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Foreign Language 3		3-4
Hours		15-16

Spring		
HUM 320	Research and Writing in the Humanities	3
History elective in area of track (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or general elective		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 3		Hours
Fall		
HUM 304	Culture of the Modern Period	3
HUM 590	ST: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Humanities	3
Elective in Natural Science or Social Science		3
General elective (300 level or above)		3

General elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
HUM 322	Modern Fiction: Twentieth Century	3
HUM 595	Principles of Cultural History	3
300 level HUM course in period or field of focus		3
Elective in Natural Science or Social Science (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3

Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
HUM 509 or HUM 510	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities or Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
Elective in Natural Science or Social Science (300 level or above)		3
One course in period or field of focus		3
General elective (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3

Hours		15
Spring		
500-level course in period or field of focus		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3-4
Hours		16
Minimum Total Hours		121-123

Track in Film Studies

Year 1		Hours
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
HUM 105 or HUM 152	Humanities in Global Cultures or Cultures of America	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Foreign Language 1		3-4
Hours		14-15

Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3-4
Foreign Language 2		3-4
Hours		15-17

Year 2		Hours
Fall		
HUM 224	Introduction to Film	3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Foreign Language 3		3-4
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		18-19

Spring		
HUM 320	Research and Writing in the Humanities	3
History elective in area of track (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or general elective		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 3		
Fall		
HUM 324	Approaches to Film Interpretation	3
Film Studies Elective 1		3
Elective in Social Science or Natural Science		3
General elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Spring		
HUM 595	Principles of Cultural History	3
Film Studies Elective 2		3
Elective in Natural Science or Social Science (300 level or above)		3
General elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 4		
Fall		
HUM 509 or HUM 510	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities or Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
Film Studies Elective 3		3
Elective in Natural Science or Social Science (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
HUM 524	Special Topics in Film Study	3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		122-126

Track in Linguistics

Year 1		
Fall		
		Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3
HUM 105 or HUM 152	Humanities in Global Cultures or Cultures of America	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Foreign Language 1		3-4
Hours		14-15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
Foreign Language 2		3-4
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SB		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
LING 325	Introduction to Linguistics	3
Hours		15-16

Year 2		
Fall		
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Foreign Language 3		3-4
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15-16

Spring		
HUM 320	Research and Writing in the Humanities	3
History elective in area of track (300 level or above)		3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or general elective		3
Hours		15

Year 3		
Fall		
LING elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
HUM 595	Principles of Cultural History	3
LING elective (300 level or above)		3
LING elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 4		
Fall		
HUM 509 or HUM 510	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities or Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
LING elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
Hours		15

Spring		
LING elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
Additional elective hours to reach minimum for degree (as needed)		1-0
Hours		16-15
Minimum Total Hours		120-122

Track in Religious Studies

Year 1		
Fall		
		Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing	3

HUM 105 or HUM 152	Humanities in Global Cultures or Cultures of America	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences with Lab - B		4
Foreign Language 1		3-4
Hours		14-15
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing	3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SB		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3-4
Foreign Language 2		3-4
Hours		15-17
Year 2		
Fall		
HUM 216	Introduction to World Religions	3
HUM 310 or HUM 326 or HUM 331 or LING 330	Religion and Culture or Studies in Film and Culture or Humanities and Gender or Language and Culture	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
Foreign Language 3		3-4
Hours		15-16
Spring		
HUM 320	Research and Writing in the Humanities	3
History elective in area of track (300 level or above)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Foreign Language 4 (if needed) or general elective		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
HUM 308	Studies of Religion	3
Religious Studies elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Spring		
HUM 595	Principles of Cultural History	3
Religious Studies elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences (300 level or above)		3
General Elective (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
HUM 509	Interdisciplinary Approaches: Arts and Humanities	3
Religious Studies Elective (300 level or above)		3
Elective in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
Hours		15
Spring		
HUM 510	Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion	3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3
General elective		3

Additional elective hours to reach minimum for degree (as needed)	1-0
Hours	16-15
Minimum Total Hours	120-123

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Next, click on "View my Degree Audit" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, or create a What-if report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.