Faculty of Humanities

Overview

The Faculty of Humanities offers a wide array of courses and programs in the traditional liberal arts disciplines of Classical Studies; Languages; Literature; Philosophy; History and Global Studies; Religion, Society and Culture; interdisciplinary programs in Liberal Arts and in Arts Administration; as well as programs (involving both historical and practical study) in the three creative arts of Drama, Fine Arts and Music.

Degrees and Programs

Detailed descriptions of the degrees and programs offered are found under the respective Departmental sections of this calendar. The Faculty of Humanities offers a wide range of Major programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.). In addition, the Departments offer Honours programs directed towards students that wish to attain higher levels of specialization in their discipline and that intend to pursue graduate studies. In addition, several departments offer Minor programs that can be added to one's Honours/Major program and some departments may offer certificate programs.

Humanities Divisional Major   MAJDHM

The Faculty of Humanities offers an entry level program for a limited number of students, allowing them to register as Divisional Majors (rather than into a specific program) for a maximum of two semesters. After two semesters of full-time study are completed, students must enrol into a specific program (Major). Students who are not accepted into one of the regular programs must consult with the Dean of Humanities to determine an academic plan.

Divisional Requirements

In order to encourage students enrolled in the Faculty of Humanities to broaden the scope of their education, all majors and honours must complete at least three credits in each of the four categories listed below. While these requirements will not in themselves ensure against excessive specialization, it is hoped that they will lead students to find and pursue various areas of interest.

Category I: Languages and Literature, including German, Japanese, Spanish, Greek, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, English, French, and Abenaki, with the exception of 100-level courses in English as a Second Language. CLA 112 and 113 also will be considered as Category I courses. Students are required to select a course in a language other than their mother tongue

Category II: Drama, Fine Arts and Music

Category III: Classics (including Latin and Greek); History and Global Studies; Liberal Arts; Philosophy; and Religion, Society and Culture

Category IV: 3 credits in the Faculty of Natural Science and Mathematics

No courses offered by the department in which the student is doing an honours or major may count towards fulfilling these requirements. Students with program combinations which require more than 72 credits are exempt from these requirements.

Departmental Honours Programs

Students must normally obtain a 70% average, as calculated from the best 60 credits in the Honours discipline (including cognates), in order to graduate with an Honours degree in any Humanities Program. Refer to the individual departments for particular honours requirements.

Transfers from Other Programs

Students who wish to transfer from other departments or programs in the University into a program in the Faculty of Humanities must have maintained a cumulative average of 60% on all courses taken.

Graduation "With Distinction" or "With High Distinction"

Students completing their first undergraduate degree may be awarded the designation "With Distinction" or "With High Distinction." For the complete regulations, please refer to page 33 of the Academic Calendar.

Divisional Course

ILT 102   Information Retrieval and Evaluation Skills for the Humanities (Lab)   1-0-1

The objective of this laboratory course is to introduce students to the skills necessary to effectively complete their research assignments, including the correct use of library resources, such as the online catalogue, periodical indexes and other relevant databases. Other areas of study include the identification of key terms for effective searching, productive use of the internet, and the critical evaluation of retrieved resources. Academic integrity, plagiarism, and the correct citation of print and online sources are also covered. Taught in conjunction with a research-based course, the specific resources relevant to research in the Humanities are introduced, and the students retrieve the material necessary to complete the essays for their particular course. The course is taught in the library's electronic classroom, and each week the students are given the opportunity for practical experience. To see how ILT 102 is currently linked to your program, check requirements under various departments in the Humanities (e.g., required for Modern Languages and History). The course is open to all students, regardless of program.