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HUMANITIES (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program Interest Areas: Arts, Comm. and Humanities

The Humanities program at NIC is grounded in an interdisciplinary approach to the liberal arts, including the fine arts of music, visual art, and theater; English literature and composition; history; philosophy; communication; and interdisciplinary studies. Courses in the humanities are excellent preparation for careers in the arts, business, law, and education. A degree in the humanities develops critical thinking skills that prepare students to succeed in an interconnected world. Courses require students to synthesize ideas from a range of disciplines and to think creatively when approaching complex problems. Students study and interact with a range of texts from diverse perspectives while working cooperatively, thinking, reading, speaking, writing, and engaging actively in experiential learning.

Completion of the required courses results in an associate of arts degree and meets the general core requirements at all Idaho public universities. The suggested coursework normally fulfills the first half of baccalaureate degree requirements. Course selection should be tailored to match requirements defined by intended transfer institutions.

Contact Information: English & Humanities Division Lee-Kildow Hall, Room 204C Phone: (208) 769-3394 Program Website (https://www.nic.edu/programs/humanities/)

Program Requirements

Code	- Title	Credits		
General Education				
GEM 1 - Written	6			
GEM 2 - Oral Co	3			
GEM 3 - Mathem	3-5			
GEM 4 - Scientifi	7-8			
GEM 5 - Humani	0			
GEM 6 - Social a	6			
GEM 7W - Welln	1-3			
Select one of the	3			
GEM 7F - First	: Year Experience			
GEM 7I - Instit				
Program Requirements				
HUMS-101	Montage: Introduction to the Humanities	3		
INTR-200	Interdisciplinary Seminar	3		
Select one cours	3			
CINA-126	Film and Culture			
ENGL-205	Interdisciplinary Writing			
HUMS-205	Visual Texts and Culture			

Total Credits	6	0-64		
Courses 100-level or hig	lher	7-9		
Elective Requirement	S			
THEA Theatre				
PHIL Philosophy				
MUSP Music Performa	ince			
MUSH Music - Human	ities			
MUSC Music - Composition				
MUSA Music - Applied				
INTR Interdisciplinary	Studies			
HUMS Humanities				
HIST History				
FLAN Foreign Langua	ge			
ENGL English				
COMM Communication - Speech				
ART Art				
Select 12 credits from the	ne following subjects:	12		
HUMS-295 The	mes in Humanities			

¹ This General Education Requirement is met by the Program Requirements.

Course Key

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GEM	AAS Institutionally Designated	Gateway	Milestone
	Institutionally Designated	-	

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- 1. Use critical thinking to determine how specific works in the humanities reveal and/or reflect human values.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of elements and terminology connected to genres and disciplines in the humanities.
- 3. Use inquiry processes--including analysis, synthesis, and evaluation--to interpret specific works in the humanities.
- 4. Communicate interpretations of artifacts and texts in the humanities with supporting evidence both in conversation and in writing.
- 5. Demonstrate self-reflection and open-mindedness, showing respect for diverse perspectives when responding to the humanities' wide range of works, genres, and disciplines.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.