

Humanities Major (42 units)

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The following lower division courses all satisfy C2 GE and are recommended as an introduction to the major, but not required in the core:

HUM 130: Major Works in the Humanities (counts toward Cross-cultural elective)
HUM 220: Values and Culture
HUM 225: Values in American Life

NOTE: Students interested in pursuing an integrated BA/MA program in Humanities should consult the Humanities Coordinator, Dr. Cristina Ruotolo (ruotolo@sfsu.edu)

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (15 units)

HUM 300: Junior Seminar: GVAR (take in your junior year fall semester)
HUM 301: Form and Culture (offered every semester)
HUM 303: History and Culture (offered every semester)
HUM 425: Thought and Image **or** HUM 510 Comparative Culture (offered every semester)
HUM 690: Senior Seminar (take in your senior year spring semester)

ELECTIVES (27 units):

Choose at least two courses from each category below for a total of nine courses. Up to two courses (6 units) can be lower division. Up to 9 units of electives may be substituted from a related program with advisor approval; these would double count for Complementary Studies as noted at the end of this worksheet.

Cross-cultural Studies (6-9 units):

HUM 130: Major Works (NOTE: only 6 units lower division accepted in major)
HUM 220: Values and Culture (NOTE: only 6 units lower division accepted in major)
HUM 317: Critical Animal Studies
HUM 320: Music, Ideas, Culture
HUM 325: Comics and Culture
HUM 345: Humanism and Mysticism
HUM 380: Nature and Human Values
HUM 390: Images of Eroticism
HUM 391: Images of Eroticism in Contemporary Culture
HUM 415: Contemporary Culture
HUM 423 Going Medieval: Medieval Literature and Contemporary Adaptations
HUM 424: Multicultural Middle Ages
HUM 438: The Reading Experiment: the Power of the Book
HUM 501: Judaism, Christianity and Islam
HUM 510: Comparative Culture (unless counted as core above)
CMX 540: Topics in Comics (for certain topics on advisement)
HUM 550: Art of Autobiography

2. European Culture Studies (6-9 units):

HUM 315: History of Science
HUM 348: Thought and Culture in Modern Europe
HUM 373: Bio of a City (European Cities) [Previously HUM 375]
HUM 401: Ancient Greek Literature
HUM 402: Ancient Roman Literature
HUM 403: Early Middle Ages
HUM 404: High Middle Ages
HUM 405: Art, Literature and Power in the Renaissance
HUM 407: Romanticism and Impressionism
HUM 410: The Modern Revolution
HUM 423: Going Medieval: Medieval Literature and Contemporary Adaptations
HUM 432: Nietzsche and Postmodernism
HUM 434: Arendt and Heidegger

3. American Culture Studies (6-9 units):

HUM 225: American Values (NOTE: only 6 units lower division accepted in major)
HUM 340: Bay Area Culture
HUM 371: Bio of a City (Latin American cities) [previously HUM 375]
HUM 375: Bio of a City (U.S. cities)
HUM 376: San Francisco
HUM 441: American Jews and Popular Culture
HUM 450: California Culture
HUM 455: Humanities of the Americas
HUM 470: American Autobiography
HUM 480, 481: Thought and Culture in America (to 1880, and 1880 to Present)
HUM 485: Arts and American Culture
HUM 490: American Images
CMX 540: Topics in Comics (for certain topics on advisement)

4. Asian, African and Middle Eastern Culture Studies (6-9 units):

HUM 271: The Classic Chinese Novel in Contemporary Culture (NOTE: only 6 units lower division accepted in major)
HUM 360: Styles of African Cultural Expression
HUM 370: Bio of a City (Asian Cities) [Previously HUM 375]
HUM 374: Bio of a City (African and Middle-Eastern Cities) [Previously HUM 375]
HUM 377: Jerusalem
HUM 530: Chinese Civilization
HUM 531: Images of Modern China
HUM 532: From Ghost Stories to Short Stories: Japanese Fiction in Contemporary Contexts
HUM 536: Modern South Asian Cultural Forms
HUM 540: Topics in Comics (for certain topics on advisement)
HUM 582: Tales from Ancient India: Hinduism and Buddhism

Complementary Studies (up to 9 units may double count in the major):

- A) 12 units in a single foreign language of their choosing, **OR**
- B) 12 units taken in an approved study abroad program (e.g., CSU Study Abroad), **OR**
- C) 12 units taken as partial completion of a second major, a minor or a certificate, **OR**
- D) 12 units taken in a related discipline or field of study

For advising, please contact the **Humanities Coordinator: Cristina Ruotolo** (ruotolo@sfsu.edu)