



# Humanities

The family of disciplines known as the humanities explores the diversity of human experience through the study of cultural forms and expressions in particular social or historical contexts. These forms are diverse in themselves, ranging from literary works to historical documents, philosophical constructs to visual artifacts, religious practices to musical and dramatic performances. These often require the special approaches of their particular discipline. At the same time, the humanities disciplines are complementary and collaborative, sharing common goals, methods, and understandings.

The Humanities Program at Bemidji State is dedicated to collaboration. Within a flexible structure, it brings together courses from all the allied disciplines, as well as interdisciplinary courses of its own. Its objectives are threefold: 1) to provide multiple frames of reference for analysis and interpretation; 2) to foster increased awareness of the unique character of each of the humanities disciplines, together with an understanding of interrelationships among visual art, music, language, literature, and history; 3) to promote, through the cultivation of curiosity and multicultural sensibilities, the breadth of learning necessary for successful careers in government, business, or the professions.

## Programs

- Humanities *minor*

## Career Directions

See "Note" in program description.

## Preparation

### *Recommended High School Courses*

- Art
- Humanities
- Literature
- Philosophy

## Humanities *minor*

Required Credits: 21  
Required GPA: 2.00

### I REQUIRED COURSES

SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- HUM 1100 Human Culture and Ideas (3 credits)
- HUM 2107 Themes in Cultural History (3 credits)

### II DIRECTED ELECTIVES

#### A. SECOND LANGUAGES

Complete a one year course sequence in one of the following languages: Ojibwe, Spanish, or any current offering (excluding ASL). Transfer courses from accredited programs are also encouraged (6-8 credits)  
OR

A cluster of advanced expository (not creative) writing

#### B. PHILOSOPHY

Complete any PHIL course at the 2000 or 3000 level.

#### C. HISTORICAL STUDIES

Complete any HST or ARTH course at the 2000 or 3000 level.

#### D. LITERARY STUDIES

Complete any literature course offered in English, Modern Languages, or Theatre at the 3000 or 4000 level.

#### E. FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Complete any practice-based Art/Design,

Creative Writing or Music course at the 1000-3000 level. Transfer courses in Theater from accredited programs are also encouraged.

## Courses

### All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

- 1910, 2910, 3910, 4910 DIRECTED INDEPENDENT STUDY
- 1920, 2920, 3920, 4920 DIRECTED GROUP STUDY
- 1930, 2930, 3930, 4930 EXPERIMENTAL COURSE
- 1940, 2940, 3940, 4940 IN-SERVICE COURSE
- 1950, 2950, 3950, 4950 WORKSHOP, INSTITUTE, TOUR
- 1960, 2960, 3960, 4960 SPECIAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION
- 1970, 2970, 3970, 4970 INTERNSHIP
- 1980, 2980, 3980, 4980 RESEARCH
- 1990, 2990, 3990, 4990 THESIS

## Humanities Courses

### HUM 1100 Human Culture and Ideas (3 credits)

The humanities teach us to live inspired lives. In this class, we engage with human expression across a variety of cultures and eras as we learn to become better writers and explore the creative process. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 6 & 8]

**HUM 1101 Acting and Performance studies: Creative Analysis, Listening, and Empathy (3 credits)**

An introductory level course (for students of all majors) intended to engage students in the study of theatrical acting and social performance, alongside careful textual and written analysis, as a means to reach deeper understandings of the humanities and arts and the usefulness of these fields in today's technically-driven, information-based world. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 6]

**HUM 1910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)**

Arranged individual study.

**HUM 1920 Directed Group Study (3 credits)**

Arranged group study.

**HUM 1930 Experimental Course (3 credits)**

A course proposed for inclusion in the University curriculum. May not be offered more than two times as an experimental course.

**HUM 1940 In-Service Course (3 credits)**

A course for practitioners seeking additional training or expertise in their current vocation or profession. The in-service format typically includes an educational experience in which a University faculty member and a group of students concentrate on working toward the resolution of a specific problem.

**HUM 1950 Workshop, Institute, Tour (3 credits)**

An intense, credit-granting academic experience of short duration (usually from two days to two weeks) that is not listed in the current University curriculum. Provides for the practical application of theoretical learning within a group setting, and may include the development of methods and skills and the discussion of ideas and principles.

**HUM 1960 Special Purpose Instruction (3 credits)**

A course intended for specific groups or organizations outside the University community.

**HUM 1970 Internship (3 credits)**

Graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only. Student internships may be either full-time or part-time in a public or private agency appropriate to the degree objective. Internships consist of closely supervised periods of service that are arranged in advance of the course registration. Students should consult their advisor concerning prerequisites.

**HUM 1980 Research (3 credits)**

Research carried out by the student that is based on appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 1990 Thesis (3 credits)**

A thesis written by the student that reports extensive original research carried out by the student and demonstrates appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 2107 Themes in Cultural History (3 credits)**

Study of a particular theme or central human issue in a variety of historical settings through the close analysis of various cultural documents and practices. May be repeated under distinct subtitles. (Might not be offered every year.)

**HUM 2108 World Religions in Literature and Art (3 credits)**

A beginning exploration of world religions from academic perspectives, which include history, art, and literature. [Core Curriculum Goal Area(s) 6 & 8.]

**HUM 2910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)**

Arranged individual study.

**HUM 2920 Directed Group Study (3 credits)**

Arranged group study.

**HUM 2930 Experimental Course (3 credits)**

A course proposed for inclusion in the University curriculum. May not be offered more than two times as an experimental course.

**HUM 2940 In-Service Course (3 credits)**

A course for practitioners seeking additional training or expertise in their current vocation or profession. The in-service format typically includes an educational experience in which a University faculty member and a group of students concentrate on working toward the resolution of a specific problem.

**HUM 2950 Workshop, Institute, Tour (3 credits)**

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**HUM 2960 Special Purpose Instruction (3 credits)**

A course intended for specific groups or organizations outside the University community.

**HUM 2970 Internship (3 credits)**

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**HUM 2980 Research (3 credits)**

Research carried out by the student that is based on appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 2990 Thesis (3 credits)**

A thesis written by the student that reports extensive original research carried out by the student and demonstrates appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 3107 Topics in Cultural Studies (1-4 credits)**

Interdisciplinary study of a particular historical or contemporary culture. Contact the Humanities Coordinator for current or expected topic areas. May be repeated under distinct subtitles. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. (Might not be offered every year.)

**HUM 3910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)**

Arranged individual study.

**HUM 3920 Directed Group Study (3 credits)**

Arranged group study.

**HUM 3930 Introduction to Equity (3 credits)**

A course proposed for inclusion in the University curriculum. May not be offered more than two times as an experimental course.

**HUM 3940 In-Service Course (3 credits)**

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**HUM 3950 Workshop, Institute, Tour (3 credits)**

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**HUM 3960 Special Purpose Instruction (3 credits)**

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**HUM 3970 Internship (3 credits)**

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**HUM 3980 Research (3 credits)**

Research carried out by the student that is based on appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 3990 Thesis (3 credits)**

A thesis written by the student that reports extensive original research carried out by the student and demonstrates appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 4910 Directed Independent Study (3 credits)**

Arranged individual study.

**HUM 4917 DIS Tchg Assoc | (1-2 credits)**

Directed Independent Study | Teaching Associate

**HUM 4920 Directed Group Study (3 credits)**

When taken as Senior Seminar the following description may apply: An integrative seminar involving readings, discussions, and student presentations centering on the study and articulation of relationships between disciplines. A problem, event, movement or concept will be used as the focus of the course. Designed for senior year.

**HUM 4930 Experimental Course (3 credits)**

A course proposed for inclusion in the University curriculum. May not be offered more than two times as an experimental course.

**HUM 4940 In-Service Course (3 credits)**

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**HUM 4950 Workshop, Institute, Tour (3 credits)**

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**HUM 4960 Special Purpose Instruction (3 credits)**

A course intended for specific groups or organizations outside the University community.

**HUM 4970 Internship (3 credits)**

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**HUM 4980 Research (3 credits)**

Research carried out by the student that is based on appropriate methodology and scholarship.

**HUM 4990 Thesis (3 credits)**

A thesis written by the student that reports extensive original research carried out by the student and demonstrates appropriate methodology and scholarship.

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