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John Weaver - Professor, History

“We are about helping students develop and articulate a vision for themselves and for the world they want to live in”
Anna Moro - Professor, Linguistics & Languages

“The skills that you develop in this program – reading, writing, analytical skills – they are applicable to everything else you could want to do in the future”.
Ashlynn Whalley - Graduate, Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL)

“I was…listening to someone who was so passionate about what they loved tell me about it and I just fell in love with it”.
Ryan Heydon - Graduate, History

“I love that we have these opportunities to explore our career choices, to be hands-on with our learning both in the classroom and outside the classroom”.
Kristi Kwan - Graduate, Cognitive Science of Language

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# HUMANITIES 1: Choosing Your Courses

## 1 Identify the degree programs you are interested in

- Greek & Roman Studies
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - GKROMST 1A03: Introduction to Greek and Roman Archaeology
    - GKROMST 1B03: An Introduction to Ancient Myth and Literature
    - GKROMST 1M03: History of Greece and Rome
    - GREEK 1203: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek I
    - GREEK 1Z23: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek II
    - LATIN 1203: Beginner’s Intensive Latin I
    - LATIN 1Z23: Beginner’s Intensive Latin II
- Cognitive Science of Language
  - Take both
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Speaking, Signing & Hearing
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences & Meaning
  - *must also take PSYCH 1X03 or 1F03 as elective*
- Communication Studies
  - Take
    - CMST 1A03: Introduction to Communication
- English & Cultural Studies
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - ENGLISH 1CS3: Studying Culture: A Critical Introduction
    - ENGLISH 1F03: The Written World
    - ENGLISH 1G03: Making and Unmaking Literary Traditions
    - ENGLISH 1H03: Words in Place
- History
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - HISTORY 1CC3: Ten Empires that Shaped our World, 500 B.C.E. to Present
    - HISTORY 1DD3: The Making of the Modern World, 1750-1945
    - HISTORY 1EE3: The Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
    - HISTORY 1MA3: Powers of Modern East Asia: Constitutional Politics & Historical Changes
    - HISTORY 1MB3: History of Greece and Rome
    - HISTORY 1PB3: A History of Magic
    - HISTORY 1P03: Pop Goes the Past
    - HISTORY 1Q03: History of Medicine
- Linguistics
  - Take both
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Speaking, Signing and Hearing
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences & Meaning
  - *6 units of a language other than English also recommended
- Media Arts
  - Take
    - MEDIAART 1A03: Media Arts
- Global Peace & Social Justice
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - PEACJUST 1A03: Peace, Justice, Human Rights
    - PEACJUST 1MV3: Voices at Mac: Pass the Mic: Conversations on Justice
    - GENDRST 1A03: Gender, Race, Culture, Power
- Philosophy OR
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - PHILOS 1A02: Philosophical Texts
    - PHILOS 1B03: Philosophy, Law and Society
    - PHILOS 1E03: Philosophical Questions
    - PHILOS 1I03: Meaning in Life
- Integrated Arts (iArts)
  - Take any one of
    - IARTS 1PA3: Perspectives A: Arts in Society: Social Constructions of Class, Race and Gender
    - IARTS 1PB3: Perspectives B: Arts in Society: Technology and the Environment
    - AND any one of
      - IARTS 1BD3: 2D Practices in Art
      - IARTS 1CR3: Performance: Body and Voice
      - IARTS 1HA3: Introduction to Histories of the Arts
      - IARTS 1SS3: 3D Practices in Art
      - IARTS 1T03: Theatre, Performance, and Society

## 2 Select the courses you need to be considered for your programs of interest (You must take at least 12 units from this list.)

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## 3 Take your required Humanities courses.

- HUMAN 1D03: Digital Literacy for the Humanities
- HUMAN 1H03: Humanities for Life: The Value of a Humanities Degree
- HUMAN 1V02: Voice and Vision: Words to Change the World

## 4 Choose enough electives to make your total credit units equal 30.

### Humanities Electives
- ART 1T03: Making Art and Understanding Technology & Images
- ART 1UB: Making Art and Understanding Images
- CHINESE 1206 A/B: Mandarin Chinese for Beginners
- FARSI 1203: Introductory Farsi
- FARSI 1Z23: Introductory Farsi II
- FRENCH 1Z06 A/B: Intensive French I: Beginner
- GENDRST 1A03: Gender, Feminism and Social Justice
- GERMAN 1B03: Intermediate German I
- GERMAN 1B03: Intermediate German II
- GERMAN 1Z06 A/B: Beginner’s Intensive German
- ITALIAN 1A03: Intermediate Italian I
- ITALIAN 1A03: Intermediate Italian II
- ITALIAN 1Z06 A/B: Beginner’s Intensive Italian
- JAPANESE 1Z06 A/B: Beginner’s Intensive Japanese
- KOREAN 1Z02: Introductory Korean I
- KOREAN 1Z22: Introductory Korean II
- LINGUIST 1Z03: Structure of Modern English I
- LINGUIST 1Z03: Structure of Modern English II
- MUSIC 1A03: Introduction to the History of Western Music
- MUSIC 1A03: Introduction to the History of Western Music II
- MUSIC 1CR3: Rudiments of Music
- MUSIC 1DA3: Practical Musicianship I
- MUSIC 1EA6 A/B: Solo Performance
- MUSIC 1GB3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster Concert Band
- MUSIC 1GC3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster University Choir
- MUSIC 1GF3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster Flute Ensemble
- MUSIC 1GJ3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster Jazz Band
- MUSIC 1GP3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster Percussion Ensemble
- MUSIC 1GW3 A/B: Ensemble Performance: McMaster Symphony Orchestra
- MUSIC 1HA3: Advanced Western Music
- RUSSIAN 1A03: Intermediate Russian I
- RUSSIAN 1Z23: Intermediate Russian II
- SPANISH 1A03: Intermediate Spanish I
- SPANISH 1AA3: Intermediate Spanish II
- SPANISH 1Z06 A/B: Beginner’s Intensive Spanish

**Electives from Other Faculties**

**Total Required Units Selected:**

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