WELCOME TO HUMANITIES

Now that you’ve chosen to come to McMaster to study Humanities, you are probably wondering what to do next – in particular, how to choose your courses.

A full course load includes 30 units, or 15 units each term. Each course you take is typically worth 3 (one semester) or 6 (two semesters) units. Which courses you should take depends on what program(s) you think you might want to enter in Level 2.

You are required to take 12 units from what is called Course List 1 – these are the courses that qualify you for a program in second year. Then you get to fill the remaining 18 units with additional courses from this list, Humanities electives, or electives from other faculties.

We’ve provided you with a worksheet inside this brochure to help you make your choices. As always, if you have any questions, we encourage you to speak to an academic advisor.

Understanding Course Codes

1AA3

The level of the course. How many units this course is worth.

Prerequisite: You must take this course first.

Co-requisite: You must take this course at the same time.

Anti-requisite: If you’ve taken the listed course, you can’t take this one.

*Note: Music 1 and Studio Art 1 both have special lists of requirements. See our website for more details.

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**HUMANITIES 1: Choosing Your Courses**

### 1 Identify the Level 2 programs you are interested in

- **Art History**
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - **ARTHIST 1A03**: World Art and Cultural Heritage I
    - **ARTHIST 1A03**: World Art and Cultural Heritage II

- **Classics**
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - **CLASSICS 1A03**: Intro to Classical Archaeology
    - **CLASSICS 1B03**: Intro to Ancient Myth and Literature
    - **CLASSICS 1M03**: History of Greece and Rome
    - **GREEK 1Z03**: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek I
    - **GREEK 1ZZ3**: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek II
    - **LATIN 1Z03**: Beginner’s Intensive Latin I
    - **LATIN 1ZZ3**: Beginner’s Intensive Latin II

- **Cognitive Science of Language**
  - Take both
    - **LINGUIST 1A03**: Introduction to Linguistics I
    - **LINGUIST 1AA3**: Introduction to Linguistics II
    - *must also take PSYCH 1F03 OR 1X03 as elective*

- **Communication Studies**
  - Take
    - **CMST 1A03**: Intro to Communication

- **English**
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - **ENGLISH 1A03**: Literature in English: Shorter Genres
    - **ENGLISH 1AA3**: Literature in English: Longer Genres
    - **ENGLISH 1C06**: A History of English Literature
    - **CSCT 1C33/ENGLISH 1CS3**: Studying Culture: A Critical Introduction

- **French**
  - Take
    - **FRENCH 1A06**: Introduction to French Studies: Advanced Level

- **History**
  - Take at least 3 units
    - **HISTORY 1CC3**: The Rise of Empires, 500-1950
    - **HISTORY 1DD3**: The Making of the Modern World, 1750-1945
    - **HISTORY 1EE3**: The Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
    - **HISTORY 1FF3**: Exploring History in a Small Group Setting
    - **HISTORY 1M03**: History of Greece and Rome

- **Humanities**
  - Take both
    - **HUMAN 1QU3**: Insight and Inquiry: Questions to Change the World
    - **HUMAN 1VV3**: Voice and Vision: Words to Change the World

- **Linguistics**
  - Take both
    - **LINGUIST 1A03**: Introduction to Linguistics I
    - **LINGUIST 1AA3**: Introduction to Linguistics II
    - *6 units of a language other than English also recommended*

- **Multimedia**
  - Take
    - **MMEDIA 1A03**: Multimedia and Digital Society

- **Peace Studies**
  - Take
    - **PEACEST 1A03**: Introduction to Peace Studies

- **Philosophy OR Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL)**
  - Take at least 3 units
    - **PHILOS 1A03**: Philosophical Texts
    - **PHILOS 1B03**: Philosophy, Law and Society
    - **PHILOS 1C03**: Philosophy in Literature
    - **PHILOS 1D03**: Philosophy and the Sciences
    - **PHILOS 1E03**: Problems of Philosophy

- **Theatre and Film**
  - Take
    - **THTRFLM 1T03**: Introduction to Theatre, Cinema and Society

### 2 Select the courses you need to be considered for your programs of interest (You must take at least 9 units from this list.)

**Humanities Electives**
- **ART 1TI3**: Making Art and Understanding Technology & Images
- **ART 1UI3**: Making Art and Understanding Images
- **CHINESE 1Z06 A/B**: Mandarin Chinese for Beginners
- **FRENCH 1Z06 A/B**: Beginner’s Intensive French I
- **GERMAN 1B03**: Intermediate German I
- **GERMAN 1BB3**: Intermediate German II
- **GERMAN 1Z06 A/B**: Beginner’s Intensive German
- **ITALIAN 1A03**: Intermediate Italian I
- **ITALIAN 1AA3**: Intermediate Italian II
- **ITALIAN 1Z06 A/B**: Beginner’s Intensive Italian
- **JAPANESE 1Z06 A/B**: Beginner’s Intensive Japanese
- **LINGUIST 1A03**: Sounds, Words & Meaning in Modern English
- **LINGUIST 1Z03**: Sentence & Communication Structure in Modern English
- **POLISH 1Z03**: Beginner’s Polish I
- **POLISH 1ZZ3**: Beginner’s Polish II
- **RUSSIAN 1Z03**: Intensive Beginner’s Russian I
- **RUSSIAN 1ZZ3**: Intensive Beginner’s Russian II
- **SPANISH 1A03**: Intermediate Spanish I
- **SPANISH 1AA3**: Intermediate Spanish II
- **SPANISH 1Z06 A/B**: Beginner’s Intensive Spanish
- **WOMENST 1A03**: Women, Culture, Power
- **WOMENST 1AA3**: Women Transforming the World

**Electives from Other Faculties**
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### 3 Choose enough electives to make your total credit hours equal 30.

- **Total Required Units Selected**: ___________
- **Total Elective Units Selected**: ___________

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**Identify the Level 2 programs you are interested in**: Choose at least 3 units from the listed programs. You must take at least 9 units from this list.

**Electives from Other Faculties**: Choose enough electives to make your total credit hours equal 30. Identify the Level 2 programs you are interested in and select the courses you need to be considered for your programs of interest (You must take at least 9 units from this list.)