

WELCOME TO HUMANITIES

Now that you have chosen to study at McMaster, you are probably wondering what to do next - in particular, how to choose your courses.

A full course load includes 30 units, with 15 units each term. Each course you take is typically worth 3 units (half year) or 6 units (full year). You will select your Level 1 courses based on which Level 2 programs you are interested in.

You are required to take one 3-unit foundational Humanities course, HUMAN 1V3. An additional course, HUMAN 1QU3, is strongly recommended. You are also required to take a minimum of 12 units from "Course List 1" - these courses qualify you for degree programs. The remaining 15 units can be additional courses from this list, electives from the Faculty of Humanities, or electives from other faculties at McMaster.

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

Understanding Course Codes

The level of the course. **▶ 1AA3 ◀** How many units this course is worth.

Prerequisite: a requirement to be fulfilled before registration in a course is permitted. This is usually the successful completion of another course.

Co-requisite: a course which must be taken at the same time as your desired course.

Anti-requisite: an anti-requisite course will be listed if your desired course overlaps substantially with another one, and indicates that you cannot take both.

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



"I'm giving back, I hope, to first year students, my sense of excitement that I had as a first year student".

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 - Associate Dean of Humanities

"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

"The faculty are outstanding. They really care about you individually. The students are amazing".

Elise Naccarato - Graduate, Music

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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES LEVEL I



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HUMANITIES

HUMANITIES 1: Choosing Your Courses

1 Identify the degree programs you are interested in

<input type="checkbox"/> Art History	Choose at least 3 units	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTHIST 1A03: World Art and Cultural Heritage I <input type="checkbox"/> ARTHIST 1AA3: World Art and Cultural Heritage II
<input type="checkbox"/> Classics	Choose at least 3 units	<input type="checkbox"/> CLASSICS 1A03: Introduction to Classical Archaeology <input type="checkbox"/> CLASSICS 1B03: Ancient Myth and Literature <input type="checkbox"/> CLASSICS 1M03: History of Greece and Rome <input type="checkbox"/> GREEK 1Z03: Beginner's Intensive Ancient Greek I <input type="checkbox"/> GREEK 1ZZ3: Beginner's Intensive Ancient Greek II <input type="checkbox"/> LATIN 1Z03: Beginner's Intensive Latin I <input type="checkbox"/> LATIN 1ZZ3: Beginner's Intensive Latin II
<input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Science of Language	Take both	<input type="checkbox"/> LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics I <input type="checkbox"/> LINGUIST 1AA3: Introduction to Linguistics II *must also take PSYCH 1F03 OR 1X03 as elective
<input type="checkbox"/> Communication Studies	Take	<input type="checkbox"/> CMST 1A03 - Introduction to Communication
<input type="checkbox"/> English	Choose at least 3 units (1C06 recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH 1A03: Literature in English: Shorter Genres <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH 1AA3: Literature in English: Longer Genres <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH 1C06 A/B: A History of English Literature <input type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH 1CS3: Studying Culture: A Critical Introduction
<input type="checkbox"/> French	Take	<input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH 1A06 A/B: Introduction to French Studies: Advanced Level
<input type="checkbox"/> History	Choose at least 3 units	<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY 1CC3: The Rise of Empires, 500-1950 <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY 1DD3: The Making of the Modern World, 1750-1945 <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY 1EE3: The Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY 1FF3: Exploring History in a Small Group Setting <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY 1M03: History of Greece and Rome
<input type="checkbox"/> Linguistics	Take both	<input type="checkbox"/> LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics I <input type="checkbox"/> LINGUIST 1AA3: Introduction to Linguistics II *6 units of a language other than English also recommended
<input type="checkbox"/> Multimedia	Take	<input type="checkbox"/> MMEDIA 1A03: Multimedia and Digital Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Studies	Take	<input type="checkbox"/> PEACEST 1A03: Introduction to Peace Studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy OR <input type="checkbox"/> Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL)	Choose at least 3 units	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS 1A03: Philosophical Texts <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS 1B03: Philosophy, Law and Society <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS 1E03: Philosophical Questions <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS 1F03: Meaning in Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre and Film	Take	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 12 units from this list.)

3 Take your required Humanities foundational course.

HUMAN 1VV3: Voice and Vision: Words to Change the World

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

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
- HUMAN 1QU3: Insight and Inquiry: Questions to Change the World
- 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 1Z03: Structure of Modern English I
- LINGUIST 1ZZ3: Structure of Modern English II
- 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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Total Required Units Selected _____
+ Total Elective Units Selected _____
30