

Master of Arts in Humanities

The Master of Arts in Humanities is based on the great ideas, works, and thinkers who defined civilization as embodied in the "great books" tradition established at the University of Chicago and now in use at other leading institutions such as the University of Notre Dame, Boston University, and Columbia University. You will evaluate humankind's fundamental topics through courses in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. You may find this online master's degree to be excellent preparation for advanced skills in writing, presenting ideas, and creative problem solving.

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

Research, Thinking, and Writing

- Critically analyze literary works for their contribution to the body of human knowledge.
- Articulate written positions on ideas that stem from the great works of human thought.
- Apply classical logic to historical and contemporary issues of human behavior, society, and civilization.

Advanced Knowledge of the Great Works

- Examine the human experience from multidimensional perspectives from antiquity to modern times through examining leading authors and works of each age.
- Analyze the origins and implications of the concept of individualism as it applies in concepts of tradition, power, society, and culture.
- Use advanced science and social science knowledge, methods, and logic to inform and influence scientific and/or social processes and structures.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Core Requirements	21
	Major Requirements	12
	Final Program Requirements	3
Total Semester Hours		36

Degree Program Requirements

Core Requirements (21 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HUMN500	Humanities: Research, Study and Use ¹	3
HUMN510	The Ancient World	3
HUMN520	Antiquity and Medieval World	3
HUMN530	The Renaissance	3
HUMN541	Enlightenment and the Modern World	3
HUMN551	Evolution of Life and Intelligence	3
HUMN555	The 19th Century: Romantic and Industrial Revolutions	3
Total Semester Hours		21

¹ Required as the first course in this program.

Major Requirements (12 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select 4 courses from the following:		12
HIST557	History and Popular Culture	
HIST586	History of Science	
HIST588	History of Religion	
HUMN550	Evolution of Earth and Universe	
HUMN561	Society, Class and Wealth	
HUMN571	Individuals, Societies, and the Spirit	
Total Semester Hours		12

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HUMN697	Humanities Capstone Portfolio Seminar ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ This course may not be taken until all other courses are COMPLETED and student has a 3.0 GPA.