The B.A. degree in Humanities and Cultural Studies enables students to receive solid foundations in the interdisciplinary study of cultures and meanings. Students study how human cultures have produced meaning in the past and continue to do so, reflect critically on these productions, and learn relevant perspectives and meaningful interpretations that contribute to responsible engagement with the many cultural expressions we encounter today. Students conduct relevant research in the Humanities while developing their own skills of critical evaluation and constructive engagement.

Admission Requirements

- None

Degree Requirements

- Students who change degree programs and select this major must adopt the most current catalog.
- Co-op or internship credit cannot be used in this major without prior approval by the chair.
- Students must earn at least a “C” (2.0) in each required course.
- Students should consult with a departmental advisor.
- Departmental Residency Requirement consists of at least 18 semester hours of regularly scheduled 3000-4000 level courses taken from the UCF Philosophy Department.
- Courses designated in 1 (General Ed Program) and 2 (Common Program Prerequisites) are usually completed in the first 60 hours.

1. UCF General Education Program (GEP) (36 hrs)

A: Communication Foundations (9 hrs)
   Required: HUM 2020 Encountering the Humanities 3 hrs

2. Common Program Prerequisites (CPP) (18 hrs)
   Select 1:
   PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy or 3 hrs
   REL 2300 World Religions 3 hrs

3. Core Requirements: Basic Level (9 hrs)
   HUM 2020 Encountering the Humanities GEP

Select 1:
   PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy or 3 hrs
   REL 2300 World Religions GEP

4. Core Requirements: Advanced Level (33 hrs)

Core Requirements

- HUM 3800 Research Methods in Humanities 3 hrs

Humanities Foundations (6 hrs)

- HUM 3431 Ancient Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3435 Medieval Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3255 Modern Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3252 Contemporary Humanities 3 hrs

Theories and Methods (12 hrs)

- HUM 3805 Critical Theory in the Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3630 Introduction to Digital Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3326 Theories of Sex and Gender in Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 4330 Performance Theory or 3 hrs
- HUM 4823 Queer Theory in the Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 4826 Postcolonial Theory 3 hrs

Cultural Traditions (6 hrs)

- HUM 3401 Asian Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3423 African Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 3460 Latin American Humanities or 3 hrs
- HUM 4459 American Cultural Studies in Humanities 3 hrs

Topics in Cultural Studies (6 hrs)

- HUM 4931 Key Figures in the Humanities & Cultural Studies or 3 hrs
- HUM 4934 Key Concepts in Humanities & Cultural Studies or 3 hrs

5. Restricted Electives

- None

6. Capstone Electives

- None

7. Foreign Language Requirements

Admissions

- Met by graduation requirement

Graduation

- Proficiency equivalent to one year of college instruction in a foreign language taught by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures or Judaic Studies. Standardized examinations for foreign languages may be used to meet the requirement. Majors who are contemplating graduate school should complete two years of a foreign language, preferably one functional in their area of proposed graduate interest.

8. Electives

- Select primarily from upper level courses after meeting with a departmental advisor. Courses may be outside the department.

9. Additional Requirements

- None

10. Required Minors

- None

11. Departmental Exit Requirements

- Departmental Exit Exam in final semester. Exam may be part of HUM 4933: Humanities Senior Research Seminar
- Earn a “C” (2.0) or better in each required course.
- To avoid delaying graduation, you must request a review of requirements prior to registering for your last term.

12. University Minimum Exit Requirements

- A 2.0 UCF GPA
- 60 semester hours earned after CLEP awarded
- 48 semester hours of upper division credit completed
- 30 of the last 39 hours of course work must be completed in residency at UCF.
- A maximum of 45 hours of extension, correspondence, CLEP, Credit by Exam, and Armed Forces credits permitted.
- Complete the General Education Program, the Gordon Rule, and nine hours of Summer credit.

Total Semester Hours Required

- 120
Honors In Major

- Students considering graduate school in humanities are strongly encouraged to take Honors in the Major. Requirements are as follows:
  a. Core Requirements, Humanities and Cultural Studies, and Capstone
    - Same requirements as for regular majors
  b. Honors Thesis
    - 6 hrs
      - HUM 4903H Honors Directed Reading I 3 hrs
      - HUM 4970H Undergraduate Honors Thesis 3 hrs
  c. Additional Requirements of Honors in the Major
    - Application and admission through the Humanities Honors Coordinator
    - Fulfill University requirements for Honors in the Major
    - Maintain a UCF GPA of at least 3.2 and a Humanities GPA of at least 3.5
    - Successful completion and oral defense of Honors thesis
    - No more than 2 courses of 3000 or 4000 level courses applied to the B.A. in Humanities and Cultural Studies may be simultaneously applied to fulfill another major.
    - Earn a “B” (3.0) or better in both of the following:
      - HUM 4903H Honors Directed Reading I 3 hrs
      - HUM 4970H Undergraduate Honors Thesis 3 hrs

Related Programs

- Philosophy
- Religion and Cultural Studies

Certificates

- None

Related Minors

- Digital Humanities
- Philosophy
- Religion and Cultural Studies
- Cognitive Sciences

Advising Notes

- None

Transfer Notes

- Lower division courses do not substitute for upper division courses.
- Courses transferred from private and out-of-state schools must be evaluated for equivalency credit. The student must provide all supporting information.

Acceptable Substitutes for Transfer Courses

- None

Plan of Study

- None

Program Academic Learning Compacts

- Program Academic Learning Compacts (student learning outcomes) for undergraduate programs are located at:
  - http://www.oeas.ucf.edu/alc/academic_learning_compacts.htm