

PACIFIC HUMANITIES PROGRAM

The Pacific Humanities Scholars Program is a selective, one-of-a-kind educational experience dedicated to the promotion of the humanities in academics and beyond. It is designed to foster an intellectually rigorous and culturally rich community in which students can learn, grow, and thrive. Pacific Humanities Scholars enables students to complete an optional accelerated track to achieve their BA in three years. Admission to this program is by invitation. In addition to a careful review of the student's GPA, rigor of courses, extra-curricular activities, and the quality and content of the applicant's personal statement, the Humanities Scholars Program follows the holistic review process practiced by the Office of Undergraduate Admission. Along with maintaining a major or minor in the humanities or a humanities-related discipline, per the discretion of the program director, students must complete two 1-unit cohort seminars, PHUM 010 and PHUM 100, in their first and second years. In their third and possibly fourth years, students will focus on deepening their knowledge of the humanities by participating in experiential learning opportunities such as an internship, study abroad program, or independent research.

Learning Outcomes

1. Acquire knowledge of the Humanities disciplines and their collective capacity for cultivating empathy, ethics, and civic responsibility in global society.
2. Develop skills for creative problem-solving across a wide range of social, cultural, and political contexts.
3. Define and illustrate the relationship between information technology and humanistic inquiry.
4. Manage interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork.
5. Exhibit mastery of independent research and writing.
6. Analyze, synthesize, and apply humanistic understanding to real-world settings, including the workplace and the community, toward the production of transformative action.

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Students must complete two 1-unit cohort seminars in the first year, as well as two 2-unit capstone courses in the third year in order to complete the pacific humanities program.

PHUM 010	Expressing the Humanities	1
PHUM 100	Collective Expression, Expressing the Collective	1
PHUM Capstone		2
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Pacific Humanities Courses

PHUM 010. Expressing the Humanities. 1 Unit.

This first of two one-unit seminars designed for Pacific Humanities Scholars, this course addresses the challenges facing the traditional humanities disciplines. Students are tasked with articulating a variety of responses, using multiple expressive media, to the question: "what does it mean to be human in the information age?" Prerequisite: Admission to the Pacific Humanities Scholars Program.

PHUM 100. Collective Expression, Expressing the Collective. 1 Unit.

The second of two one-unit seminars designed for Pacific Humanities Scholars, this course challenges students to explore the interface between the humanities and technology, as well as to think globally about how the humanities function as a means of collective expression in the information age. Prerequisite: Admission to the Pacific Humanities Scholars Program.

PHUM 191. Undergrad Independent Study. 1-4 Units.

PHUM 197. Independent Research. 1-4 Units.