HUMANITIES M.A.

The program currently is not admitting new students.

Degree: Master of Arts
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The Master of Arts in Humanities provides advanced study in four disciplines of the humanities. The program benefits both teachers and other post-baccalaureate students seeking intellectual fulfillment or professional advancement.

Unlike the traditional master's degree that specializes in just one area, the Master of Arts in Humanities program bridges four disciplines of the liberal arts: philosophy and religious studies, literature, history and rhetoric. It seeks to establish context and connections, linking significant texts with their intellectual and historical backgrounds from the perspectives of the disciplines of the program. Each course in the core engages texts in English or English translation from four epochs: the Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance and Modern. Housed in the College of Liberal Arts, the program draws on the faculty of the departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies, English, History, and Foreign Languages. Its structure has three related parts:

1. Core Texts
2. Contexts and Connections
3. Thesis or Anthology Options

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university**
- GPA of 3.00, or 2.75 for conditional admission (last 60 undergraduate units)

The Humanities program accepts admission materials on a rolling basis, but priority deadlines are April 1 for Fall admission or November 1 for Spring admission. Send the following materials to:

University Admissions
Towson University
8000 York Road, Towson, MD 21252

- A statement of intent (500 words)
- A research paper in any liberal arts discipline
- Two letters of recommendation

Non-immigrant international students: See additional admission information in Graduate Admissions (http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/graduate/apply/international-students.asp).

**See Exceptions to Policy in Graduate Admissions (http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/graduate/apply/admission-policies.asp).

COMBINED BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN ENGLISH AND M.A. IN HUMANITIES

The combined Bachelor’s-Master’s degree program in English and Humanities is designed to allow students to complete combined undergraduate and graduate courses in a shorter time frame, including

6 units taken during summer and/or winter terms. This program is open only to undergraduates pursuing the Literature track in English. For admission to this track as an undergraduate, the student must apply to the Director of the M.A. in Humanities Program before the second term of the junior year and meet the following criteria:

- Completion of or current enrollment in 60 units (may include transfer credits)
- Declaration of an English major in the Literature track
- Completion of or current enrollment in at least 12 units of the English major, 6 of which should be:

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<td>ENGL 310</td>
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Total Units 6

- Overall GPA of 3.3 or better and a GPA in English of 3.3 or better
- Demonstration of a high degree of proficiency in academic writing, to be determined by the Director of the Humanities program from your Humanities program admissions materials
- 9 units taken at the 600-level after completion of the junior year will be double-counted toward fulfilling the 120 units required for the B.A.-B.S. and the 30 units required for the M.A. See Undergraduate Catalog for stipulations pertaining to the completion of the bachelor’s degree.

TRANSFER CREDIT

With the approval of the program director, students may apply 6 transfer units with the grade of “B” or better to the elective requirements of the program only.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Humanities requires completion of a 36-unit program of study: 18 units of core curriculum, 12 units of elective study and 6 units of thesis or course options. Students must have the approval of the program director before registering for any course to count for the humanities degree.

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<td>Students must complete six 3-unit courses from the following core areas: 18</td>
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<td>The Humanities and Philosophical Inquiry HUMA 616 - HUMA 630 (at least one course)</td>
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<td>The Humanities and the Rhetorical Tradition HUMA 611/PRWR 611</td>
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Electives (12 Units)
Students may take courses from approved offerings in the four participating departments (English, History, Foreign Languages, Philosophy and Religious Studies) and, with permission of the program director, from two approved courses in theatre, music or art history in the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

**Thesis or Anthology Option (6 Units)**

Select one of the following options:

1. **Thesis and defense**
   - Two approved courses from the home departments and presentation of a bound anthology of an introductory chapter and revised major seminar papers after consultation with a mentor.

**Total Units**

1. The thesis or anthology must be submitted to the director by the seventh week of the term in which the student plans to graduate.

1. Understanding master texts of Western Civilization part of sequential continuum in the contextual history of their own times.
2. Mastering historical, literary, and philosophical modes of inquiry into the texts.
3. Arguing a thesis about the texts from historical, literary, philosophical, and rhetorical modes of analysis.