GLOBAL HUMANITIES M.A.

Degree: Master of Arts
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The Master's Program in Global Humanities fosters interdisciplinary inquiry into the ideas of the human and of the human condition, in historic and contemporary contexts, as expressed in global human culture through literature, language, history, human and cultural geography, philosophy, religion, film and art, and including economics, politics and the sciences when utilized in a humanistic context. Fostering multicultural awareness and understanding, the Global Humanities M.A. provides students with the tools needed for successfully and humanely negotiating the increased diversity of our world as it changes in a variety of interrelated ways, through economic exchange, war, the mass movement of refugees and migrants, terrorism and climate disruption. All of these complex opportunities and problems posed by globalization involve encounters of difference in culture, language, religion and custom. A graduate degree in Global Humanities provides students with the cultural and historical awareness necessary to think through complex issues of global interactions not only in the contemporary moment but with an awareness of change over time: the knowledge of past events and developments provides insight for the present and future.

Students pursue the degree through course work that combines Interdisciplinary Thematic seminars and elective graduate courses, culminating with either a master's thesis, an anthology or an internship option.

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

The Global Humanities program accepts admission materials on a rolling basis, but priority deadlines are April 1 for Fall admission or November 1 for Spring admission.

Submit admission materials to Graduate Admissions (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply)

Non-immigrant international students: See additional admission information in Graduate Admissions (https://www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/international.html)

Students who received their bachelor or master’s degree outside of the United States are to submit TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS scores that meet the following requirements: a TOEFL score of 100 on the iBT, a PTE score of 5.7, or an IELTS score of 7.

**See Exceptions to Policy in Graduate Admissions (https:// www.towson.edu/academics/graduate/admissions/apply/policies.html)

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Global Humanities requires completion of a 36-unit program of study, combining 21 units of required curriculum with 15 credit hours of elective courses, thesis and/or internship work. Students must have the approval of the program director before registering for any elective course to count for the humanities degree. Students will select one of the following courses of study: the Thesis Option; Anthology Option; or the Internship Option.

Thesis Option

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**Elective Courses**  12

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**Internship**  3

**Anthology required**  1

Total Units  39

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.

**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.

1. Understanding and appreciating major issues and themes relevant to humanistic inquiry, across disciplines and historic periods.
2. Understanding the development of humanistic inquiry across a historical trajectory, including the relevance of and potential practical applications of the humanities in contemporary global culture.
3. Producing substantive insight about humanistic texts and cultural products by means of historical, literary, philosophical, and/or rhetorical modes of analysis, across national boundaries or applying humanistic inquiry in work or community outreach.