



What can I do with a Major in... Humanities

What is Humanities?

The **humanities** are those academic disciplines which study the human condition using methods that are largely analytic, critical, or speculative, as distinguished from the mainly empirical approaches of the natural and social sciences. Conventionally the humanities include ancient and modern languages and literature, history, philosophy, religion, visual and performing arts (including music). Additional subjects sometimes included in the humanities are anthropology, area studies, communications and cultural studies, although these are often regarded as social sciences. Scholars working in the humanities are sometimes described as "humanists".

What is Humanities at U of L?

The interdisciplinary majors in Humanities which lead to the **Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities** are designed to provide students with a broad grasp of the arts and humanities with special strengths in selected areas. The disciplines included in the Division are art history, literature, classical and modern languages, music history, philosophy, theatre arts and religious studies. In addition, the Division offers programs in cultural studies that allow students to focus on a cultural period. The periods included are the ancient, medieval and renaissance, early modern, and modern world cultures.

Degrees in Humanities at U of L:

Undergraduate Degrees

BA, concentration in Cultural Studies

BA, concentration in Disciplinary Studies

Minor in Humanities

Minor in Religious Studies

Graduate Degrees

MA in Humanities, Traditional Concentration

MA in Humanities, with a Concentration in Linguistics

MA in Humanities with a Concentration in Humanities and Civic Leadership

Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Humanities (JD/MAH)

Accelerated BA/MA in Humanities

Ph. D. in Humanities

Career Opportunities in Humanities:

Possible Entry Level Job Titles:

Administrative Assistant

Advertising Executive

Anthropologist

Appraiser

Broadcaster (Radio/TV)



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Business Manager
Community/Organizational Worker
College/University Faculty Member
Counselor
Critic (Print/Radio/Media) Diplomat
Editor/Publisher
Government Services Rep.
Human Resources Director
Flight Attendant
Fundraising Director
Higher Education Administrator
Insurance Agent/Broker
International Relations Specialist
Intelligence Specialist
Journalist
Lawyer
Librarian
Lobbyist
Novelist
Paralegal
Personnel Manager
Physician
Proofreader
Public Administrator
Public Relations Specialist
Reporter
Researcher
Salesperson
Special Agent/FBI
Teacher
Title Examiner
Translator/Interpreter
Travel Agent
Writer

Employers/Industries and Success Strategies:

Social/Community Services: Research – Fundraising – Counseling – Social Work – Volunteer coordination – Grant writing – Administration – Nonprofit and social service organizations – Public interest research groups – Museums – Mental health agencies

Suggested Strategy: Gain related experience in areas of interest. Volunteer with a social service agency. Obtain a graduate degree in social work or counseling, as well as applicable state licensure for therapy positions.

Religion/Ministry: Clergy – Administration – Missions – Local churches/synagogues – Denominational headquarters – Religiously-affiliated schools and colleges/universities – Religious organizations

Suggested Strategy: Obtain seminary training for clergy positions. Gain related experience through volunteering with local churches or religious organizations. Develop foreign language skills for international mission work. Seek leadership positions in campus religious organizations. Complete an internship or summer position with a religious camp or missionary organization.

Education: Teaching – Research – Administration – Student Affairs – College/universities – Adult education programs

Suggested Strategy: Obtain a doctoral degree for university teaching or research. Develop one or more concentrations and take supplemental coursework. Gain related experience in area of interest. Earn a master's degree



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in a specialized area (e.g., Library Science, College Student Personnel, or Counseling). Seek campus leadership positions, such as residence assistant.

Government: Public policy/administration – Research – Regional planning – City management – Intelligence – Foreign Service – Law enforcement – Legislative, executive, or judicial services – Program administration – Elected/appointed leadership – Campaign management – Staff administration – Special interest advocacy

Suggested Strategy: Become familiar with government application process. Supplement curriculum with courses in political science or business. Complete an internship in government or related area. Acquire foreign language skills for international positions. Earn a graduate degree in political science or public administration for advancement. Volunteer with campaigns.

Ethics: Medical – Environmental – Research – Hospitals – Consulting services – Research orgs – Health science agencies

Suggested Strategy: Obtain graduate degree for most positions. Participate in related professional organizations. Join debate groups. Develop excellent research, verbal and written communication skills.

Writing: Editing – Technical writing – Journalism – Advertising – Public relations – Publishing companies – Advertising agencies

Suggested Strategy: Complete an internship in appropriate media. Take courses in journalism, advertising, public relations, or English. Become a student member of a related professional group. Serve on college newspaper staff.

Business: Management – Sales – Human Resources – Market Research – Finance - Insurance

Suggested Strategy: Minor in business. Gain related experience through internships or part-time jobs. Obtain leadership roles.

Related Links in the Humanities Discipline:

Professional Association Links

SWIP: The Society for Women in Philosophy <http://www.uh.edu/~cfreelan/SWIP>

American Philosophy Association <http://www.udel.edu/ap>

Career Planning Links

Youth With A Mission <http://www.ywam.org/Default.asp?bhcp=1>

Philosophy resources on the World Wide Web <http://library.austin.cc.tx.us/research/w3/humanities/PHL/phl.htm>

Why You Don't Know What to Do With a Major in Philosophy

www.jobweb.com/Resources/Library/Careers_In/Choosing_Your_Major_122_01.ht

Ideas for Volunteer/Internship/ Co-op

Walk-In Volunteer Resource Center: provides information on local non-profits agencies in need of volunteers.

America Reads Tutoring Program UofL students tutor in local elementary schools and after-school programs. They get paid as federal work-study students or volunteer on their own time.

Americorp Bonner Leader Program UofL students may apply to this Americorp funded program in which they commit to completing 300 hours of service in a calendar year and earn a \$1000 stipend upon completion.

“Best Practices” Training for Recognized Student Organizations: Assist RSOs in all aspects of community service, including finding sites, planning a project, and being an effective volunteer. Provide training for students who are working with children and youth as tutors or mentors.

Alternative Spring Break Program The Service Learning Program and the Honors program work together to provide selected students with an opportunity to explore a social, educational, or environmental issue by performing service at a non-profit agency out of state.

Service Learning Support for Faculty Provide information on all aspects of combining academic studies with community service, including site placement, project ideas, and evaluation options.



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Service Learning Resource Library: Contains books, articles, and video about Service Learning practices in Higher Education.

Salary/Outlook Info



<http://online.onetcenter.or>



<http://www.bls.gov/oco>