

HUMANITIES

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What are the humanities? Film director George Lucas said, “The sciences are the how and the humanities are the why—why are we here, why do we believe in the things we believe in?” The humanities explore how people have worked to consider, describe and make sense of the human experience. Our degrees celebrate, explore and encourage artistic, creative and intellectual expression. As a humanities major, you will have the opportunity to learn through classroom experiences, internships and student organizations.

The humanities programs are housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, UofL’s largest and most diverse academic unit. The three A&S divisions are: humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. We offer 45 undergraduate degree programs, 59 minors, accelerated degree programs that can help you earn a master’s or a law degree quickly, undergraduate certificates, undergraduate research and teaching assistantships, study-abroad programs and more.



Beyond the classroom

STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad and international service learning programs are available for all humanities majors. You have the opportunity to take classes in Ireland, Brazil, China, Peru, Panama and more. The World Scholars Program provides you a significant study experience to a non-English speaking country or region.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Many student organizations are available for humanities majors, including Arts and Sciences Student Council, Cardinals for the Appreciation of Musical Theatre, language clubs, Phi Sigma Tau and other academic honor societies. Our humanities programs also offer several annual and biennial academic conferences, lecture series, reading groups and undergraduate research opportunities.

INTERSHIPS & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Several departments offer for-credit co-ops or internships at places such as the Speed Art Museum, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville Metro Public Art and many other Louisville-area businesses and organizations. You can pursue a wide variety of careers with a major in humanities, limited only by your imagination. Possible career paths available are: business and industry, creative writing, education, fine art and photography, film and media, government and non-profit organizations, healthcare, interpreting and translation, journalism, marketing and public relations, research, travel and tourism and more.

LIVE AND LEARN

Live and study in one of our Living-Learning or Themed Communities (LLC/TC)! Participants will have increased faculty and staff engagement, opportunities to actively engage in community-specific programs, and be exposed to campus resources relevant to their academic, personal, and/or professional endeavors. Visit uofl.me/llc to learn more.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

The American Sign Language Interpreting Studies (ASLIS) program provides you the training to become a qualified interpreter. This includes learning ASL, understanding the basics of ASL linguistics, deaf history and culture, and the fundamentals of the interpreting process.

ART

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art program is a mixed-media degree primarily intended for students who wish to receive a broad experience in studio practice within the context of a liberal arts education. The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree is primarily intended for professionally-oriented art students and those planning to pursue graduate work in studio arts. You are offered three tracks in the BFA Program: Studio Art (Ceramics, Drawing, Fiber Arts/Mixed Media, Glass, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture), Graphic Design and Interior Design.

ART HISTORY

Art History introduces you to the history and appreciation of the visual arts. This program provides an in-depth understanding of the history of art, architecture and visual culture—production, circulation and reception—while teaching you to approach visuality more broadly.

COMPARATIVE HUMANITIES

The Department of Comparative Humanities explores the question, what does it mean to be human? Using many humanities disciplines such as literature, religion, Jewish Studies, film, philosophy, theatre, music, visual arts and linguistics, our courses and our major invite you to explore the answers to this question from global, historical, and contemporary viewpoints.

ENGLISH

The English program is designed to lay a foundation for careers in writing, teaching, scholarship, and research. It is also good preparation for the business and professional world where skills in communication, critical or analytical writing, public relations, editing or advertising are required.

FRENCH

The French program offers a wide range of classes from beginning French to literature, culture, media, linguistics and film. Study abroad opportunities are available in Montpellier, France.

PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy is both the study of the fundamental human questions and the exercise of clear reasoning. Philosophy addresses contemporary issues, including ethical problems in business and medicine, movements for social justice and the development of artificial intelligence. The department offers a wide range of courses in various traditions of philosophy, with particular strengths in applied ethics and social/political philosophy. The tracks are: bioethics, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

SPANISH

You can pursue two tracks: Spanish as a second language and Spanish as a heritage language. Both require placement and departmental evaluation, and both will prepare you for the higher-level required courses. There is also an accelerated BA/MA program.

THEATRE ARTS

UofL Theatre Arts is committed to art in action and challenges you to become a critical thinker who connects with local, national and global communities through live performance. Theatre Arts requirements are split into four core areas: academic (cultural diversity and theatre history), performance, design and technology, and performance/production (theatrical production and management).

Are you interested in designing your own multi-disciplinary major focused on your interests and goals? Qualified students may do so through the Liberal Studies/Individualized Major Program.

For more information: louisville.edu/liberalstudies



APPLY

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The application process is easy. No letters of recommendation or essays are required. We'll do everything we can to help make your dream of attending and succeeding at UofL a reality.

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