

The **AA degree in Humanities** will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements listed below and the General Education requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree listed in the Degrees and Programs section of this Catalog.

Career Opportunities

An AA degree in Humanities can be applied to a range of careers in education, arts, science, business, medicine, law, psychology, sociology, anthropology, theology, social work, tourism, and nonprofit organizations.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Increase critical understanding of the aesthetics of human-made environments.
- Analyze selected works of creative expression in relation to various historical and cultural contexts.
- Synthesize elements from a wide range of disciplines to appreciate and evaluate artworks, ideas, and performances from around the world.

Degree Major Requirements

| DEPT/NO. | TITLE | UNITS |
|---|--|-----------|
| HUMAN 1 | Introduction to Humanities | 3 |
| Select two courses (6 units) from the following: | | |
| ASAME 45A | Asian-American History to 1945 (3) | 6 |
| ASAME 45B | Asian-American History: 1945-Present (3) | |
| HUMAN 2 | Human Values (3) | |
| HUMAN 3 | Future Studies (3) | |
| HUMAN 13A | Myth, Symbol and Folklore (3) | |
| HUMAN 13B | Myth, Symbol and Folklore (3) | |
| HUMAN 40 | Religions of the World (3) | |
| Select one course (3 units) from the following: | | |
| ART 1 | Introduction to Art History (3) | 3 |
| MUSIC 10 | Music Appreciation (3) | |
| MUSIC 12A | Introduction to Music Literature: Birth of Christ to 1827 (3) | |
| MUSIC 12B | Introduction to Music Literature: Romantic Period to Present (3) | |
| Select one course (3 units) from the following: | | |
| MATH 15 | Math for Liberal Arts Students (3) | 3 |
| PHIL 1 | Introduction to Philosophy (3) | |
| PHIL 2 | Social and Political Philosophy (3) | |
| PHIL 4 | Philosophy of Religion (3) | |
| PHIL 5 | Ethical Problems (3) | |
| PHIL 10 | Logic (3) | |
| PHIL 20A | History of Philosophy (3) | |
| PHIL 20B | History of Philosophy (3) | |
| Select one course (3 units) from the following: | | |
| ENGL 30A | Introduction to American Literature (3) | 3 |
| ENGL 30B | Introduction to American Literature (3) | |
| ENGL 36 | Women in Literature (3) | |
| Minimum Required Units: | | 18 |

**Credit limited to one course only.*

Recommended Course Sequence

HUMANITIES

| | COURSE | | UNITS | REQUIREMENT | COA GE AREA |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|--------|----------------|------------------------------|
| FALL 1 | HUMAN 1 | Introduction to Humanities | 3 | Major | 3 |
| | MATH 15 | Mathematics for Liberal Arts Students | 3 | Major | 4B |
| | ENGL 1A ENGL 1AS | Composition and Reading or Composition and Reading (w/ support) | 4 or 5 | GE | 4A |
| | COUN 24 COUN 57 | College Success or Career and Life Planning | 3 | Elective | |
| | LIS 74 LIS 85 | Information Seeking Behavior or Introduction to Information Resources | 2 or 3 | GE | 4C |
| | Total Number of Units | | | 15-17 | |
| SPRING 1 | HUMAN 2 | Human Values | 3 | Major Elective | 3 |
| | HUMAN 40 | Religions of the World | 3 | Major Elective | 3 |
| | GEOG 1 ASTR 1 | Physical Geography or Introduction to Astronomy | 3 | GE | 1 |
| | ENGL 36 ENGL 30A | Women in Literature or Introduction to American Literature I | 3 | Major Elective | 4D or 3 or 4D |
| | AFRAM 5 AFRAM 30 | The African-American Family in the U.S. or African-American History: Africa to 1865 | 3 | GE | 2 & 5 |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 15 | |
| FALL 2 | ART 1 MUSIC 10 | Introduction to Art History or Music Appreciation | 3 | Major Elective | 3 |
| | HUMAN 13A | Myth, Symbol and Folklore | 3 | Elective | 2 or 3 |
| | COMM 1A COMM 45 | Introduction to Speech or Public Speaking | 3 | GE | 4D |
| | POSCI 1 POSCI 26 | Government and Politics in the United States or U.S. and California Constitution | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| | MUSIC 15A MUSIC 15B | Jazz, Blues and Popular Music in the American Culture or Jazz, Blues and Popular Music in the American Culture | 3 | Elective | 2 & 5 |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 15 | |
| SPRING 2 | PHIL 10 COMM 5 | Logic or Persuasion and Critical Thinking | 3 | Elective | 3 or 3 or 4A or 4D |
| | ANTHR 1 BIOL 10 | Introduction to Physical Anthropology or Introduction to Biology | 3 or 4 | Elective | 1 |
| | HIST 7A HIST 18 | History of the United States to 1877 or 20th Century American Protest Movement | 3 | Elective | 2 or 3 |
| | PSYCH 1A SOC 1 | Introduction to General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology | 3 | Elective | 2 |
| | PSYCH 18 SOC 5 | Psychology of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. or Minority Groups | 3 | Elective | 2 & 5 |
| | Total Number of Units: | | | 15-16 | |

Please meet with a counselor to develop a personalized education plan to help you meet your specific goals.

Humanities (HUMAN)

What is the Humanities? Humanities is an interdisciplinary field that involves the study of creative human thought and expression. The main objective of studying Humanities at College of Alameda is to examine significant cultural artifacts, enduring artistic creations, and touchstone ideas and beliefs from a variety of scholarly and personal perspectives.

As an integral part of general education, Humanities encourages students to examine diverse forms of creativity and innovation to gain perspective on their own lives and the world around them. COA courses in the Humanities typically explore such fields as the visual arts, literature, media, popular culture, folklore, storytelling, humor, games, religion, music, dance, cuisine, fashion, tourism, and technology.

Humanities will help you to: transfer to any discipline at a college or university; improve your creative and critical thinking, cultural competence, and social awareness; and develop skills in community building and conflict resolution.

HUMAN 1

Introduction to Humanities

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Humanities seen through various forms of expression: The arts and society, such as dance, painting, music, sculpture, and mythology; theory and practice in artistic creation to stimulate personal awareness. 1599.00
AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B

HUMAN 2

Human Values

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of human values: The individual in relation to the environment as it affects conduct among diverse cultures, past and present. 1599.00
AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2, E; IGETC area 3B

HUMAN 3

Future Studies

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

The study of how individuals and communities imagine and plan for the future: the exploration of technological trends, scientific discoveries, economic forecasts, religious prophecies, speculative/science fiction, political strategies, architectural design, ecological changes, and emerging lifestyles. 1599.00
AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2, E; IGETC area 3B

HUMAN 13A

Myth, Symbol and Folklore

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of myths, symbols, and folklore: Psychological basis underlying myths, symbols, and folktales which has assured their perpetuation and which can lead to a deeper understanding of life. 1599.00
AA/AS area 2, 3; CSU area C2, D, E; IGETC area 3B, 4

HUMAN 15

Popular Culture

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Study of the meaning and impact of American popular culture in the twentieth century: the cultural evolution of consumerism, amusement, leisure, media, and entertainment industries. 1599.00
AA/AS area 3, CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B

HUMAN 40

Religions of the World

- 3 units, 3 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Comparative study of the world's great religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam; original sources stressed. 1599.00
AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B

HUMAN 49

Independent Study in Humanities

- .5-5 units, .5-5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU

In-depth exploration of an area or problem of the student's choice not covered by regular catalog offerings in Humanities. Student must obtain approval from an appropriate faculty member. For more details, see the section on independent study in the college catalog. 1599.00

HUMAN 60

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

- 3 Units, 3 Hours Lecture (GR or P/NP)
- Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Interdisciplinary and multiperspectival overview of LGBTQ Studies: multicultural and global aspects of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender/transsexual aspects of history, politics, psychology; examination of same-sex attraction and gender diversity in the natural sciences, law and civil rights; and LGBTQ involvement in the Arts and Humanities. AA/AS area 2, 3; CSU area C2, D; IGETC area 4