

Area: Humanities  
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Humanities courses at ARC emphasize the connections between the arts of major cultures in a process which analyzes the core values of a specific age or place. Art, literature, music, and philosophy are viewed in the historical contexts of classical and modern Europe, the cultures of the Americas, and the civilizations of the East. Courses also provide introductions to the Middle East and to the biblical traditions of the Old and New Testament.

### **HUM 300 Classical Humanities 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is a survey of Western culture that focuses on the human values expressed through painting, sculpture, architecture, music, literature, and philosophy. Emphasis is on the civilizations of Greece, Rome, and the Middle Ages.

### **HUM 302 Global Humanities: Atheism in Creativity, Thought, and Inspiration Traditions 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, and ESLW 320*

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This academic and non-sectarian course emphasizes the historical and cultural frameworks of atheism. It takes a basic, integrated humanities approach to global non-religious traditions. The course analyzes a broad range of visual and performance arts, as well as literary documents, that explore diverse atheist philosophies over time and around the world. It reviews the difference between atheism and related conceptual traditions in creative expression. The course studies works and ideas comparatively, analyzing their relation to their contexts and to their impacts.

### **HUM 310 Modern Humanities 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course is a survey of Western culture that focuses on the human values expressed through painting, sculpture, architecture, music, literature, and philosophy. Emphasis is on the period from the Renaissance to the Modern Age.

### **HUM 320 Asian Humanities 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course surveys traditions, cultures, literature, art, music and film of India, China, and Japan from ancient times to the present. Emphasis is on the inter-relationships of the arts, literatures and philosophies in their historical contexts within each geographical area.

### **HUM 326 Middle Eastern Humanities 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course surveys the cultures of the Middle East, with an emphasis on the analysis and appreciation of the arts, architecture, music, and sacred and secular texts of Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Turkey and other countries from ancient to modern times, as they apply to cultural and political developments.

### **HUM 330 Humanities of the Americas 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; AA/AS Area VI; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

Fine arts of the Western Hemisphere from antiquity to contemporary times, with an emphasis on an awareness of and a sensitivity to the literature, philosophy, music of the past and present, and specific attention to the distinctively American aspects of those arts and their difference from the European tradition.

### **HUM 360 Introduction to the Old Testament (The Hebrew Bible) 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This course provides a literary and historical approach to the Hebrew Bible. This academic and non-sectarian course explores the ancient Israelite society prior to the Common Era through a study of the Old Testament of the Bible, culture artifacts, and other writings of contemporaneous societies of the ancient Middle East, and a study of scholarly theories and archaeological studies related to biblical texts and ancient Israelite material culture.

### **HUM 365 Introduction to the New Testament 3 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102, ENGWR 103, ESLR 320, or ESLW 320; or placement through the assessment process.*

*General Education: AA/AS Area I; CSU Area C; IGETC Area 3B*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 54 hours LEC*

This academic and non-sectarian course emphasizes the historical and cultural contexts of the New Testament. It analyzes the documents of the early Christian community in relation to both Judaism and the Greco-Roman world. Topics include contemporary religious ideas such as the messiah, the afterlife, the origin of the gospels, the nature of inspiration, transmission of documents and ideas, important Jewish groups, politics of Palestine under the Romans, and the role of Paul.

**HUM 481 Honors Classical Humanities 1 Unit**

*Prerequisite: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; ENGWR 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better.*

*Corequisite: HUM 300*

*General Education: CSU Area C*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This honors course supplements HUM 300. It is an in-depth investigation of seminal works and thought in Western culture from antiquity to the Renaissance. The seminar format requires significant reading and presentation commitments.

**HUM 482 Honors Modern Humanities 1 Unit**

*Prerequisite: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; ENGWR 300 or 480 with a grade of "C" or better.*

*Corequisite: HUM 310*

*General Education: CSU Area C*

*Course Transferable to UC/CSU*

*Hours: 18 hours LEC*

This honors course supplements HUM 310. It is an in-depth investigation of seminal works and thought in Western culture from the Renaissance to the present. The seminar format requires significant reading and presentation commitments.

**HUM 494 Topics in Humanities .5-4 Units**

*Advisory: ENGWR 102 or ESLW 320 or placement through assessment.*

*Course Transferable to CSU*

*Hours: 9-72 hours LEC*

This course will provide the opportunity for concentrated study on specialized topics in the Humanities. Each offering focuses on the integration of arts and ideas in the works of a particular time and place and/or illuminates a selected theme. Refer to class schedule for current topic. Individual field trips may be required. Course may be taken for a maximum of 6 units.