School of Arts and Humanities

Humanities

Overview

The Graduate Program in Humanities brings together scholars from history, philosophy, literature, creative writing, art history, film studies, and the performing arts who share a commitment to transnational and interdisciplinary approaches to humanistic study and practice. The MA and Ph.D. programs provide students with a flexible context in which to pursue research across a wide range of critical approaches and theoretical debates in the arts and humanities disciplines.

Faculty


Professors Emeritus: Joan Chandler, R. David Edmunds, Michael S. Simpson

Clinical Professor: Dennis Walsh

Associate Professors: Matthew Brown, J. Michael Farmer, John C. Gooch, Charles Hatfield, Shelley D. Lane, Jessica C. Murphy, Peter Park, Monica Rankin, Natalie J. Ring, Mark Rosen, Eric Schlereth, Charissa N. Terranova, Shilyh Warren, Daniel B. Wickberg, Michael L. Wilson

Associate Professors Emeritus: Gerald L. Soliday, Deborah A. Stott

Clinical Associate Professor: Kenneth Brewer, Michele Hanlon

Assistant Professors: Rosemary Admiral, Ashley Barnes, Kimberly Hill, Whitney Stewart, Benjamin (Ben) Wright

Clinical Assistant Professor: Sabrina Starnaman

Distinguished Research Scholar: Bonnie Pitman

Senior Lecturers: Greg L. Metz, Christopher (Chris) Ryan

Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities

60 semester credit hours minimum

https://catalog.utdallas.edu/2020/graduate/programs/ah/humanities
Coursework: 42 semester credit hours

Forty-two semester credit hours of which twenty-seven are taken as organized graduate-level courses in History (HIST), Philosophy (PHIL), Literature (LIT), and Visual and Performing Arts (VPAS). At least fifteen semester credit hours of doctoral coursework must be taken in organized courses numbered at the 7000 level.

Required Courses: 6 semester credit hours

- **HUMA 6300** Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Arts and Humanities
- **ARHM 6310** Team-Taught Interdisciplinary Seminar

Distribution Requirements: 9 semester credit hours

Students must take one course from each of three programs (i.e., one HIST or PHIL, one LIT, and one VPAS).

Electives: 18 semester credit hours

18 semester credit hours of organized graduate-level HIST, PHIL, LIT, and VPAS courses
9 semester credit hours of **HUMA 8305** Independent Research in Arts and Humanities

Foreign Language

Students in all Ph.D. programs in the School of Arts and Humanities are expected to demonstrate intermediate-level reading proficiency in a foreign language (equivalent to two years of foreign-language study at the undergraduate level). Students must fulfill the language requirement before scheduling doctoral field examinations.

As part of its approval of a dissertation proposal, the Graduate Studies Committee will consider the appropriateness of a candidate's language preparation for the research or creative project. Faculty members chairing field examinations and dissertations should ensure that students possess the necessary language proficiency to carry out their proposed doctoral research.

The requirement can be satisfied upon enrollment in a Ph.D. program by demonstrating evidence of one or more of the following:

- Completion of a second-semester, intermediate-level foreign language course or higher (e.g., an undergraduate literature course in a foreign language) with a grade of B or better.
- Completion of a graduate course taught in a foreign language or with more than 25% of its required readings in a foreign language.
- An undergraduate major, graduate degree, or certificate in a foreign language.
- Successful completion of graded coursework at a foreign university at which the primary language of instruction is not English.
- A degree in any discipline from a foreign university at which the primary language of instruction is
not English.

The requirement can be satisfied during graduate study at UT Dallas in one of the following ways:

• Completion of a second-semester, intermediate-level foreign language course or higher at UT Dallas or elsewhere with a grade of B or better.

• Successful completion of LIT 6380 Translation Workshop with a grade of B or better.

• Successful completion of one of the following HUMA 6330: French Workshop; HUMA 6331 Spanish Workshop; HUMA 6333 German Workshop with a grade of B or better.

• Passing a written translation exam in an approved foreign language at UT Dallas.

Doctoral Field Examinations

The doctoral field examinations consist of three written sections and an oral defense. The examining committee, composed of three members of the faculty, oversees definition and preparation of the three examination fields. Initial committee formation must take place during the semester in which students complete thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework, which will typically be followed by nine semester credit hours of HUMA 8305 Field Exam Preparation. Exams normally should be completed before completion of 60 semester credit hours.

Dissertation

Students are formally advanced to Ph.D. candidacy when they have successfully completed the doctoral field examinations and received final approval for dissertation topics. Students should submit a preliminary dissertation proposal for consideration during the oral section of the doctoral field examination. After that examination, a four-person supervising committee is formed, normally from the examining committee plus an additional faculty member, to oversee dissertation work. The supervising committee must then approve a formal dissertation proposal before the student submits it to the Graduate Studies Committee for final approval.

Each candidate then writes a doctoral dissertation, which is supervised and defended according to general University regulations.

Master of Arts in Humanities

33 semester credit hours minimum

Coursework: 33 semester credit hours

Thirty-three semester credit hours of which twenty-seven credit hours are taken as organized graduate-level courses in History (PHIL), Philosophy (PHIL), Literature (LIT), and Visual and Performing Arts (VPAS).

Required Courses: 6 semester credit hours
HUMA 6300 Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Arts and Humanities

ARHM 6310 Team-Taught Interdisciplinary Seminar

Distribution Requirements: 9 semester credit hours

Students must take one course from each of three programs (i.e., one HIST or PHIL, one LIT, and one VPAS).

Electives: 18 semester credit hours

18 semester credit hours of organized graduate-level PHIL, PHIL, LIT, and VPAS courses

Professional Option

Students in the professional option must complete thirty-three semester credit hours of coursework. They are not required to complete a portfolio or meet the foreign language requirement.

Research Option

Students in the research option must complete thirty-three semester credit hours of coursework, fulfill a foreign language requirement, and complete a portfolio.

Foreign Language

The research option MA degree requires demonstrated proficiency in an approved foreign language. The requirement can be satisfied upon enrollment in the MA program by demonstrating evidence of one or more of the following:

1. Completion of a second-semester, intermediate-level foreign language course or higher (e.g., an undergraduate literature course in a foreign language) with a grade of B or better.
2. Completion of a graduate course taught in a foreign language or with more than 25% of its required readings in a foreign language.
3. An undergraduate major, graduate degree, or certificate in a foreign language.
4. Successful completion of graded coursework at a foreign university at which the primary language of instruction is not English.
5. A degree in any discipline from a foreign university at which the primary language of instruction is not English.

The requirement can be satisfied during graduate study at UT Dallas in one of the following ways:

1. Completion of a second-semester, intermediate-level foreign language course or higher at UT Dallas or elsewhere with a grade of B or better.
2. Successful completion of LIT 6380 Translation Workshop with a grade of B or better.
3. Successful completion of one of the following: HUMA 6330 French Workshop; HUMA 6331 Spanish Workshop; HUMA 6333 German Workshop with a grade of B or better.
4. Passing a written translation exam in an approved foreign language at UT Dallas.

Portfolio

Two research papers or a creative project plus a scholarly essay originating in or completed for graduate courses are revised and presented in a portfolio for evaluation by a master's committee.

Certificate in Holocaust Studies

Faculty

Professors: Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, David A. Patterson, Nils Roemer

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies

The Certificate in Holocaust Studies is offered to MA and Ph.D. students in the School of Arts and Humanities (A&H) from The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at UT Dallas.

Each student seeking a Certificate in Holocaust Studies must complete 15 graduate semester credit hours in organized classes chosen from the courses below.

Holocaust Certification Courses: 15 semester credit hours

I. Foundation Courses (6 semester credit hours)³

- HIST 6342 The Holocaust
- LIT 6378 Literature and the Holocaust

II. German History, Philosophy, and Literature (3 semester credit hours)³

- LIT 6375 German Literature and Ideas 1870-1960
  or LIT 6376 Literature of Weimar Germany

III. Jewish Studies (6 semester credit hours)³

- LIT 6374 Modern Jewish Literature across Cultures
- HIST 6343 Modernity, Culture, and the Jews

Students with Existing Course Credit

Students who have completed a minimum of 9 semester credit hours as of the date of application for the Holocaust Certificate may apply their semester credit hours toward the above requirements as long as those classes have been taken within the last 24 semester credit hours or 12 months of prior coursework. Students must be current in their requirements for graduation, and should be prepared to
furnish the Center Advisor a completed, up-to-date advising form from their A&H Academic Advisor.

Certificate Registration

Certificate registration forms are available online at [www.utdallas.edu/ah/ackerman](http://www.utdallas.edu/ah/ackerman). Please contact the Center office at 972-883-2100, or by email: [holocauststudies@utdallas.edu](mailto:holocauststudies@utdallas.edu) if you have any questions. Please submit Certification enrollment forms to the Arts and Humanities Office located at JO 4.510.

1. Must be taken during the first Fall semester of enrollment in the program.
2. Only two of the three faculty members can be from the same track (i.e., Literature, History/Philosophy, Visual and Performing Arts). One faculty member must be from a different track.
3. As new courses are developed, students may substitute a required course with the permission of the Center's Director.

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