

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

HUMN

Course Number

1003

Course Title

Exploring the Humanities

Catalog Description

An introduction to the general concept of the humanities and the various disciplines of art, literature, music, mythology, theatre, film, and how they interrelate. Students will develop critical thinking and writing skills through class discussion attendance at local performances, and frequent compositions.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Articulate the importance of the arts and humanities in shaping and reflecting various cultures as well as their importance in enriching their own lives.

- Discuss and evaluate many primary works of visual art, literature, mythology, music, and film in the interest of sharpening their aesthetic perception.
- Write formal and informal compositions regarding various disciplines in the humanities.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

Standard Practices

Topics List

- What are the humanities?
- Struggles in the humanities
- The Foundation of Myth
- The Role of the Humanities in Society
- Visual Art
- Literature
- Music
- Drama
- Film

Learning Activities

- Collaborative group work
- Field Trips - to museums, theatre and music venues
- Class discussion of individual works of humanities
- Guest Speakers

Assessments

- Class discussion
- Group presentations
- Informal and formal compositions
- Quizzes
- Exams

Grading guidelines

Standardized quizzes and exams are graded with a common key. Compositions and presentations are graded with a rubric.

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