

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

HUMN

Course Number

1003H

Course Title

Exploring the Humanities, Honors

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 relate. Students will develop critical thinking and writing skills through class discussion, attendance at local performances, and frequent compositions. This is an honors course. Please refer to the NWACC Honors Program section in the current catalog for more information.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

On Demand

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.

Honors Outcomes

Honors classes (and the Honors Program) promote the following core values:

Community *students will demonstrate civic engagement through Service Learning and exploration of local, national, and global communities.*

Curiosity *students will cultivate personal and intellectual curiosity through investigation, discussion, and scholarship.*

Diversity *students will explore multiple perspectives through interdisciplinary learning.*

General Education Outcomes Supported

1. Students develop higher order thinking skills.
2. Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
3. Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
4. Students develop effective oral communication skills.
5. 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

- Class discussion of individual works of humanities
- Guest Speakers
- Individual projects/presentations
- Group projects/presentations
- Field Trips/events
- Guest Speakers
- Service Learning and/or
- Conference Poster

Assessments

- Class discussion
- Group presentations
- Informal and formal compositions
- Quizzes
- Exams
- Self-reflection essay
- Touchstone research project

Grading guidelines

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

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