Humanities Courses 2022-2023

Please note:
All freshman humanities courses, courses numbered En 84-89, and many advanced humanities courses are limited enrollment, usually no more than about 18 students (fewer for En 84-89). Please check the course schedule from the Registrar’s Office in advance of each term’s registration for more information. First-year students are strongly advised to complete their freshman humanities requirement during their first year. At most, two sections of each freshman humanities course are typically offered in a year. Students should be prepared with alternatives to their first choice. Please click here for course descriptions.

Fall 2022
Freshman Humanities
Hum/En 30. Reading Animals (Hill)
Hum/En 35. Beginning with Poems (Pigman)
Hum/En 36. American Literature and Culture (Weinstein)
Hum/H 1. The Classical and Medieval Worlds (Brown)
Hum/H/HPS 16. Visualizing the Heavens: Images and Instruments of Early Modern Astronomy (Gaida)
Hum/Pl 40. Right and Wrong (Quartz)
Hum/Pl 41. Knowledge and Reality (Eberhardt – 2 sections)
Hum/PI 45. Ethics & AI (Pham – 2 sections)
Hum/VC 50. Introduction to Film (Jurca)

Advanced Humanities
En 133. Paradise Lost (Haugen)
En 134. The Career of Herman Melville (Weinstein)
En 186. The Novel of Education (Gilmore)
En/VC 172. Heritage Studies (Jurca)
H 124. Russia (Dennison)
H 133. Forests and Humans (Lewis)
H 138. The Way (Dykstra – 2 sections)
HPS/H 173. Classification and its Consequences in Modern Biology and Medicine (Kollmer)
HPS/H 176. The Occult Origins of Modern Science: Alchemy, Astrology, and Magic (Gaida)
HPS/Pl 123. Introduction to the Philosophy of Physics (Sebens)
HPS/Pl 125. Philosophical Issues in Quantum Physics (Sebens)
HPS/Pl 136. Happiness and the Good Life (Quartz)
Hum 115a (L 115a). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
L/VC 109. Introduction to 20th-Century French Cinema (Orcel)
Mu 138. Themes in Western Music History and Historiography: 1600–1800 (Lu)

Other Humanities
Hum 61 (concurrent w/ Ge/Bi/ESE 248). Environmental Justice (Mushkin/Orphan)
L 102a. Elementary French (Orcel)
L 103a. Intermediate French (Merrill)
L 106a. Elementary Japanese (Fujio – 2 sections)
Other Humanities (continued)
L 107a. Intermediate Japanese (Hirai)
L 108a. Advanced Japanese (Hirai)
L 110a. Elementary Spanish (Arjona – 1 section, Garcia – 1 section)
L 112a Intermediate Spanish (Arjona)
L 115a (Hum 115a). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
L 130a . Elementary German (Aebi)
L 132a. Intermediate German (Aebi)
L 170a. Introduction to Chinese (TBA)
L 171a. Accelerated Chinese for Heritage Learners (TBA)
L 172a. Intermediate Chinese (TBA)
L 173a. Advanced Chinese (TBA)
Mu 52. Fundamentals of Western Music Theory (Lu)
Wr 2. Introduction to Academic Writing (Hall)
Wr 50. Tutorial in Writing (Hall)

Winter 2023

Freshman Humanities
Hum/En 21. Monsters and Marvels (Jahner)
Hum/En 31. Introduction to Black Literature and Culture in the United States (Murphy)
Hum/En 35. Beginning with Poems (Pigman)
Hum/En 36. American Literature and Culture (Weinstein)
Hum/H 1. The Classical and Medieval Worlds (Brown)
Hum/H 13. Brave New Worlds: Race, Human Rights and the Age of Discovery (Wey-Gomez)
Hum/H 8. Civilization, Science, and Archaeology: Before Greece: The Origins of Civilization in Mesopotamia (Buchwald)
Hum/H/HPS 14. Race, Science, and Medicine in U.S. History (LeBlanc)
Hum/H/HPS 15. Waste in the World (Rand)
Hum/H/HPS 18. Introduction to the History of Science (Feingold)
Hum/Pl 40. Right and Wrong (Quartz)
Hum/Pl 41. Knowledge and Reality (Hitchcock – 2 sections)

Advanced Humanities
En 101. Recalling the Wild (Holland)
En 115. Epic and its Afterlives (Jahner & Pigman)
En 118. Classical Mythology (Haugen)
En 138. Twain and His Contemporaries (Weinstein)
En 164. Contemporary Black Diasporic Literature and Culture (Murphy)
En/H 193. Cervantes, Truth or Dare: Don Quixote in an Age of Empire (Wey-Gomez)
H 107. The Early Middle Ages (Brown)
H 134. Birds, Evolution, Speciation and Society (Lewis)
H/HPS 130. Technology and Environment in America (Rand)
H/HPS 154. Feminist Science Studies (LeBlanc)
HPS/H 162. Social Studies of Science (Feingold)
HPS/H 168. History of Electromagnetism and Heat Science (Buchwald)
HPS/H 174. History of Biotechnology (Kollmer)
HPS/H 176. The Occult Origins of Modern Science: Alchemy, Astrology, and Magic (Gaida)
HPS/Pl 135. The Moral Brain (Quartz)
Advanced Humanities (continued)
HPS/Pl/CS 110. Causation and Explanation (Eberhardt)
Hum 115b (L 115b). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
Hum 116 (L 116). Topics in French Culture (Orcel)
Mu 139. Themes in Western Music History and Historiography: 1800–Present (Lu)
Pl 185. Moral Philosophy (Pham)
Pl/CNS/NB/Bi/Psy 167. Consciousness (Eberhardt & Adolphs)

Other Humanities
En 86. Fiction Writing (Lepucki)
L 102b. Elementary French (Orcel)
L 103b. Intermediate French (Merrill)
L 106b. Elementary Japanese (Fujio – 2 sections)
L 107b. Intermediate Japanese (Hirai)
L 108b. Advanced Japanese (Hirai)
L 110b. Elementary Spanish (Arjona – 1 section, Garcia – 1 section)
L 112b. Intermediate Spanish (Arjona)
L 115b (Hum 115b). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
L 116 (Hum 116). Topics in French Culture (Orcel)
L 130b. Elementary German (Aebi)
L 132b. Intermediate German (Aebi)
L 170b. Introduction to Chinese (TBA)
L 171b. Accelerated Chinese for Heritage Learners (TBA)
L 172b. Intermediate Chinese (TBA)
L 173b. Advanced Chinese (TBA)
Mu 53. Listening to Music (Lu)
VC 56. Worldbuilding for the Multiverse (Berrigan)
VC 72 (concurrent w/ CS/IDS 162) Data, Algorithms and Society (Mushkin/Ralph)
VC/E 81. Careers in STEAM (Mushkin)
Wr 4. Principles and Practices of Academic Writing (Hall)
Wr 50. Tutorial in Writing (Hall)

Spring 2023
Freshman Humanities
Hum/En 21. Monsters and Marvels (Jahner)
Hum/En 22. Inequality (Haugen – 2 sections)
Hum/En 25. The Human Animal (Holland)
Hum/En 32. Introduction to Black Feminist Poetics (Murphy)
Hum/H 8. Civilization, Science, and Archaeology: Before Greece: The Origins of Civilization in Mesopotamia (Buchwald)
Hum/H/HPS 15. Waste in the World (Rand)
Hum/H/HPS 17. Materials, Methods, and the Molecularization of Life (Kollmer)
Hum/H/HPS 18. Introduction to the History of Science (Feingold)
Hum/Pl 44. Philosophy Through Science Fiction (Sebens – 2 sections)
Hum/VC 50. Introduction to Film (Jurca)
Hum/VC 52. The Legacy of the Mexican School (Decemvirale)
Advanced Humanities
En 100. Artificial Life and Literary Automata  (Holland)
En 106. Poetry and the Project of Justice (Jahner)
En 112. Nineteenth-Century American Poetry (Hill)
En 163. Octavia E. Butler and the Literature of Black Futures (Murphy)
En/VC 160a. Classical Hollywood Cinema (Jurca)
H 108. The High Middle Ages (Brown)
HPS/H 157. Models and Theory in Ancient Astronomy: From the Babylonians to Greeks (Rochberg)
HPS/H 166. Historical Perspectives on the Relations between Science and Religion (Feingold)
HPS/Pl 124. Philosophy of Space and Time (Hitchcock)
Hum 115c (L 115c). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
L/Hum 151. Japanese Literature in Translation from Medieval to Pre-modern Japan (Hirai)
L/Hum 154. The Modern French Novel in Translation (Merrill)
Mu 137. Themes in Western Music History and Historiography: Pre-1600 (Lu)
Mu 150. Special Topics in Music (Lu)
Pl 100. Free Will (Hitchcock)
VC 159. Los Angeles as Artwork: Día de los Muertos (Decemvirale)
VC 169. The Arts of Dynastic China (Wolfgram)

Other Humanities
En 85. Poetry Writing (Factor)
En 89. Journalism and Storytelling (Kipling)
En/Wr 84. Communicating Science to Non-Experts (Hall)
L 102c. Elementary French (Orcel)
L 103c. Intermediate French (Orcel)
L 106c. Elementary Japanese (Fujio – 2 sections)
L 107c. Intermediate Japanese (Hirai)
L 110c. Elementary Spanish (Arjona – 1 section, Garcia – 1 section)
L 112c. Intermediate Spanish (Arjona)
L 115c (Hum 115c). Hispanic Cultures in Film and Literature (Garcia)
L 130c. Elementary German (Aebi)
L 132c. Intermediate German (Aebi)
L 167. Latin Literature (Pigman)
L 170c. Introduction to Chinese (TBA)
L 172c. Intermediate Chinese (TBA)
L 174 (Hum 174). Topics in Masterpieces of Chinese Writing (TBA)
L 175. French Conversation (Orcel)
L 176. Chinese Conversation (TBA)
VC 55. Environmental Media in Practice (Livio)
Wr 50. Tutorial in Writing (Hall)

Summer 2023
Other Humanities
Wr 109. Writing and Publishing Research Articles in STEM Fields (Burkett – 2 sections)