

HUMANITIES RESEARCH FELLOWS

Humanities Research Fellows is a cohort-based program gathered around an interdisciplinary group of faculty. These outstanding faculty members are dedicated to helping high-ability students build individualized courses of study that are **focused, flexible, and grounded by research-based continuity.**

With a focus on the contemporary importance of the humanities for understanding and engaging the major challenges we face today, Humanities Research Fellows majors will also have the opportunity to explore cutting-edge interdisciplinary developments in digital humanities, medical humanities, public humanities, and environmental humanities. The major is flexible enough to serve those seeking to go on to medical or law school while remaining focused on the human flourishing those professions are designed to champion.

Focused

The Humanities Research Fellows major is focused on the contemporary importance of the humanities for understanding and engaging the major challenges we face today. To facilitate a common conversation within the cohort, students take a common core that builds a solid general humanities foundation.

Flexible

Humanities Research Fellows have exceptional flexibility in selecting the trajectory of their coursework and research:

- **At least 42 hours of humanities electives can be taken** in Art and Art History, Classics, Communications, English, Film and Digital Media, Great Texts, History, Interdisciplinary Programs, Modern Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Religion, and Theatre.
- **An additional 47 hours of electives are entirely open**, which can be organized either around a student's interest in a particular theme or topic or to satisfy the requirements of a second major.

Research-based

Fellows in the program share a series of courses that prepare them for individualized research, beginning with a special section of English 1310 (Writing and Academic Inquiry) in the first year and a Humanities Lab in the second year -- all of which culminates in a Humanities Capstone research project in the final year. Throughout the program, a faculty team advises and assists students in finding research opportunities with appropriate faculty across the humanities.

Admission Criteria

Though not a requirement, most Humanities Fellows have a:

- # SAT Math/Verbal score of 1430 (on the new SAT, taken on or after March 2016) or above
- # ACT Composite score of 32 or above
- # High Class Ranking (top three percent)
- # National Merit Status

To Apply

Application for the Humanities Research Fellows major must follow an invitation through goBAYLOR, once a student has been accepted into Baylor University. Response to essay prompt, class rank, GPA, and SAT/ACT scores (if included in application) are considered when determining admission to the Humanities Research Fellows major.

Maintaining Fellows Status

To remain in and graduate from the program, Fellow must maintain a 3.5 minimum grade point average. If released from the program, students must then fulfill the general requirements of the university in addition to the requirements for a major.

Requirements for a Major in Humanities Research Fellows

The requirement for minimum hours for the degree, advanced credit, and residence are the same as for the Bachelor of Arts (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/undergraduate/college-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Basic Requirements		
<i>GPA</i>		
A minimum GPA of 3.5 must be maintained at all times for continuation in the Humanities Research Fellows program.		
<i>Chapel</i>		
Two semesters of Chapel		
<i>Common Courses</i>		
REL 1310	The Christian Scriptures	3
REL 1350	The Christian Heritage	3
HIS 1300	The United States in Global Perspective	3
ENG 2310	American Literary Cultures	3
PSC 1387	The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation, and the American Political Experience	3
<i>Creative Arts Experience</i>		
Attend twelve events		
Students are required to attend 12 approved events with at least 2 events from each of the following categories: Art, Film, Music, Theatre, and Literature/World Cultures.		
<i>Formal Reasoning</i>		
3		
MTH 1301	Ideas in Mathematics	
MTH 1320	Precalculus Mathematics	
MTH 1321	Calculus I	
STA 1380	Elementary Statistics	
<i>Scientific Method</i>		
4		
ANT 1404	Introduction to Human Evolution	
ANT 1407	Introduction to Archaeology	
BIO 1305 & BIO 1105	Modern Concepts of Bioscience and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	
BIO 1306 & BIO 1106	Modern Concepts of Bioscience, continued and Modern Concepts of Bioscience Laboratory	
BIO 1401	Current Issues in Human Biology	
BIO 1405	Investigations of Modern Biology Concepts I	
BIO 1406	Investigations of Modern Biology Concepts II	
CHE 1301 & CHE 1101	Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry I and General Chemistry Laboratory I	
CHE 1302 & CHE 1102	Basic Principles of Modern Chemistry II and General Chemistry Laboratory II	

ENV 1301 & ENV 1101	Exploring Environmental Issues and An Introduction to Environmental Analysis (Lab)
ENV 1303 & ENV 1103	Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Ecology Laboratory Exercises
GEO 1401	Earthquakes and Other Natural Disasters
GEO 1402	World Oceans
GEO 1405	The Dynamic Earth
GEO 1410	Gems and Minerals
NSC 1306 & NSC 1106	Introduction to Neuroscience and Introduction to Neuroscience Laboratory
PHY 1404	Light, Vision and Optics
PHY 1405	Everyday Physics
PHY 1407	Sound and Acoustics
PHY 1408	General Physics for Natural and Behavioral Sciences I
PHY 1409	General Physics for Natural and Behavioral Sciences II
PHY 1420	General Physics I
PHY 1430	General Physics II
PHY 1455	Descriptive Astronomy
PHY 2455	Foundations of Astronomy

Foreign Language and Culture (Two to Four Courses) **6-12**

Complete one Modern or Classical language through the 2320 level. To meet this requirement, students must (1) attain an appropriate level of proficiency and (2) complete at least 6 hours in residence, which can be selected from the A&S Foreign Language and Cultures Distribution List.

Subtotal **28-34**

Humanities Research Fellows Requirements

HF 1323	Introduction to the Humanities	3
HF 2301	Humanities Lab	3
HF 4395	Humanities Capstone Humanities Capstone Humanities Capstone Humanities Capstone	3
PPS 1100	Introduction to Citizenship and Community Service	1

Required Minors/Certificates **36**

Option One

Complete two eighteen hour minors chosen from the following departments: Art and Art History, Classics, Communications, English, Film and Digital Media, History, Interdisciplinary Programs, Modern Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Religion, and Theatre

Option Two

Complete One eighteen-hour minor (from the following departments: Art and Art History, Classics, Communications, English, Film and Digital Media, History, Interdisciplinary Programs, Modern Languages and Cultures, Philosophy, Religion, and Theatre) and one twelve-hour Arts & Sciences certificate. If this option is selected, six hours of additional humanities electives must be completed.

Total Hours **74-80**

Humanities Research Fellows (HF)

HF 1323 Introduction to the Humanities (3)

Introduces incoming Humanities Research Fellows to the study of the humanities and develops critical thinking and written communication skills.

HF 2301 Humanities Lab (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Humanities Fellows major only

An interdisciplinary, team-taught course organized around a central theme designed to introduce various approaches to research in the humanities.

HF 4395 Humanities Capstone (3)

Pre-requisite(s): HF 2301 and consent of instructor

Seminar for Humanities Research Fellows to distill, synthesize, and present results of undergraduate research trajectory in a singular project using a format appropriate to the respective research.