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Using this Program

Bachelor of Science in Humanities

Program Status Active

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Is this an interdisciplinary program? No

Is this stem-eligible? NoAvailable for direct application? YesAcademic Unit Humanities
College Lewis College of Science and LettersProgram Title
Bachelor of Science in HumanitiesEffective Academic Year 2026 ~~2025~~ - 2027 Effective Term
~~2026~~ Summer 2026

Academic Level Undergraduate

In Workflow

1. HUMA Chair
2. Academic Affairs
3. Undergraduate Academic Affairs
4. LS Dean
5. Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair
6. Faculty Council Chair
7. Academic Affairs

Approval Path

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If all courses in a subject in your department are required, please enter each subject followed by the number ranges in the "Quick Add" field in the pop up box when you click the green plus button below. For example: ARCH 100-499.

What courses will factor the major GPA? **HUM 101** -
HUM 395 - Practical Experience in Humanities
HUM 495 - Foundational Research Methods
HUM 490 -
HUM 100 - Reading Methods for the Humanities

Program Type Degree
Degree Type Bachelor of Science (BS)

CIP Code
24.0103 - Humanities/Humanistic Studies.

Is there more than one Academic Unit proposer?

No

Program Code BS-HUM-2

Program Attribute

Total Program Credit Hours 120

Please provide a summary and rationale for the requested program revision.

Updating to reflect changes to core effective next year--specifically that H courses can count both towards a major and towards the core curriculum. The degree has been redesigned to better serve them while also making it more feasible to double major in humanities for students in technical and other non-humanities fields.

Program Narrative and Justification

Narrative description of how the institution determined the need for the program. For example, describe what need this program will address and how the institution became aware of that need. If the program is replacing a current program(s), identify the current program(s) that is being replaced by the new program(s) and provide details describing the benefits of the new program(s). If the program will be offered in connection with, or in response to, an initiative by a governmental entity, provide details of that initiative.

The current humanities program is insufficiently structured to support student success.

Narrative description of how the program was designed to meet local market needs, or for an online program, regional or national market needs. For example, indicate if Bureau of Labor Statistics data or State labor data systems information was used, and/or if State, regional, or local workforce agencies were consulted. Include how the course content, program length, academic level, admission requirements, and prerequisites were decided; including information received from potential employers about course content; and information regarding the target students and employers.

We have a number of excellent humanities students and will continue to serve them. The degree has been redesigned to better serve them while also making it more feasible to double major in humanities for students in technical and other non-humanities fields.

Narrative description of any wage analysis the institution may have performed, including any consideration of Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data related to the new program.

N/A

Narrative description of how the program was reviewed or approved by, or developed in conjunction with, one or more of the following: a) business advisory committees; b) program integrity boards; c) public or private oversight or regulatory agencies (not including the state licensing/authorization agency and accrediting agency); and d) businesses that would likely employ graduates of the program. For example, describe the steps taken to develop the program, identify when and with whom discussions were held, provide relevant details of any proposals or correspondence generated, and/or describe any process used to evaluate the program.

N/A

Admission Entry Details

What are the enrollment estimates?

Year 1	5	Year 2	10	Year 3	20
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Attach Additional
Program
Justification
Document(s)

[BS Humanities Draft.docx](#)

Academic Information

Advising

Since quality advising is a key component of good retention, graduation, and career placement, how will students be mentored? What student professional organizations will be formed? How will the department work with the Career Services office to develop industry connections?

Humanities uses an "all hands on deck" approach to advising with all full-time faculty advising students in conversation with one another. Students will be assigned to individual faculty advisers based on our department norms. Each student will have a full-time faculty adviser and access to additional advising from other faculty where requested.

Program Resources

Which program resources are necessary to offer this program?

Proposed Catalog Entry

Admission Requirements

Course Requirements

Humanities, or the interdisciplinary study of human expressions, experiences, and values, has ancient roots and contemporary relevance. Humanities students learn critical skills in research, analysis and communication.

Required Courses

Humanities Foundation

(12-15) 12-15

All humanities majors complete four courses that provide foundational knowledge in the methods and practices of humanistic inquiry. Students who are double majoring in humanities may fulfill the requirement for HUM 395 by submitting a paper documenting an internship, co-op, or other experience completed as part of their other major and detailing how this experience fulfills the requirement. Students interested in this option should contact the humanities adviser.

<u>HUM 100</u>	<u>Reading Methods for the Humanities</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>HUM 395</u>	<u>Practical Experience in Humanities</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>HUM 495</u>	<u>Foundational Research Methods</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>HUM 490</u>		<u>6</u>

Humanities Skills Elective

(3) 3

Choose at least 3 credit hours in a skills elective.

<u>BUS 102</u>	<u>Introduction to Business Analytics</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>BUS 210</u>	<u>Introduction to Accounting</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>BUS 371</u>	<u>Marketing Fundamentals</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>COM 421</u>	<u>Technical Communication</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>COM 425</u>	<u>Editing</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>COM 438</u>	<u>Exhibit Design</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>CS 415</u>	<u>Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>ITMD 361</u>	<u>Fundamentals of Web Development</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>MATH 425</u>	<u>Statistical Methods</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Humanities Electives</u>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Students complete at least 15 additional credits in humanities courses; humanities courses have an H designation in the course catalog. One course must complete at least one HUM 200, and at least 6 credits must be at the 300 level or higher.</u>		
<u>Human Sciences Module</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>Students must complete at least three Social or Behavior Sciences courses. These courses are marked with an (S) in the catalog. 6 credits must be at the 300-level or above, and courses must come from at least two different fields.</u>		
<u>STEM Module</u>	<u>(16)</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, Section D</u>		
<u>Computer Science Requirement</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, Section D</u>		
<u>Interprofessional Projects (IPRO)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>See Illinois Tech Core Curriculum, section E.</u>		
<u>Free Electives</u>	<u>(60-63)</u>	<u>60-63</u>
<u>Select 60-63 credits free electives. Credits may also be applied to a minor, second major, or certificate.</u>		
<u>Total Credit Hours</u>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>120</u>
<u>Illinois Tech Core Curriculum (47 credit hours) Where unspecified, follow the catalog guidelines: see Core Curriculum: Basic Writing Proficiency Mathematics (5-6 credit hours) Computer Science (2 credit hours) Humanities and Social Sciences (21 credit hours) Natural Science or Engineering (10-11 credit hours) Interprofessional Projects (6 credit hours) ITP: Introduction to the Profession (2 credit hours) Note: A minimum of 16 credit hours is required between mathematics and natural science or engineering. The Major (30-33 credit hours) Students complete HUM 101 Reading Methods, HUM 395 Practical Experience, HUM 495 Foundational Research Methods, at least one skills elective, and HUM 490 Humanities Capstone. The remaining credits in the major are comprised of electives in any humanities discipline. Students who are double majoring are not required to complete HUM 395. Minor/2nd Major/Free Electives (40-43 credit hours) Total Hours: 120</u>		

Sample
Curriculum/Program
Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Humanities Curriculum

Sample Program

Year 1			
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
<u>ECHS 100</u>	<u>2</u>	HUM 200 Elective	3
<u>HUM 100</u>	<u>3</u>	Natural Science or Engineering Elective	4
<u>COM 101</u>	<u>3</u>	Math Elective	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective with lab	4	Social Sciences Elective	3
<u>HUM 101</u>	<u>3</u>	Free Elective	3
Math Elective	3		
Computer Science Elective	2		
	15		16
Year 2			
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
Humanities Elective	3	IPRO Elective I	3
Skills Elective	3	Humanities Elective	3
Natural Science or Engineering Elective	3	Humanities Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3
Social Sciences Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	15		15
Year 3			
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
<u>HUM 395</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>HUM 495</u>	<u>3</u>
Humanities Elective	3	Humanities Elective	3
Humanities Elective	3	Humanities Elective	3
IPRO Elective II	3	Free Elective	3
Social Sciences Elective (300+)	3	Free Elective	3
	15		15
Year 4			
Semester 1	Credit Hours	Semester 2	Credit Hours
<u>HUM 490</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>HUM 490</u>	<u>3</u>
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3

Total Credit Hours: 121

Specialization

Requirements

Program Outcomes and Assessment Process

What are your learning objectives in this program? Please list each learning objective in the boxes below:

Note: These should be the same as described in your assessment plan at the bottom of this form.

Apply humanities perspectives to technical, entrepreneurial, creative, and design projects.

Critically engage with contemporary and historical human cultures in order to identify and assess how they shape human behavior.

Access and evaluate a wide range of sources in regards to their credibility and reliability in different fields of study.

Upload your
assessment plan
here:

[HUMA Assessment Plan2025.xlsx](#)

Undergraduate Program Requirements

What courses will
factor the major
GPA?

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Minimum credit hours 120

Specialization required?

Optional

Notes about specialization requirement

Minor required?

No

Proposed General Curriculum

Degree credit hours 120 required

Specialization credit hour requirement 0

List Major Course Requirements

<u>HUM 101</u>	(<u>HUM 101</u> READING METHODS)	3
SKILLS ELECTIVE		3
IN-MAJOR ELECTIVES		15
<u>HUM 395</u>	Practical Experience in Humanities (PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE)	0-3
<u>HUM 495</u>	Foundational Research Methods (FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH METHODS)	3
<u>HUM 490</u>	(CAPSTONE)	6

List Mathematics Requirements

Mathematics: five to six credit hours

The courses must be at the level of MATH 119 or above. BUS 221 and PSYC 203 also satisfy this requirement.

List Science Requirements

Natural Science or Engineering: 10-11 credit hours

This component may be satisfied by courses in engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, or courses in architecture, food safety and technology, and psychology marked with an (N). These courses must be distributed as follows:

Two sequential natural science or engineering courses in a single field. (CHEM 124 with MS 201 satisfies this requirement. FDSN can be considered in the same field as BIOL.)

At least one natural science or engineering course in a second field.

List Computer

Science

Requirements

Computer Science: two credit hours

List Humanities and

Social Sciences

Requirements

Writing and Communication

Illinois Institute of Technology recognizes the importance of critical thinking, writing, and oral communication in all academic pursuits and in professional practice. Illinois Institute of Technology is committed to a campus-wide program that engages students in the practice of written and oral communication in all disciplines. This program includes the following components:

Basic Writing Proficiency (BWP). Incoming degree-seeking (not visiting or exchange) students are expected to have a basic level of writing skills, which Illinois Institute of Technology refers to as the BWP requirement. There are several ways for incoming students to demonstrate that they have met this requirement:< >They can take an appropriate optional section of the ACT or SAT exam and pass it. Passing levels are:8 or higher on ACT Writing600 or higher on SAT Writing9 or higher on SAT Essay33 or higher on new SAT Writing and Language

They may present transfer or AP credit (4 or higher on the English Language exam) for [COM 101](#) Writing in the University.

If the BWP is not satisfied by either of these two methods, students must take the Illinois Tech Basic Writing Proficiency Examination before starting classes in their first semester. Passing the exam equals passing the BWP requirement.

Students who do not pass the BWP via the above methods must take and pass an approved composition course (Illinois Tech offers [COM 101](#) each regular semester) within their first academic year at the university.

Students who do not pass their Basic Writing Proficiency requirement in their first academic year are highly unlikely to be able to graduate on schedule. This is because passing the BWP is a prerequisite for enrolling in a required Humanities 200-level course, and passing a Humanities 200-level course is a prerequisite for enrolling in required 300- and 400-level Humanities and Social Sciences courses.

Students must take and pass a writing instruction intensive 200-level Humanities course (see below), or present transfer or AP credit for such a course.

Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of courses with a significant written and oral communication component, identified with a **(C)** in this catalog, with a minimum distribution as follows:

12 credit hours in major courses.

12 credit hours in non-major courses.

Full-time students should enroll in two **(C)**-designated courses, and part-time students should enroll in one **(C)**-designated course each academic year.

Students must contact the [Illinois Tech Writing Center](#) when referred by course instructors or academic advisers.

Humanities 200-Level Course

All students must complete one of the following courses:

Human Sciences Module

All students must complete 18 credit hours subject to the following distribution requirements:

At least two Humanities courses **(H)** designation at the 300-level or above. Students may use foreign language courses at the intermediate and advanced level to fulfill 300-level requirements.

At least three Social or Behavioral Sciences courses. These courses are marked with an **(S)** in this catalog. The courses must be distributed as follows:

At least two courses at the 300-level or above.

Courses from at least two different fields.

The remaining course in this module must be selected from any Humanities (H) course, any Social or Behavioral Science (S) course, or any COM course except COM 101 or COM 111.

Courses required by and/or applied toward the major or entailed minor requirements of a degree program cannot be used to satisfy the Human Sciences Module of the Core Curriculum except where specifically allowed in certain programs.

List

Interprofessional

Project (IPRO)

Requirements

6 credits IPRO

List Technical

Elective Course

Options

Skills Electives can include both courses in the department (e.g., technical writing, exhibit design, data visualization) or courses from other departments that are pre-approved (e.g., classes from ITM, business, or social sciences). Examples:

<u>COM 421</u>	Technical Communication	3
<u>COM 424</u>	Document Design	3
<u>COM 437</u>	Video Documentation	3
<u>COM 438</u>	Exhibit Desisgn	3
<u>ITMD 361</u>	Fundamentals of Web Development	3
<u>ITMD 362</u>	Human-Computer Interaction and Web Design	3

List Free Elective

60 ~~40~~

Credit Hours (if applicable)

Semester-by-semester plan of study for the degree program

Specialization

Reviewer

Comments

