WELCOME TO HUMANITIES

Now that you have chosen to study at McMaster, you are probably wondering what to do next - in particular, how to choose your courses.

Your first-year course selection is based on the programs (or majors) you are interested in for Level 2. All of our Level 2 programs have first-year course requirements summarized on the next page. We have provided you with a worksheet to help you plan your Level 1 courses.

A full course load includes 30 units, with 15 units per term. Each course is typically worth 3 units (half year) or 6 units (full year).

You are required to take one 3-unit foundational Humanities course, HUMAN 1V3. You are also required to take 12 units from “Course List 1” – these courses qualify you for a Level 2 program. The remaining 15 units can be additional courses from the course list, electives from the Faculty of Humanities, or electives from other Faculties at McMaster.

We have provided you with a worksheet inside this brochure to help you plan your courses. As always, if you have any questions, we encourage you to speak with an academic advisor.

Understanding Course Codes

The level of the course 1AA3 How many units this course is worth

Prerequisite: a requirement to be fulfilled before registration in a course is permitted. This is usually the successful completion of another course.

Co-requisite: a course which must be taken at the same time as your desired course.

Anti-requisite: an anti-requisite course will be listed if your desired course overlaps substantially with another one, and indicates that you cannot take both.

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
LEVEL 1

“I'm giving back, I hope, to first year students, my sense of excitement that I had as a first year student”.
John Weaver - Professor, History

“We are about helping students develop and articulate a vision for themselves and for the world they want to live in”
Anna Moro - Professor, Linguistics & Languages

“The skills that you develop in this program – reading, writing, analytical skills – they are applicable to everything else you could want to do in the future”.
Ashlynn Whalley - Graduate, Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL)

“I was…listening to someone who was so passionate about what they loved tell me about it and I just fell in love with it”.
Ryan Heydon - Graduate, History

“I love that we have these opportunities to explore our career choices, to be hands-on with our learning both in the classroom and outside the classroom”.
Kristi Kwan - Graduate, Cognitive Science of Language

“The faculty are outstanding. They really care about you individually. The students are amazing”.
Elise Naccarato - Graduate, Music

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1. Identify the degree programs you are interested in

- Classics
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - CLASSICS 1A03: Introduction to Classical Archaeology
    - CLASSICS 1B03: Ancient Myth and Literature
    - CLASSICS 1M03: History of Greece and Rome
    - GREEK 1Z03: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek I
    - GREEK 1ZZ3: Beginner’s Intensive Ancient Greek II
    - LATIN 1Z03: Beginner’s Intensive Latin I
    - LATIN 1ZZ3: Beginner’s Intensive Latin II

- Cognitive Science of Language
  - Take both
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Sound, Speech & Hearing
    - LINGUIST 1AA3: Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences & Meaning

- Communication Studies
  - Take
    - CMST 1A03 - Introduction to Communication

- English & Cultural Studies
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - ENGLISH 1CS3: Studying Culture: A Critical Introduction
    - ENGLISH 1F03: The Written World
    - ENGLISH 1G03: Making and Unmaking Literary Traditions
    - ENGLISH 1HO3: Words in Place

- French
  - Take
    - FRENCH 1A06 A/B: Introduction to French Studies: Advanced Level

- History
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - HISTORY 1CC3 - Empires and Colonialism, 1000-1950
    - HISTORY 1DD3: The Making of the Modern World, 1750-1945
    - HISTORY 1EE3: The Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues
    - HISTORY 1FF3: Exploring History in a Small Group Setting
    - HISTORY 1M03: History of Greece and Rome
    - HISTORY 1P03: A History of Magic
    - HISTORY 1Q03: History of Medicine

- Linguistics
  - Take both
    - LINGUIST 1A03: Introduction to Linguistics: Sound, Speech & Hearing
    - LINGUIST 1AA3: Introduction to Linguistics: Words, Sentences & Meaning

- Media Arts
  - Take
    - MEDIAART 1A03: Media Arts

- Global Peace & Social Justice
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - PEACJUST 1A03: Peace, Justice, Human Rights
    - PEACJUST 1VM3: Voices at Mac: Understanding our World
    - GENDRST 1A03: Gender, Race, Culture, Power

- Philosophy OR
  - Choose at least 3 units
    - PHILOS 1A03: Philosophical Texts
    - PHILOS 1B03: Philosophy, Law and Society
    - PHILOS 1E03: Philosophical Questions
    - PHILOS 1F03: Meaning in Life

- Justice, Political Philosophy, and Law (JPPL)
  - Take any one of
    - IARTS 1PA3 Perspectives A: Arts in Society: Social Constructions of Class, Race and Gender
    - IARTS 1PB3 Perspectives B: Arts in Society: Technology and the Environment

  - AND any one of
    - IARTS 1B03 2D Practices in Art
    - IARTS 1CR3 Performance: Body and Voice
    - IARTS 1HA3 Introduction to Histories of the Arts
    - IARTS 1SS3 3D Practices in Art
    - IARTS 1SW3 Working in the Arts Today
    - IARTS 1T03 Perspectives and Possible Worlds: Theatre, Performance, and Society

2. Select the courses you need to be considered for your programs of interest (You must take at least 12 units from this list.)

3. Take your required Humanities foundational course.

- HUMAN 1VV3: Voice and Vision: Words to Change the World

4. Choose enough electives to make your total credit units equal 30.

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Total Required Units Selected _______ + Total Elective Units Selected _______ = 30