

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS



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MISSION: The Humanities Department serves students from the Birmingham area in providing components of a liberal arts education degree. College writing, speaking, foreign language, speech, humanities, art and music are available for courses as well as degrees for concentration in a two-year transfer program. The Department assists students in achieving their educational goals through mastery of academics as well as the arts. Through the service-oriented philosophy of the department, students are provided the experiences of on-site learning, as well as performance-oriented achievement ideals through community service.

LONG-RANGE GOALS

- To increase the variety and availability of courses offered in the department.
- To develop and implement a comprehensive program for staff development based on identified needs and current research in the area of Humanities.
- To expose students to diversity through Humanities.
- To support the General Educational Program of the institution through implementation of requirements throughout the department.
- To recruit and maintain full-time and adjunct faculty to meet the needs of the department.

The Department of Humanities is designed to provide opportunities for students to:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of art.
- Help students develop the ability to read, think, and write clearly, and critically.
- Help students understand and appreciate good writing and literature.

- Help students become aware of the truth, beauty, and wisdom of our culture to the extent that they are able to make value judgments about the society in which they live.
- Teach the fundamental skills of speaking, reading, and writing in a foreign language.
- Help students develop an understanding of and a respect for another culture.
- Give the student an awareness and appreciation of the aesthetic and intellectual history of the target culture and of its present day manifestations.
- Help students comprehend, analyze and explicate literary works in a foreign language.
- To preserve, appreciate and transmit knowledge of the past and to provide a comprehensive understanding of the human experience.
- To increase understanding of a multi-cultural world and demonstrate the ability and diversity of human experience.
- To improve the understanding of students' own culture.
- To help remove myths and stereotypes.
- To develop critical thinking.

Students who plan to receive an Associate in Arts Degree are able to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor's degree in related fields.

RELATED HUMANITIES & FINE ARTS AREAS OF CONCENTRATION UNDER GENERAL STUDIES:

See General Studies listings beginning on **page 85**. Students wishing to follow a General Studies Area of Concentration, must adhere to their **STARS Guide**. For instructions for completing a **STARS Guide**, see **pages 70-72**.

- Advertising
- Architecture
- Art
- Art Education (falls in Social Sciences Dept.)
- Art History (falls in Social Sciences Dept.)
- Art Studio
- Communication Studies or Speech
- English
- English/ Language Arts Education: Middle/ High School (falls in Social Sciences Dept.)
- Journalism
- Music (Area V offerings are limited)
- Music Education (falls in Social Sciences)
- Public Relations
- Religious Studies
- Spanish Education: Middle/High School (falls in Social Sciences Dept.)
- Telecommunication and Film or Broadcasting

Tip #1: Follow your STARS Guide before you attempt to follow any degree plan listed. See page 70 for step-by-step instructions.
Tip #2: Go to page 85 to view your Area I-IV course options. Do NOT randomly select courses; follow your STARS Guide exactly.
 Degree Codes: *AA (Associate in Arts degree)----AS (Associate in Science degree)---AAS (Associate in Applied Science degree)