

WHAT ARE THE HUMANITIES?

In contrast to other disciplines such as math and science, the humanities are the disciplines in which we study the things that make us human—subjects like language, literature, philosophy, and history.

More specifically, the humanities explore where we have been (history, art, literature), where we are going (cultural, moral, and philosophical trends), and who we are (universal human nature).

BENEFITS OF HUMANITIES

The Maranatha humanities program is specifically designed to help you gain critical job skills, to prepare you for graduate school, and to help you become a lifelong learner who impacts your culture for Christ.



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AND WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY THEM



WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY THE HUMANITIES AT MBU

1 The humanities major allows you to explore what it means to be made in the image of God.

Our postmodern society sees human beings basically as biological machines produced by random chance.

But at Maranatha, we believe that the secularist view of humankind is wrong. You are not a machine, but a human being. You are made in the image of God, and as a human being, you have inherent dignity and worth. As a humanities student, you will explore how a Biblical view of humankind works itself out in fields such as healthcare, education, and business.

In your humanities courses, you will explore other aspects of our humanity such as . . .

- creativity and imagination
- emotion and a sense of beauty
- the ability to use language
- our longing for meaning in life
- what it means to live in a community
- the role of stories in nations, communities, and institutions

As you explore these aspects of our God-given humanity, you will develop a sense of humaneness that impacts everything you do.

HUMANITIES CAPSTONE

Seniors take a capstone course where you will choose a topic that you're interested in. Then you'll research that topic in depth and present your findings in a scholarly forum.

2 The humanities major will help you understand and engage with your culture.

Because of the increasing speed of cultural change, you need a deep understanding of the past. Studying the humanities will help you gain that sense of the history of ideas.

As a humanities student, you'll explore not just the "what" of culture, but also the "why." You'll explore difficult ethical questions. You'll discuss how people make sense out of life by using stories. You'll become a deeper thinker and a more articulate writer. And you'll become equipped to impact this culture with truth.



3 The humanities major will help you gain the skills that top employers are looking for.

Surveys of top companies show that employers want to hire college graduates with these qualities:

- The ability to think critically
- The ability to communicate clearly in writing and in speech
- The ability to adapt to a changing world
- A strong sense of ethical responsibility

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you can study Humanities online with Maranatha? To learn more about how you can get started with Maranatha Online, go to mbu.edu/humanities!

4 The humanities major will prepare you for graduate school.

Maranatha's humanities program thoroughly prepares its graduates for graduate school. Our alumni can think critically, they can do scholarly research, and they can clearly communicate in both writing and in speech. Our alumni are critical thinking, careful scholars, and clear communicators.