

Humanities

(HUMA)

Our Humanities program will encourage you to tackle major questions as you study social concerns, explore moral dilemmas and examine questions of aesthetics. You will study literature, history, philosophy, religion, the fine arts and popular culture – all to gain a greater appreciation of the diversity of human cultures, and to understand what that means for our interactions in an increasingly globalized world.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Humanities will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	Any 6.00 or 9.00 credit Humanities 1000 level course	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Humanities	Any course that is not a Humanities course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Humanities, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Humanities can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

- Children, Childhood and Youth
Classics/Classical Studies
Culture and Expression
East Asian Studies
- European Studies
Hellenic Studies
Jewish Studies
Religious Studies
+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

- Children, Childhood and Youth
Classics/Classical Studies
Culture and Expression
East Asian Studies
- European Studies
Hellenic Studies
Jewish Studies
Religious Studies
+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- Career-Focused Services**
Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.
- Academic Support**
Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.
- Social & Leadership Development Programs**
A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Vanessa Oraekwe
Fourth Year Student
Humanities

“I really enjoy how diverse the courses are in the Humanities program. I am passionate about the afro-indigenous experience, the production of cultural artifacts and ancient religions. The Humanities program has given me the opportunity to study these areas and has changed the way I perceive the human experience.”

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Humanities requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Humanities Courses: Any 1000 level Humanities course

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Humanities

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your exploration of topics in the Humanities field.



Humanities Courses: Roman Literature and Culture, Introduction to Caribbean Culture, Film and Literature, World Religions in Canada

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Humanities will allow you to focus on specific interests in the field.



Humanities Course Options: Pirates: Past and Present, Ancient Greek and Roman Drama, Black Popular Culture, New Testament Apocrypha + many more

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, you will focus on specialized courses in your field and continue to explore elective courses of interest.



Humanities Course Options: Atheism and Modernity, Living Confucianism, South Asian Religion and Popular Culture, The Qur'an and its Interpreters, Contemporary Israeli Society + many more

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Humanities courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!