



**The Master of Arts in Humanities  
at  
California State University, Sacramento**

The Master of Arts in Humanities at California State University, Sacramento provides a solid grounding for students to examine the foundational and transformative developments of the Humanistic disciplinary fields such as Literature, History, Religious Studies, Philosophy, Art History, Music, and Film. We offer a course of study that aims to challenge students to cross cultural and disciplinary lines and encourages them to acquire a breadth and depth of knowledge that enables them to pursue a rigorous line of intellectual inquiry that is both informative and innovative. Faculty, staff, and students are committed to fostering a collaborative and vibrant community of scholars that enhances the graduate school experience and enriches both the local and intellectual community at large. In addition to earning increased salary ranges, many of our alumni have entered professions in higher education, the law, arts/entertainment administration, and doctoral programs in related fields.

#### Admission Requirements

\*Please note that meeting the minimal requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

Admission as a classified graduate student in Humanities requires at minimum:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited four-year college or university (or equivalent preparation if the student has done undergraduate work outside the U.S.);
- An undergraduate major in Humanities or in a closely related field (subject to approval by the Graduate Coordinator);
- A minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 semester units attempted and a minimum 3.3 in Humanities courses (or in major in related field).

Students with deficiencies in Admission Requirements that can be removed by specified additional preparation may be considered for admission with conditionally classified graduate status. Any deficiencies will be noted on a response to the admission application.

#### Admission Procedures

Applicants must file their online applications with the California State University, Sacramento Office of Graduate Studies for admission to the University. Please check with the Office of Graduate Studies for current application deadlines. For more information please contact the Office of Graduate Studies, River Front Center 206, (916) 278-6470, [www.csus.edu/grad\\_studies](http://www.csus.edu/grad_studies).

Applicants must file the following online with Graduate Studies:

- An online application for admission; and
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, other than California State University, Sacramento

- Statement of purpose of approximately 500 words (typed) in response to the following question: How does the Humanities Master's program fit with your talents, interests, and aspirations?
- Two letters of recommendation. Recommenders should clearly state how long they have known you and in what capacity. Letters should ideally come from university instructors, but if these are not available, any other credible source who can address qualifications will be acceptable (e.g., work supervisor or community leader); applicants should provide a link from the office of Graduate Studies for recommenders to upload their letters directly, <https://gradsup.webapps.csus.edu/>
- Academic writing sample of 3-5 pages, to be accompanied by a brief explanation regarding the context (e.g., the course and assignment) for which the writing was produced.

### **Requirements - Master of Arts Degree**

Units required for the M.A. degree: 30, with minimum 3.0 GPA

#### A. Required Courses (9 units)

- HRS 200A. Culture and Expression: Prehistory to Middle Ages
- HRS 200B. Culture and Expression: Renaissance to Present (HRS 200A or instructor permission)
- HRS 202. Western Aesthetics: Traditions and Revisions

#### B. Electives (18 units)

Students choose 6 courses (18 units) from *any* of the following *three* areas. 3 units of upper-division undergraduate coursework are permitted, with approval of the Graduate Coordinator.

***Ancient Humanities:*** HRS 290M Saints, Relics and Miracles, HRS 213 Ancient Greek Culture, HRS 214 Ancient Roman Culture, HRS 224. Religions of the Roman Empire, HRS 234 The Gothic Spirit. HRS 290D Death and the Afterlife, HRS 290E Images of the Divine.

***Modern Humanities:*** HRS 235 Transcendence & Transgression in the Romantic Period, HRS 236 Modernism: Contingent Realities of Self and World, HRS 290B The Body, HRS 290P Pop Culture and Film.

***Global Humanities:*** HRS 210 Gender and Religion, HRS 220 Seminar in Religious Studies, HRS 237 Global Citizenship and Culture, HRS 290D Death and the Afterlife, HRS 290S Story Telling and Myth. HRS 298 Seminar in Religious Studies.

***\*Some elective courses may have online options in the future.***

#### C. Culminating Requirement (3 units)

- HRS 500. Culminating Experience. Completion of comprehensive examination, thesis, or project Prerequisite: Advancement to candidacy and approval of Graduate Coordinator.

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