

HUMANITIES

From Study to Skills

The Humanities are academic disciplines that study human culture and develop a deeper understanding of global diversity. Humanities can take many forms and includes literature, history, philosophy, and language. Rutgers- Camden is proud to have an array of options for students interested in the Humanities; including Africana Studies, English, French, German, History, Spanish, Philosophy, and Religion. Africana studies majors will explore black culture, economics, politics, and history, with a focus on North America. English majors will study English literature, prose, and culture in both a historical and modern context. Foreign Language majors can study the French, German, or Spanish language and study the culture of foreign countries. History majors will study the history of the human race and gain perspective on events that shaped the contemporary world. Philosophy majors will explore the meaning of reality, knowledge, self, and values through critical thinking and advanced argumentation. Religion majors will understand the nature and role of religion in human society.

Skills and Abilities

Critical Thinking Skills- Students will develop analytical thinking and problem solving skills, utilize the ability to critically read and understand arguments, gain an understanding of cultures, identify themes, analyze traditions of thought in social, political and historical context, and critically interpret and analyze literary texts from various cultures.

Analytic Skills- Students will critique writing, improve critical thinking skills, read and interpret complex texts, develop concise arguments and meaningful questions, explain cultural phenomenon, study foreign civilizations, identify cultural values, consider problems with a broad context, study abstract ideas, develop unique perspectives, think critically about global and humanistic issues, uncover assumptions, and sort and evaluate information.

Communication Skills- Students will practice expressing ideas by writing clearly and speaking effectively; and by utilizing active listening, persuasion, and public speaking skills. Students will understand and convey global experiences, communicate an idea and understand its' impact, argue cogently, and organize complicated material.

Research Skills- Students will practice gathering information, evaluating evidence, planning, and technical writing. Students will develop knowledge of history, become aware of human attributes, patterns, and experiences, analyze primary sources, engage critically with secondary sources, and conduct original research.

Critical Reading Skills- Students will identify formal, aesthetic, and rhetorical properties of literary works, identify historical or cultural contexts, understand cultural, intellectual, and literary movements, and evaluate diverse perspectives.

What Careers Are Available for Humanities Majors?

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Humanities majors:

Analyst- The Blackstone Group
Assistant Director, Huntington Learning Center
Business Development Manager, Marlin Equipment Finance
Consulting Analyst- Accenture
Corps Manger, Teach Manager
Correction Officer Trainee, New Jersey Department of Corrections
Correctional Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Customer Service Representative, PHH Mortgage
Data Entry Clerk, Advocare Heights Primary Care
Detective- Delaware State Police
Director of Business Development- Vonage
Editor, CMJ Network
English Teacher, HOPE Academy
Paralegal, Petrillo & Goldberg, PC
Police Officer, Camden County Police Department
Project Editor, Slack Inc.
Psychiatric Attendant, Camden County Health Services
Recordings Clerk, Somerset County Clerk
Recruiter- Internal Revenue Service
Regional Director- US Environmental Protection Agency
Research Librarian, Camden County Historical Society
Second Grade Teacher, Gloucester Township Schools
Senior Developer- Random House, Inc.
Special Education Teacher, Black Horse Pike Regional School District
Special Education Teacher, Garfield Park Academy
Teacher- Elizabeth Board of Education
VP of Human Resources- Community Medical Center

Graduate School Options

While many Humanities majors choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation, others will decide to pursue a graduate degree. Rutgers Camden Humanities majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees in many fields including: African American Studies, Anthropology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Diplomacy, Education, English, Finance, History, Human Resource Management, Journalism, Law, Library Science, Literature, Religious Studies, Social Work, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Public Administration, and Public Policy and Affairs.

Resources

Join a student organization such as

Black Student Union
French Club
Phi Alpha Theta
Philosophy Society
Pre-Law Society
Rutgers-Camden History Club
Student Government Association
The Gleaner
The Latin American Student Organization

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