

DEPARTMENT OF

# HUMANITIES & PHILOSOPHY

## What is “humanities”?

“Humanities can be described as the study of how people process and document the human experience. Since humans have been able, we have used philosophy, literature, religion, art, music, history, and language to understand and record our world. Knowledge of these records of human experience gives us the opportunity to feel a sense of connection to our contemporaries and those who have come before us.”

– Stanford Humanities Center.

## Why should you consider the humanities?

The liberal arts courses comprised in this major, more than any other, develop students’ abilities to understand, interpret, and evaluate complex texts, to clearly articulate their own thinking, to make effective judgments, and to solve problems. Humanities majors have interests in writing, literature, language, philosophy, history, and art. Endorsing the study of the humanities, Gordon B. Hinckley said: “It gives an aspect of living that is essential. You need technology. You need professions. You need all of those things, but we need the heart also, and the humanities speak to the heart, to men’s aspirations for the good and the beautiful.”



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My name is Derek Jensen. As Chair of the Humanities and Philosophy department, we look forward to getting to know you as you begin your studies in the humanities. Our exceptional faculty and staff are committed to helping you succeed in your academic and employment goals.

## Getting Started

For those wishing to pursue a degree (Bachelors or Minor) in Humanities, we recommend taking the following courses during your first semester:

- HUM 110 - Introduction to Humanities
- Optional:
  - HUM 201 – Searching for Meaning in the Ancient & Medieval World
  - HUM 202 – Searching for Meaning in the Modern World

If you wish to pursue a degree (Minor) in Philosophy, it is recommended you take the following course during your first semester:

- PHIL 110 – Philosophical Reasoning

\*You may also contact the Academic Advising Office for the College of Language and Letters for additional help planning courses at Chapman Hall 101, by phone at (208) 496-9860, or by email at [clladvising@byui.edu](mailto:clladvising@byui.edu).

## Internships

Professional internships provide actual work experience related to course work and that matches your academic and personal career interests. As you refine specific skills gained from practical experience, you'll become more valuable as an employee. Completing an internship also will allow you to develop strong teamwork skills balanced with the ability to work independently. Internship ideas can be developed through meeting with the Internship Coordinator, Charles Stratford, in TAY 231.

For more information regarding degrees, internships and careers, and our European Travel Study program, please visit the Humanities and Philosophy homepage at <http://www.byui.edu/humanities-philosophy>

Sincerely,

Charles Stratford

## Career Options

A Humanities degree will prepare a student for a career because the acquired skills are those that educate the entire person, making them adaptable, thoughtful, and productive. As excellent preparation for professional schools such as law, medicine, and business, additional career paths stem from a degree in the Humanities. You might consider the following careers:

Anthropologist  
Archivist  
Campaign Organizer  
Museum Curator  
Foreign Correspondent  
Historical Archaeologist  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Librarian  
Personnel Manager  
Sociologist

# BYU-Idaho Campus Map

Humanities & Philosophy classes are held primarily in the Taylor building.

