## Humanities

### Course Description:

The humanities examine the question of what it means to be human through the study of artistic and literary expression, history, language, philosophy, rhetoric, and religion. They equip us to understand and evaluate human thought, culture, and history, and the ways in which human beings construct meaning from experience. They offer us an opportunity to reflect on what makes a purposeful life in the wider world.

1. **Criteria:** Humanities courses will
   1. Provide students with a framework for understanding and appreciating diverse modes of human experience and expression in their historical, intellectual, and/or cultural contexts.
   2. Prepare students to critically analyze how humans construct meaning from human experience in particular historical, intellectual, and/or cultural contexts.
   3. Provide students with models for investigating broader questions about the ways in which human beings construct meaning and values in human experience.
   4. Prepare students to undertake their own investigations into human thought, culture, and/or history.
2. **SLOs:** Humanities students will
   1. Critically analyze a cultural product in its historical, intellectual, and/or cultural contexts.
   2. Discuss the ways that humanities disciplines raise broader questions of meaning and values.