

Ways of Knowing in the Humanities

Mission

Ways of Knowing in the Humanities (WKH) courses address the kinds of knowing embodied in the uniquely human system of meaning and representation. Employing a foundational understanding of one disciplinary perspective in the humanities, students will examine selected profound human questions expressed by language and manifested in culture.

Requirements

1. All WKH courses will adopt Goal 1, and meet *at least one* of the objectives for Goal 1.
2. All WKH courses will also adopt *either* Goal 2 *or* Goal 3, meeting the full set of objectives under that goal.

Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1. Students will experience God's gift of human insight, language, and culture.

Objectives for Goal 1: At the conclusion of a WKH course, students will be able to do at least one of the following:

1. Demonstrate the ability to read and write with insight and rigor;
2. Craft meaningful interpretations and effective arguments and demonstrate the critical intellectual skills that foster ethical decision-making; or
3. Demonstrate appropriate mastery of discipline-specific language skills.

Goal 2. Students will demonstrate effective and appropriate communication.

Objectives for Goal 2: At the conclusion of a WKH course with Goal 2, students will be able to accomplish all of the following

1. Express original and creative thought;
2. Communicate ideas persuasively through writing (ranging from linguistic exercises to formal papers) and/or speech (ranging from structured discussion to formal presentations); and
3. Apply discipline-specific terminology and methodologies.

Goal 3. Students will explore fundamental questions of what it means to be human through an introductory study of influential and important written works.

Objectives for Goal 3: At the conclusion of a WKH course with Goal 3, students will be able to accomplish all of the following:

1. Identify and articulate the importance of major texts, figures, and milestones in the given subject area; and
2. Demonstrate an understanding of how historical and cultural contexts affect human interaction and civilization.

Course Criteria:

1. WKH courses will have no stated prerequisites (outside of normal criteria for foreign language and writing placement).