

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Level: First Year License

Module: Foreign Language (English)

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Course N°3: Humanities And Its Branches

Humanities are educational courses that aim to teach individuals about the human condition in a variety of forms, as well as look at them with a critical and analytical eye. The branches of humanities consist of languages, the arts, literature, philosophy, religion and history.

Why?

The studying of humanities has become a huge part of western education as it helps individuals to learn and analyze the ways of the world and put forward interpretations. It helps a lot of people to approach situations intellectually as well as in their academics. Humanities focus more on interpretation and ideals rather than concrete facts such as math and science.

Languages

This particular branch of humanities consists of learning the way people communicate in different speaking countries. It brings a sense of culture to individuals as they are likely to be taught the various history and origins of the languages they learn.

The arts

The arts consist of theater, music, art and film. They are all mediums of self-expression and these courses in particular encourage personal interpretation and analysis. Fine arts courses also come into this category; however, they focus more on the historical forms of art and their origins.

Literature

Literature refers to novels, short stories, plays and so on. Individuals attempt to decipher the meaning of texts and look into symbolism and themes. Literature courses delve into social aspects that may influence texts.

Philosophy and religion

These courses study human behavior and the age-old questions such as the meaning of life and the existence of God. They analyze various cultures and their religious beliefs as well as moral codes.

History

This is arguably the most facts-based course as individuals delve into past events such as war and politics and how societies and cultures have been affected throughout the years.