Humanities
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Linked Master of Arts in Humanities—
Cultural and Human Geography, Cultural
Studies and Critical Theory, Gender and
Sexuality Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies,
Media and Popular Culture Studies,
Philosophy and Religious Studies, and
Visual Studies

This linked degree program makes it possible for exceptional majors in Art
History, Art Studio, Communication, Fine Arts, Geography, Individualized
Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy, and Women's Studies to take up to 12
hours of graduate courses while completing their undergraduate degree and
to gain a head start on a graduate degree. Up to 12 graduate credits taken
will be counted toward both the undergraduate and the graduate degree.
Students interested in pursuing the linked program should carefully plan
their undergraduate course of study considering the requirements of the
program. Students must earn a minimum of 150 credit hours (120 for the
undergraduate degree and 30 for the graduate degree) to earn their bachelor's
degree and their master's degree in humanities. Certain concentrations in the
humanities program may require an additional six credit hours.

Admission Requirements
To be admitted to the program, students must declare a major in Art
History, Art Studio, Communication, Fine Arts, Geography, Individualized
Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies, or Women's
Studies B.A or B.S. and complete a minimum of at least 60 undergraduate
credit hours, including at least six hours of 300/400 level courses in the
major. At the time of admission to the linked program, students must have an
overall undergraduate GPA of 3.25 or better.

Admission Procedure
Interested students who meet the admission requirements should apply to the
humanities graduate program director as soon as possible after completing
the required 60 undergraduate hours. In consultation with the chair or
director of their department and the humanities graduate program director,
students will:
1. Draft a schedule of graduate courses to be taken as an undergraduate,
   which will be placed in the student's undergraduate and graduate
   advising files.
2. Submit an Old Dominion University graduate application, a 500-
   word personal statement, a sample critical/analytical essay or research
   paper, two letters of recommendation, and GRE scores to the Office of
   Admissions during their senior year.

Students will be officially admitted into the M.A. in humanities program
once they have been awarded their bachelor's degree and have fulfilled all
regular admission requirements for the M.A. in humanities. (Please refer to
the appropriate section of this catalog for information on the requirements
for the bachelor's degree in Art History, Art Studio, Communication, Fine
Arts, Geography, Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies, Philosophy, and
Women's Studies.)

Bridge Courses
Students admitted to the linked program may count up to 12 hours of
bridge courses (graduate courses taken as an undergraduate) for which they
have earned a grade of B (3.0) or better toward both the specific B.A. or
B.S. and the M.A. in humanities. These courses may be 500 or 600 level
courses within or cross-listed with the discipline, or approved graduate
courses. Any 500-level course that is cross listed with a 400-level course
may be substituted for the 400 level-course. However, all students must
complete an undergraduate writing intensive course in the major.

The M.A. in Humanities
Students in the linked program will fulfill all normal admission and
curricular requirements for both a B.A. or B.S. in their discipline and
an M.A. in humanities, with the following exceptions, conditions, and
requirements.

1. In addition, all students, regardless of their concentration, are required to
take:
   HUM 601 Introduction to the Humanities 3
   HUM 602 Theory and Methods in Humanities 3
   HUM 603 Preparing Humanities Teachers &
   Scholars Pro-seminar 3
   HUM 604 Debates in the Digital Humanities 3
   HUM 692 Humanities Thesis and Non-Thesis
   Preparation 3

2. No more than 12 hours of graduate credit at the 500-level may be
   applied to the M.A. in humanities.
3. Students will not be permitted to take any 500-level course that they
   have already taken at the undergraduate 400 level.
4. Art History/Art Studio students must take at least two 600-level courses
   offered by the Department of Art (http://www.odu.edu/artdept). Students
   must take ARTH 610 Visual Arts Across Media and Time. Graduate
   courses taken through departments other than Humanities and Art/Art
   History will count toward the M.A. only if they are approved in advance
   by the chair of Art or its director of graduate studies.
5. Communication students must take at least two 600-level graduate
   courses offered by the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts
   (http://www.odu.edu/commtheatre). Courses taken through departments
   other than Humanities and Communication and Theatre Arts must
correspond to the student's declared concentration area. No more than
six credit hours may be concentrated in any one department other than
Humanities or Communication and Theatre Arts.
6. Geography students must take at least two 600-level courses offered
   by the Department of Political Science and Geography (https://
   www.odu.edu/pols-geog). Graduate courses taken through departments
   other than Humanities and Political Science Department and Geography
   will count toward the M.A. only if they are approved in advance by
   the chair of Political Science and Geography or its director of graduate
   studies.
7. Philosophy students must take at least two 600-level courses offered
   by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. (http://
   www.odu.edu/philosophy) Graduate courses taken through departments
   other than Humanities and Philosophy and Religious Studies will count
   toward the M.A. only if they are approved in advance by the chair of
   Philosophy and Religious Studies or its director of graduate studies.
8. Women's Studies students will be required to take graduate-level
   courses that focus on women and/or gender in relation to various
   aspects of culture and the humanities. Students may elect graduate
   courses in women's studies, as well as courses that are cross-listed
   with women's studies, from any designated humanities or social
   science department, such as history, linguistics, literature, sociology,
   psychology, international studies, etc., or courses approved by the
   director of women's studies. However, no more than six credit hours
   may be concentrated in any one discipline other than humanities and
   women's studies.
9. Upon completion of 36 graduate credits, students will be awarded
   the M.A. in humanities with a concentration in Cultural and Human
   Geography, Cultural Studies and Critical Theory, Gender and Sexuality
   Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Media and Popular Culture Studies,
   Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Visual Studies.
10. For additional information on the M.A. in humanities and the thesis and non-thesis options required to graduate, please refer to the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.odu.edu/graduate).