

THE HUMANITIES PROGRAM

The Humanities program at JWC aims at the formation of mature Christian character and effective Kingdom leadership by way of:

1. Thorough grounding in biblical, theological, and related studies, and the development of interpretive skills for “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15).
2. Development of capacities and skills for analysis and synthesis, problem-solving, logic, and written expression, transferable across disciplines and cultural contexts.
3. Leadership development in the classical tradition based on wide-ranging knowledge of Western culture and literature, training in the skills and methods of argument and oratory, and hands on leadership experience in a variety of roles and settings, including cross-cultural experience.

Diploma in Humanities

The Diploma in Humanities program is designed primarily for the high school graduate desiring a year of study in the Classics in a distinctively Christian community as preparation for further study. The Diploma is also suitable for non-traditional students who desire formal study in the foundations of Western Culture for apologetic purposes, civic engagement, continuing education, or leadership development.

Courses in the Diploma program are designed to match “General Education” course requirements in most traditional baccalaureate programs. All courses in the Program may be applied to the baccalaureate programs at John Witherspoon College.

Students in the Diploma in Humanities program must complete a *Basileia* (“Kingdom”) Mission (non-credit) for graduation. Such projects might include mission trips, regular involvement in an approved ministry, internships, or participation in special evangelistic outreach efforts.

ACADEMICS

Guidelines for completing the *Basileia* Mission requirement are available from the Registrar's Office.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the Diploma in Humanities program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Understand and critically engage the Western tradition from ancient to modern times in terms of its major ideas, images, stories, political movements, and artistic achievements;
2. Trace the unfolding of God's redemptive plan throughout history.
3. Employ in their own lives a strong grasp of classical Christian theology and worldview;
4. Form their minds, bodies, and tastes to love what is true, good, and beautiful in music, art, and athletics;
5. Discern the broader picture in different contexts of life in order to shape a goal-driven vision.

Program Requirements

Language (0)

Humanities (25)

ENG 111: Rhetoric I (3)

ENG 112: Rhetoric II (3)

HIS/HUM 111: Ancient World I (3)

HIS/HUM 112: Ancient World II (3)

MAT 102: College Algebra **or** MAT 107: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (3)

MUS 316: Music Colloquium (3)

PHL 243: Ethics and Moral Decision Making (3)

SCI 111: Physical Science w/Lab (4) **or** SCI 112: Life Science w/lab (4)

Christian Studies (6)

CHR 101: Introduction to the Bible **or** CHR 102: Biblical Interpretation (3)

CHR 222: New Testament Story (3)

Leadership (3)

LDR 101: Leadership Foundations I (3)

LDR 200: *Basileia* Mission (non-credit)

Total: 34 credits

GENERAL CATALOGUE

Diploma in Humanities

CORE AREA	COURSES	
Humanities	Rhetoric I Ethics and Moral Decision Making College Algebra or Math for Liberal Arts Ancient World I	Rhetoric II Music Colloquium Physical Science with Lab (4) or Life Science with Lab (4) Ancient World II
Christian Studies	Introduction to the Bible or Biblical Interpretation	New Testament Story
Leadership Development	Leadership Foundations I	---
Credits	18	16