



JOHN WITHERSPOON
COLLEGE
Fides Quaerens Intellectum

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.

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 (30 Credits)

The Diploma in Humanities consists of all the courses for the **first year of the A.A. in Humanities** (see below).

1. Math for the Liberal Arts/College Algebra (MAT 101/102)
2. College Composition/Rhetoric I (ENG 101)
3. History I: Ancient World (HIS 111)
4. Ancient Literature (HUM/ENG 121)
5. Old Testament Story (CHR 111)

6. Leadership Foundations I (LDR 101)
7. Oral Communication/Rhetoric II (COM 101)
8. History II: Medieval World to Renaissance (HIS 112)
9. Medieval Literature (HUM/ENG 122)
10. New Testament Story (CHR 112)