



HUMANITIES

The Humanities program at John Witherspoon College is focused on the formation of mature Christian character and effective Kingdom leadership through biblically grounded development of interpretive skills for “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Objectives of Humanities Degree Achievement Enables the Graduate 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 a global worldview.*
- 4) Demonstrate a love of what is true, good, and beautiful within all the Humanities.*
- 5) Develop a goal-driven vision of an informed, Spirit-controlled life.*

This in-depth liberal arts program centers on what all higher education used to be: the thorough formation of a free person, prepared for servant leadership of family, church, and state.



“We learn best in a loving community of real people.”





JWC Core Curriculum for Humanities Degree Programs

All Associate and Bachelor degree-seeking students are required to complete JWC's core course-work. This coursework is designed to ensure a broad understanding of the humanities and provide a base for further critical studies. This core curriculum consists of 15 courses as follows:

Core JWC Courses (15):

BIB 111	Old Testament Survey
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COM 111	Rhetoric I: Principles & Foundations
COM 112	Rhetoric II: Oral Communications
ENG 101	College Composition I
ENG 121	Ancient Literature
ENG 201	English Composition II
ENG 221	Renaissance & Baroque Literature
HIS 111	The Ancient World
HIS 112	The Medieval World to the Renaissance
LDR 101	Leadership Foundations I: Personal Development

MAT 102	College Algebra I [or higher math course]
PHL 101	Introduction to Philosophy
SCI 111	Physical Science with Lab [3 hours + 1 lab credit]
SCI 111	Life Science with Lab (3 hours + 1 lab credit)

Core Humanities Courses (6):

ENG 122	Medieval Literature
ENG 222	The Novel
HIS 211	American History I
HIS 212	American History II
LAT 211	Latin I
LAT 212	Latin II

Post-Graduation Career Opportunities

Deeper theological studies in a Biblical master's or doctoral degree program, Legal studies, Church leadership capacities, Para-church ministries, Non-profit sector, Medical field through administration and emergency services

The **Associate of Arts** degree is a 66-credit hour course of study designed to establish the fundamentals of a liberal arts education and the foundations of the student's area of study.

The Associate degree can be completed in two years of studies.

The **Bachelor of Arts** degree is a 120-credit hour course of study that provides a more comprehensive base of knowledge and concentrated studies in the program area. The Bachelor degree equips students for leadership in society or future graduate studies and is designed to be completed in four years.



Associate of Arts in Humanities

(66 credits)

The program of study leading to the Associate of Arts Degree in Humanities is designed to prepare students for leadership in the church and the world by way of studies in the classical liberal arts, all interpreted through and integrated into a world and life view formed by biblical truth.

Associate of Arts Degree in Humanities

Sample Schedule Below

Fall Semester Courses FRESHMAN Year:	Spring Semester Courses FRESHMAN Year:
MAT 102 College Algebra I COM 111 Rhetoric I: Principles & Foundations HIS 111 The Ancient World BIB 111 Old Testament Survey ENG 101 College Composition I SCI 111 Physical Science with Lab (4)	LDR 101 Leadership Foundations I COM 112 Rhetoric II: Oral Communications HIS 112 Medieval World to Renaissance BIB 112 New Testament Survey PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy ENG 121 Ancient Literature
Fall Semester Courses SOPHOMORE Year:	Spring Semester Courses SOPHOMORE Year
ENG 201 College Composition II ENG 122 Medieval Literature HIS 211 American History I SCI 112 Life Science with Lab (4) Latin 211 Latin I	ENG 221 Renaissance & Baroque Literature ENG 222 The Novel HIS 212 American History II LAT 212 Latin II POL 313 U.S. Government & Politics <i>(22 Courses, 68 credit hours)</i>



Bachelor of Arts in Humanities

(120 credits)

The program of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Humanities is designed to prepare students for leadership in the church and the world by way of studies in the classical liberal arts, all interpreted through and integrated into a world and life view formed by biblical truth.

The B. A. in Humanities includes completion of 15 JWC core courses and six Humanities core courses. Students then select nine (9) courses in upper-level (300 - 400 level) courses from a combination of BIB, ENG, HIS, PHL, or THE subject areas. The remaining five courses are selected as electives, completing the 120-hour requirement.

Sample Schedule Below

Fall Semester Courses JUNIOR Year:	Spring Semester Courses JUNIOR Year:
LAT 311 Latin III BIB 331 Biblical Backgrounds & Archaeology ECO 201 History of Economics HIS 307 History of Christianity I MIN 301 Theology of Practical Ministry MUS 316 Music Colloquium	LAT 312 Latin IV BIB 411 Pentateuch HIS 308 History of Christianity II MIN 303 Missions & Evangelism PHL 306 Christian Apologetics THE 335 Historical Theology
Fall Semester Courses SENIOR Year:	Spring Semester Courses SENIOR Year
HUM 395 Special Topics in Humanities BIB 413 Poetry & Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament ECO 302 History of Economics MIN 304 Biblical Counseling PHL 349 World Religions	HUM 498 Senior Thesis Project HUM 499 Student Internship, Humanities PHL 438 Science & Faith POL 313 U.S. Government and Politics MIN 305 Marriage & Family Counseling <i>(22 Courses, 66 credit hours)</i>

Graduate Degree Program and Career Opportunities

Students with a Bachelor's Degree in Humanities often:

- Pursue deeper theological studies in a Biblical master's degree program
- Pursue legal studies and professions through law school and internships
- Serve in various church leadership capacities, guiding worship and education
- Serve in para-church ministries as a curriculum director and outreach coordinator
- Serve in the non-profit sector as a center director, field coordinator, and program manager
- Serve in the medical field through administration, nursing, and emergency services
- Teach in the primary through secondary levels in Christian education worldwide
- Pursue advanced degrees for teaching and research at the college level and in government
- Serve and teach on the mission field through language translation and flight operations.

Students who complete the Humanities degree have a plethora of vocations and fields open to them. Students will gain skills such as researching, writing, thinking, and communicating that many employers or vocations require. This well-rounded education provides a foundation for effectiveness in any job.

In a nutshell, apologist and author, C.S. Lewis, was said to possess both “a deep and vivid imagination” and “a profoundly analytical mind.” This was partly the result of his classical education. We at JWC want the same “remarkable combination” for our graduates. We want our students to be Christ-like, well-educated, and only then, good employees — To impact the world for Jesus Christ.

At a time when experience and actual ability often count for more than credentials, you can do about anything—and live well doing it—with a B.A. in Humanities.

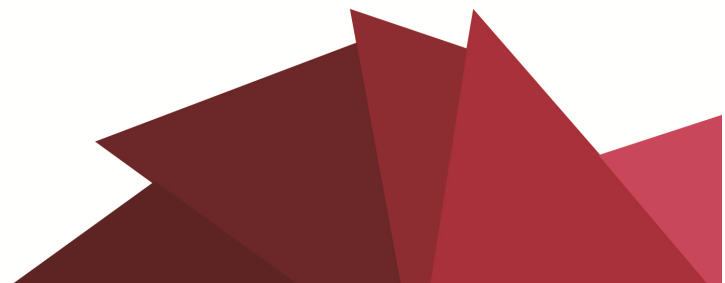
I graduated from JWC in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and am currently a fifth grade teacher on the lower Brule Sioux tribe reservation in rural South Dakota. I didn't plan to be a teacher, but I can definitely see how JWC prepared me to be one. For example, the Humanities program, which is very broad, ensures that there is no fifth grade topic that I am unfamiliar with. But JWC also prepared me at a spiritual level. In the students and the staff, I could see an example of what it meant to bring Christ into everything we do. And I want to do that in my job. Thankfully, my students make this very easy as they're so curious about the things of the world, especially the things of God. And so when they ask those questions, I feel that JWC has prepared me to give an answer for the hope that I have.

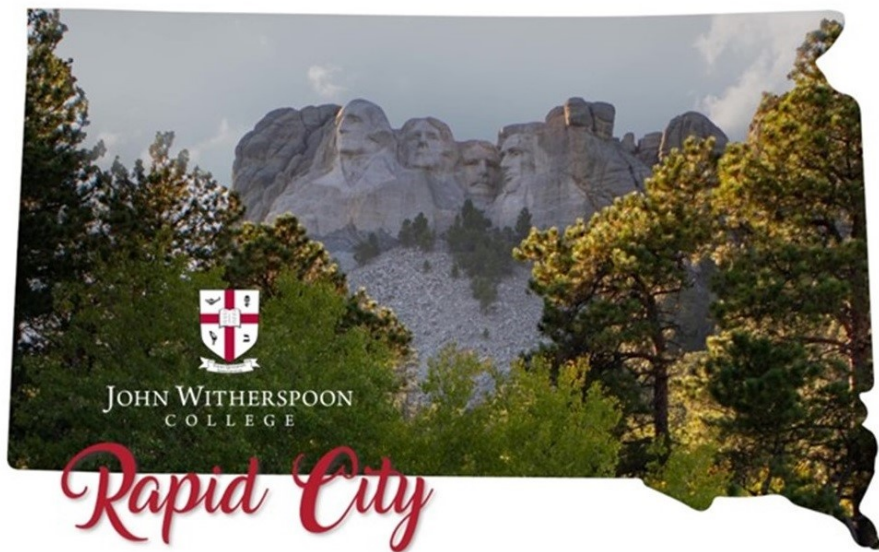


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Class of 2020

Associate of Arts in Humanities (66 credits)

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (120 credits)





- ✓ **Christ-centered programs**
- ✓ **Outstanding Faculty**
- ✓ **Affordable Tuition**
- ✓ **Graduate Debt Free!**

If you are thinking about where to attend college or earn dual enrollment credits, we invite you to check out **John Witherspoon College**--a Christian, classical liberal arts college, located in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. JWC offers excellent, Christ-centered programs in **Humanities** and **Christian Studies**. Read what alumni have to say about JWC. . .



"I can't begin to describe to you how much and how valuable my education was at John Witherspoon College. Honestly, the study of the classical languages like Latin and Greek, the literature instruction, the history instruction

and everything else that comes with a classical education has just made seminary so much easier. I can't even begin to describe how much easier it is to be a good student of the Bible when you have that kind of a foundation undergirding everything that you're doing."

Levi, Class of 2019

BA in Christian Studies

Theology Professor at Reformation Bible College,
Ligonier Ministries



"I chose to enroll at JWC for college because I wanted to receive a classical Christian education in which I would be challenged academically as well as be able to grow spiritually.

But since I'm from out of state, I knew that if I was going to attend a school, I wanted it to feel like a home away from home. And JWC is just that. It feels like a family. The professors and the students here care about you personally. You are not just another number to them, but instead the friendships that you form here will have a lasting impact."

Meredith, Class of 2024

Pursuing BA in Humanities