INTERDISCIPLINARY HUMANITIES

Mission Statement
The mission of the department is to educate students for citizenship and for their own future. The study of the humanities serves to transmit the heritage that created the foundations of contemporary life, and that shapes the future in science, religion, politics, law and morality. The interdisciplinary nature of the humanities provides a rich, rewarding and diverse student experience within which students gain knowledge and skills that frequently operate across disciplines. They thus learn how to integrate a variety of approaches in formulating and solving problems, using diverse materials and information sources to do so. Interdisciplinary humanities provides a means for students to acquire specialized topical knowledge while also developing the intellectual skills and qualities of character associated with undergraduate achievement in the arts and humanities subjects. Program specifications will indicate what is offered by, and is distinctive for, the different contributing humanities sub-disciplines departments the student may choose from—including Art, Anthropology, Communication Arts, English, Government, History, Philosophy and Religious Studies—but knowledge and understanding of the interrelatedness of all of these sub-disciplines is central.

Student Learning Outcomes
UWF Interdisciplinary Humanities graduates should be able to do the following:

Content
- Describe the contribution of their chosen sub-disciplines to our intellectual, social, and cultural history
- Discuss the major research methods at work in their chosen sub-disciplines
- Describe the range of reasoning and research techniques across several areas of the humanities
- Identify major issues in the contemporary debate and research of their chosen disciplines
- Incorporate terminology from across several distinct areas of the humanities, synthesizing the methodological and conceptual repertoire of each
Critical Thinking
- Select and apply relevant frameworks and theories and texts in the analysis of events, processes, trends and problems arising in our social lives
- Develop, defend, and evaluate arguments regarding the historical and cultural context of contemporary values
- Recognize the assumptions and historical conditions that inform contemporary social problems and debates

Communication
- Marital a multi-disciplinary body of information in written and oral formats
- Conduct efficient and effective information search and retrieval within the arts and humanities
- Use information technology efficiently to express ideas

Integrity/Values
- Develop an increasingly sophisticated set of attitudes towards social institutions and their policies
- Engage with others, and contribute to the ongoing and open-ended discussion that is the humanities in an honest, responsible, and respectful manner

Project Management
- Define a course of study that is personally meaningful
- Manage time effectively
- Move toward autonomy and independence in direction of study
- Demonstrate flexibility in processing new information and facing new situations

Job Prospects for Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduates

- Teaching
- Journalism
- Communications
- Cleric
- Human Resources
- Management
- Administration
- Library Sciences
- Publishing
- Government

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