

HUMANITIES, MH

Overview

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The Master of Humanities degree offers students the opportunity to individually tailor their studies to meet their needs and interests. In consultation with a faculty advisor, students develop a unique plan of studies by combining fields, such as History, Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Film, Women's and Gender Studies, Public Policy, American Studies, Fine Arts, Sociology, Literature, Anthropology, Communications, Political Science, and Economics.

Our degree programs are designed for part-time or full time students whose professional and personal obligations require a program that is flexible.

Why Interdisciplinary Studies?

While most colleges and universities are organized around traditional disciplines, academic institutions are increasingly recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary research in an emerging global economy and culture. By approaching knowledge and learning through an interdisciplinary model, students integrate and synthesize the methods, tools, theories and concepts of diverse disciplines to tackle questions and research from new angles. By bringing together sometimes disparate and contrasting disciplines, new possibilities for dialog and interaction arise that can address the complex questions and issues that characterize the world today.

Explore the possibilities!

These requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Graduate Education Policies and Procedures apply to this program.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 approved credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 30 graduate (5000-level and above) approved credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B- (2.7) in all courses applied to the degree and must achieve a minimum cumulative program GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the program GPA. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to degree requirements.
4. Students must complete all coursework with CU Denver faculty. Students may concurrently pursue graduate-level coursework at other CU system campuses with the approval of their MHMSS graduate advisor.

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

1. Courses credited toward the MH degree must typically be taken at CU Denver (a maximum of 12 graduate credit hours may be transferred

from other institutions after matriculating into the MH program, subject to the MH director's approval).

2. Each student's program is supervised by MHMSS faculty. All independent study, project, and thesis contracts must be approved in advance by the program director. A total of two independent study courses and one internship may count toward the degree.
3. A maximum of two 4000-level undergraduate courses may apply, with faculty approval.
4. Students wishing to count credits accrued from a study abroad program while pursuing the MH must follow graduate education policies and procedures and must have approval of the program director in advance of studying abroad.
5. An oral exam defending the project or thesis before a committee of three faculty members must be passed in order to graduate.
6. A grade below *B- in any given course* will not be counted toward the degree.
7. Students make take up to three graduate-level online courses (up to 9 credits) towards the degree, with prior approval.
8. All students must complete and pass a final project or thesis and an oral comprehensive defense of that work, in order to graduate.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete the following Core Seminar courses</i>		9
HUMN/SSCI/ PHIL 5013	Methods and Practices of Graduate Interdisciplinary Humanities ¹	
HUMN/SSCI 5025	Foundations and Theories of Interdisciplinary Humanities ²	
or SSCI/ HUMN 5020	Foundations and Theories of Interdisciplinary Social Science	
HUMN 5924	Directed Research and Reading in Interdisciplinary Humanities ³	

Complete a minimum of 21 credit hours of elective courses. Students may choose to create their own curriculum from at least two disciplines addressing their specific research interest.

Students may choose to follow an approved specialized track. Prior to taking electives, students must meet with a MHMSS program faculty advisor and establish their course of study. If students decide to change their course of study or want to substitute approved coursework, they must meet with a MHMSS program advisor in advance and gain pre-approval.

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Complete a Thesis or Project and an oral comprehensive defense of that work, in order to graduate.

In order to proceed with a project or thesis, all students must submit a proposal and gain approval from three faculty members and the program directors. Students who opt to complete a thesis will submit a thesis proposal after completing 30 credit hours of course work. In the case of a project, students will submit a project proposal after 33 credit hours.

HUMN 5950	Master's Thesis	6
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Students who complete a thesis will complete 21 credit hours of electives and six credit hours of Master's Thesis.

HUMN 5960	Master's Project
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Students who complete a project will complete 24 credit hours of electives and three credit hours of Master's Project.

Total Hours **36**

- ¹ Must be taken during the first year, offered in the spring only.
² Must be taken during the first year, offered in the fall only.
³ Students should take this course after they have completed 21-24 credit hours and are ready to write a proposal for their thesis or project. This course is always offered in the spring and occasionally in the fall, as needed

General MH Track

Students pursuing the general MH degree track create a course of study based on their individual interests and goals. In consultation with a faculty advisor, students choose two or three academic disciplines as areas of concentration.

Ethnic Studies Track

Students pursuing the Ethnic Studies track explore the construction of race and ethnicity by governments and communities through the intersection of popular culture and public policy in both the historical and contemporary contexts.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete at least one ethnic studies methods/theory course:</i>		3

ETST 5000	Research Methods in Ethnic Studies	
EDFN 5001	Problematising Whiteness: Educating for Racial Justice	

Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of approved ethnic studies related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:

ANTH 5350	Anthropology of Globalization	
COMM 5270/ INTB 6270	Intercultural Communication	
EDFN 5050	Critical Issues in American Education	
ENGL 5460	Contemporary World Literature	
ETST/SOCY 5020	Race, Culture and Immigration	
ETST 5021/ HDFR 5020	Black and Latino Children in Families and Schools	
ETST/ RLST 5030/ HIST 5029	Race, Religion and Belonging in the United States	
ETST 5165	Cultural Diversity Awareness in the Workplace	
ETST/ENGL 5220	African-American Literature	
ETST/WGST 5305	Women of Color Feminisms	
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	
HIST/RLST 5462	Islam in Modern History	
HUMN/SSCI 5540	Law, Diversity and Community in United States History	

HUMN/SJUS/ SSCI/WGST 5770	Selling Empires: The Art of Visual Propaganda	
PSCI 5446	Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics	
PSCI 5094	Urban Politics, Planning, and Development	
PSCI 5145	Indigenous Politics	
PSCI 5206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	
PSCI 5245/ WGST 5248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
PSCI 5256	Seminar: National Question and Self-Determination	
PSCI 5446	Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics	
PSCI 5545	Immigration Politics	
PSCI 5914	Community Organizing and Community Development	
SOCY 5050	Health Disparities	
SOCY 5440	Poverty and Social Inequality	
SOCY 5460	Hate Groups and Group Violence	
SOCY 5690	Crime and Inequality Over the Life Course	
SPAN 5020	Spanish Sociolinguistics	
SPAN 5060	Dialects of the Spanish-Speaking World	
SPAN 5076	Spanish in Colorado	
SPAN 5080	Spanish in the United States	
SPAN 5521	Mexican Literature I: pre-Columbian and Colonial	
SPAN 5522	Mexican Literature II: 19th to 21st Centuries	

Total Hours **15**

Complete a project or thesis on an approved ethnic studies related topic.

Health Humanities Track

Health Humanities teaches students to the ways in which humanities disciplines interrogate relationships among health, medicine and society and what those disciplines reveal about biomedical knowledge as well as healthcare policies and practices.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete the following required foundations courses:</i> ¹		6

HEHE 5000	Foundations of Health Humanities	
HEHE 5100	Foundations of Health Care Ethics	

Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of approved health humanities related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:

ANTH 5290	Anthropology and Public Health	
COMM 5500	Health Communication	
COMM 5550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	
GEOG 5230/ HBSC 7235	Hazard Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment	
GEOG 5235	GIS Applications in the Health Sciences	
GEOG 5710	Disasters, Climate Change, and Health	
HEHE 5250	Topics in Media, Medicine and Society	
HEHE 5350	Narrative Principles and Practices in Healthcare	
HEHE 5450	Addressing Health Stigma in Social Contexts	
HEHE 5650	Ethics, Medicine & the Holocaust: Legacies	
HEHE 5655	Introduction to Public Health Ethics	
HEHE 5750	Pain, Its Paradoxes & the Human Condition	
HLTH 6070	International Health Policy and Management	

PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5242	Medicine, Health Care, and Justice: Bioethics
PSCI 5354	Seminar: Environmental Politics and Policy
Total Hours	18

¹ HEHE and HLTH courses are offered at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Complete a project or thesis on an approved health humanities related topic.

Philosophy and Theory Track

The Philosophy and Theory Track in the Master of Humanities Program offers students an interdisciplinary approach to studying philosophy, critical theory, and related theories of criticism and analysis in various Humanities disciplines.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete a three credit hour philosophy/theory course approved by program director.</i>		3
<i>Complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of approved philosophy/theory related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:</i>		15
ANTH 6103	Current Theory in Ethnography	
ENGL 5420	Film Theory and Criticism	
HUMN/SSCI 5013	Methods and Practices of Graduate Interdisciplinary Humanities	
HUMN/SSCI 5020	Foundations and Theories of Interdisciplinary Social Science	
HUMN/SSCI/ WGST 5720	Sexuality, Gender and Their Visual Representation	
HUMN 5984	Topics: Interdisciplinary Humanities	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5101	Pragmatism: Classical American Philosophy	
PHIL/HUMN 5220	Art, Beauty, and Aesthetic Criticism: Philosophy of Art	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5242	Medicine, Health Care, and Justice: Bioethics	
PHIL 5260	Why Obey the Law? Introduction to Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 5300	Mind, Body, and Consciousness: Philosophy of Mind	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5600/ RLST 5060	Questioning Religious Belief and Practice: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 5730/ ENGL 5735	Philosophy and Literature	
PHIL 5750	Introduction to Phenomenology	
PHIL 5780	Heidegger	
PHIL 5790	Nietzsche	
PHIL 5795	Marx and Marxism	
PHIL 5800	Plato	
PHIL 5810	Aristotle	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5833	Existentialism	
PHIL 5900	John Dewey	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5920	Philosophy of Media and Technology	

PSCI 5206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics
PSCI/ETST 5457	American Political Thought
SOCY 5016	Social Theory
WGST/ENGL/ HIST 5306	Survey of Feminist Thought
WGST/HUMN/ SSCI 6010	Methods and Theories of Feminism and Gender Studies
Total Hours	18

Complete a project or thesis on an approved philosophy/theory related topic.

Social Justice Track

The Social Justice Track encourages graduate students to broaden and deepen their intellectual tools as well as their practical knowledge as to how democracy, education, consumerism, media, race, class, gender, policy, and law intersect.

It is **highly recommended** that students in this track take at least one quantitative and/or one qualitative research methods course as part of their plan of study. There are quantitative and qualitative methods courses offered in Anthropology, Environmental Science, Political Science, Sociology, and Research, Evaluation, and Statistical Methodology (RESM), which can be approved by students MHMSS program faculty.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of approved social justice related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:</i>		12
BUSN 6540	Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	
COMM 5040	Communication, Prisons, and Social Justice	
ENGL 5190	Advanced Topics in Writing, Rhetoric, & Linguistics	
ENGL/HIST/ WGST 5306	Survey of Feminist Thought	
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	
PSCI 5025	Local Governance and Globalization	
HUMN/SSCI/ WGST 5720	Sexuality, Gender and Their Visual Representation	
HUMN/SSCI/ WGST 6010	Methods and Theories of Feminism and Gender	
PSCI 5206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	
PSCI 5225	Democracy and Democratization	
PSCI 5245/ WGST 5248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
PSCI 5274	Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building	
PSCI 5276	Conflicts and Rights in International Law	
PSCI 5286	International Relations: War or Peace?	
PSCI 5414	Non-Profits and Social Change	
PSCI 5545	Immigration Politics	
PSCI/WGST 5555	International Women's Resistance	
PSCI 5837	Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties	

SOCY 5440	Poverty and Social Inequality
SOCY 5460	Hate Groups and Group Violence
WGST 5303	Sex and Gender in Modern Britain
WGST/HIST 5307	History of Sexuality
WGST 5345	Gender, Science and Medicine: 1600 to the Present

Total Hours 12

Complete a project or thesis on an approved social justice related topic.

Visual Studies Track

The Visual Studies Track provides students focused studies in disciplines that apply critical analysis to our visual world, such as art history, museum studies, film studies, new media studies, and cultural studies. In a world whose work forces and creative citizenry are focused on the growth and use of visual technologies, visual literacy with sophisticated analytic skills is critical.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete 3 credit hours of a methods/theory course:</i>		3
ENGL 5420	Film Theory and Criticism	
FINE 5790	Methods in Art History	
HUMN 5660	Visual Arts: Interpretations and Contexts	
<i>Complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of approved visual arts related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:</i>		18
ARCH 5210	Introduction to Architecture	
ARCH 5220	History and Theory Architecture I	
ARCH 5230	History and Theory Architecture II	
ARCH 6210	A History of American Architecture	
ARCH 6212	A History of Modern Architecture	
ARCH 6220	A History of Theoretical Discourse on Architecture	
ENGL 5770	Topics in English: Film and Literature	
FINE 4990	Contemporary Art: 1960 to Present	
FINE 5524	Topics in Art History II: Modern and Contemporary	
FINE 5610	Pre-Columbian Art	
FINE 5620	American Art	
FINE 5632	History of Digital Media	
FINE 5680	Art of the Medieval Multiverse	
FINE 5700	Italian Renaissance Art	
FINE 5705	Northern Renaissance Art	
FINE 5710	Baroque and Rococo Art	
FINE 5730	Arts of Japan	
FINE 5750	Arts of China	
FINE 5770	Art of India and Southeast Asia	
FINE 5990	Contemporary Art: 1960-Present	
HIST 5232	Historic Preservation	
HUMN/SSCI/ WGST 5720	Sexuality, Gender and Their Visual Representation	
PHIL/HUMN 5220	Art, Beauty, and Aesthetic Criticism: Philosophy of Art	
PHIL/HUMN/ SSCI 5920	Philosophy of Media and Technology	
Total Hours		21

Complete a project or thesis on an approved visual arts related topic.

Women's and Gender Studies Track

Students pursuing the WGST track, focus on issues of sex and gender as they manifest in societies through culture, language, politics, visual representation, and history.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete at least one of the following Women's and Gender Studies theory course:</i>		3
WGST/ENGL/ HIST 5306	Survey of Feminist Thought	
WGST/PHIL 5500	Feminist Philosophy	
WGST/HUMN/ SSCI 6010	Methods and Theories of Feminism and Gender Studies	
<i>Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of approved women's and gender studies related elective coursework from the list below, substitutions may be approved by the student's advisor:</i>		12
CRJU/PUAD 5910	Nature and Scope of Interpersonal Violence	
CRJU/PUAD 5930	Interpersonal Violence Law and Public Policy	
ENGL 5000	Studies of Major Authors (when the author is a female)	
HUMN/SJUS/ SSCI/WGST 5770	Selling Empires: The Art of Visual Propaganda	
PSCI/WGST 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	
PSCI/WGST 4564	Gender and Politics	
PSCI 4827	Women and the Law	
PSCI 5245/ WGST 5248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
SOCY 5550	Seminar: Sociology of the Family	
WGST 5230	Women in the West	
WGST/HIST 5303	Sex and Gender in Modern Britain	
WGST/ENGL/ HIST 5306	Survey of Feminist Thought	
WGST/HIST 5307	History of Sexuality	
WGST/ENGL/ PHIL 5308	Contemporary Feminist Thought	
WGST/HIST 5345	Gender, Science and Medicine: 1600 to the Present	
WGST/RLST 5420	Goddess Traditions	
WGST/PHIL 5500	Feminist Philosophy	
WGST/ ENGL 5510/ RLST 5730	Whores and Saints: Medieval Women	
WGST 5511	French Women Writers	
WGST/PSCI 5555	International Women's Resistance	

WGST/HUMN/ Sexuality, Gender and Their Visual Representations
SSCI 5720

Total Hours 15

Complete a project or thesis on an approved women's and gender studies related topic.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/mhmss/mhmss-degree-information/>).