



Humanities Program and Certificate

Miller School of Albemarle

2019-2020

The Humanities program seeks to offer an engaging space for highly motivated students during their time at the Miller School of Albemarle. Additionally, it exists to encourage students to pursue excellence in the Humanities by providing an organizational structure and incentive to make the most of their academic and cocurricular opportunities here. The program pursues this aim in the following ways:

- by giving personalized shape and direction to a student's curricular and cocurricular work;
- by providing students opportunities for increased engagement with their studies through extracurricular events and special programming; and
- by inspiring students to engage proactively with their studies, while encouraging them to see their studies as an extension of their own interests and passions.

The Humanities Program provides a specialized, long-term academic structure, affording students who are passionate about Literature, History, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, and Performing Arts a space to flourish creatively and scholastically. Students accumulate credits toward the Humanities Certificate on a track of their own making assisted by the Program Coordinator. Credit is awarded for specific curricular work as well as co-curricular activities. Coursework in the junior and senior years is emphasized, with more weight being given to Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Senior Seminar options.

The amount of curricular credit applied toward the Humanities Certificate is capped; the remainder must be earned through co-curricular activities, so that students round out their studies in ways that emphasize enrichment, participation, and application. For a Major Certificate, students must complete a summative Capstone Project, which is offered via Senior Seminars or an Independent Study. The Certificate of Distinction they can earn with their diploma is intended to be a crowning achievement of their high school career, and it is highly visible to college admissions committees, in that an Advanced Diploma status appears on a student's application.

Humanities Certificate Credit Track

Name: _____

Date: _____

Instructions:

- Fill out the following form, indicating where credits have been earned toward the Humanities Program Certificate. Please be as accurate and complete as possible.
- Obtain the necessary signatures of approval at the bottom of this page.
- Make a copy of this form to keep for your records and then return it to Mrs. Ewell.
- You are encouraged to use this form to track your progress towards earning a Humanities Program Certificate.

Humanities Program Certificate Requirements:

The intent of the Humanities Program is to enable you to pursue excellence in the Humanities by providing an organizational structure and an incentive to make the most of your academic opportunities at the Miller School. The Program is designed to reward you with credits for engaging in a variety of Humanities-related activities, from coursework to cocurricular activities to competitions. The credit path that you choose will be unique to your interests, strengths, and curiosity.

A Humanities Program **Major** Certificate is awarded after successfully earning **20** credits, a maximum of 18 coming from coursework. The remainder must be earned through co-curricular activities. *A Senior Capstone project must be completed for the Major.*

A Humanities Program **Minor** Certificate is awarded after successfully earning **18** credits, a maximum of 17 coming from coursework. The remainder must be earned through co-curricular activities.

Summary and Approvals:

Total credits earned: _____

Humanities Program Certificate earned: _____ Major _____ Minor

Your signature/date: _____

Advisor signature/date: _____

Ms. Ewell signature/date: _____

Mrs. Burke signature/date: _____

Mr. Barczewski signature/date: _____

COURSEWORK CREDITS

	Credit weight	Year taken
Senior Seminar - Social Justice - Civil War	4.0	
Independent Study	4.0	
Fine Arts Exhibition	4.0	
Dual Enrollment Humanities Courses - English Literature (offered 2017, 2018) - US History (offered 2017, 2018) - Spanish (offered 2018) - Psychology (offered 2018)	3.0	
AP English Literature and Composition	3.0	
AP English Language and Composition	3.0	
AP European History	3.0	
AP U.S. History and Government	3.0	
AP Human Geography	3.0	
Art / Music / Photo / Design / Build IV	3.0	
Art / Music / Photo / Design / Build V	3.0	
French / Latin / Spanish IV	3.0	
French / Latin / Spanish V	3.0	
Economics	2.5	
Business & Entrepreneurship	2.5	
Psychology	2.5	
Creative Writing	2.5	
	Subtotal	

*A Capstone Project is required to earn a major certificate. Capstone Projects can be completed through a Senior Seminar or Independent Study

CO-CURRICULAR CREDITS

For co-curricular activities, it is possible to receive multiple credits for completing an activity in multiple years. You may attach additional pages to document your various activities.

Afternoon Programming & Clubs

Activity Name	Credit weight	Teacher/Advisor	Year active
Harvard Model Congress	1		
Drama (lead)	1		
Drama (supporting)	.5		
Spanish Honor Society	.5		
Subtotal			

Service Group

Humanities-related service groups are indicated as such during Service Orientation. Credit accumulates for each year of service.

Group Name	Credit weight	Service Leader	Year taken
African American	.5	Esguerra	
Festival of the Book	.5	Harrington	
Center for the Book	.5	Cox	
Subtotal			

Writing and Research Accomplishments

Description of Accomplishment	Credit weight	Notes	Date
Getting Published	.25		
Spring Honors Recognition	.25		
Subtotal			

Oratory, Recitation, and Performance

Activity Name	Credit weight	Notes/Description	Date
Musical Performance/Recital at a School Event	.25		
Poetry Out Loud	.25		
Shakespeare Competition	.25		
Rotary Club Speech	.25		
SAM Talk	.25		
<i>Other Approved Activity</i>			
Subtotal			

WWOWW Coursework

Humanities-related courses will be indicated on the WWOWW Course Offering Directory.

Course Name	Credit weight	Teacher	Year taken
	.25		
	.25		
	.25		
	.25		
Subtotal			

Field Trips and Special Activities

Trip/Special Activity Name	Credit weight	Notes/Description of Experience	Date

Professional Experience

Professional experiences come in many forms. For instance, a summer spent assisting with a research project at a university would certainly qualify as humanities-related professional experience, but so would being a communications coordinator at a local business. Professional experience does not have to be in the form of paid positions; internships with little or no compensation can be as valuable as a paid opportunity. As each professional experience varies depending on the nature and duration of the work, please see Mrs. Burke to discuss the specifics (preferably before you start the work). To earn Humanities Program Credits for professional experiences, a written summary of those experiences must be submitted.

Description of Professional Experience	Date

Credits earned: _____