

Recommendations on Selecting Humanities Classes

Students in Electrical and Computer Engineering are required to do one humanities elective. This document provides guidelines for choosing these classes.

Humanities electives must meet the CEAB guidelines for exposure to the social sciences and humanities (bold emphasis added to the quotes):

3.4.5: “A minimum of 225 AU of complementary studies: Complementary studies include humanities, social sciences, arts, management, engineering economics and communications to **complement the technical content** of the curriculum.

3.4.5.1d: Subject matter that deals with **central issues, methodologies, and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences**.

3.4.5.2: Language instruction may be included within complementary studies provided it is not taken to fulfill an admission requirement. Furthermore, **curriculum content that principally imparts language skills** can be counted toward the required AU of complementary studies but **cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for subject matter that deals with central issues, methodologies, and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences.**”

– *Accreditation Criteria and Procedures 2012.*

The **guidelines** are:

Select any humanities class that **does not include** the following:

- Significant science content
- Significant mathematics content
- Significant technical content of any type, especially scientific or technical analysis
- Economics
- Language acquisition (English or another language)

Departments which *may* have suitable classes include:

Arabic, Architecture, Arts & Social Sciences, Bioethics, Canadian Studies, Chinese, Classics, Complementary Studies, Contemporary Studies, Creative Writing, Early Modern Studies, English, European Studies, French, Gender & Women's Studies, German, History of Science & Technology, **History**, International Develop Studies, Italian, **Journalism**, King's Foundation Year Program, Law, Leisure Studies, Music, **Philosophy**, Political Science, Religious Studies, Russian Studies, Social Work, Sociology & Social Anthropology, Spanish & Latin American Stud, Sustainability, Theatre

Review carefully the Course Description on Dalhousie's Academic Calendar to ensure it **satisfies the guidelines**. If unsure, **please consult with the undergraduate advisor**.

Some examples of acceptable humanities courses students have taken in the past include

Course Names

- ARBC 2100 A Cultural Intro to Arab World
- CANA 1102 Halifax and the World: Pt. I
- CHIN 2082 Asia and the West
- CRWR 2002 Intro to Creative Writing
- CTMP 2335 The Artist and Society
- EGLA 1000 Composition
- EMSP 2320 Witchcraft in Erly Mdrn Europe
- EMSP 2480 The Pirate and Piracy
- ENGL 1020 Intro. to Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 2085 Video Games: Story, Wld & Play
- ENVS 1200 Environmental Challenges
- EARTH 2420 Dinosaurs
- FILM 2301 Film History 1
- GWST 2320 Witchcraft in Early Modern Eur
- HIST 2016 The Classical Greek World
- HIST 2049 The 1st World War Causes & Cam
- HIST 2235 History of Canadian Culture
- HPRO 4412 Human Sexuality
- HSTC 2400 Science and the Media
- HSTC 3415 Brewing Civilization
- HSTC 3611 Early Modern Scie (1500-1800)
- INTD 2001 Introduction to Development I
- INTD 2045: Indian Society: Continuity and Change
- JOUR 3660 Photojournalism
- MUSC 2007 Guitar: History & Techniques
- MUSC 2019 Rock'n Roll Era & Beyond
- MUSC 2020 The History of Jazz
- PHIL 2130: Logic, Deduction
- HSTC 2500: Science Fiction in Film
- POLI 1060 Political worlds: Themes & Con
- RELS 2003 Islam
- RELS 2011 Hinduism
- RELS 2052 Cultural Intro to Arab World
- RELS 2420 Witchcraft in Earl Mod Eur
- RUSN 2046 East. Euro Cin: War, Lov, Rev
- SOSA 1003 Introduction to Sociology
- THEA 2360: Popular Cinema

Please note:

- This list is meant to be a starting point to assist ECE students in choosing humanities courses. Not all courses are offered every year. Not all relevant courses are on this list.
- Some courses may have restrictions or require instructor approval, refer to timetable for more details. Students should contact the offering department for prerequisites and/or permission to register if needed.
- If you took one of the courses at Dalhousie as part of your Diploma of Engineering you cannot take it again for credit in your B.Eng,
- If you completed all your Diploma of Engineering at a university other than Dalhousie, you cannot transfer any previously taken course for your humanities.

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