

# Humanities and Arts Requirement Desktop Reference

**I. The requirement in short:** five courses plus one concluding project chosen to fulfill the breadth and depth components.

1. At least two courses in an area of focus selected from one of three intellectual clusters. At least one of these two courses must be at the 2000-level or above.
2. At least one course in an intellectual cluster outside the area of focus to fulfill the breadth component.
3. One concluding project (inquiry seminar or practicum) in the area of focus taken after completion of five previous courses in the Humanities & Arts. This combination of two courses and an inquiry seminar or practicum in the same area of focus fulfills the depth component.
4. In foreign languages, students take five language courses followed by a designated advanced-level language course that serves as the concluding practicum. This combination of six foreign language courses fulfills the breadth and depth components of the requirement.

## II. Terms in use:

An intellectual cluster is one of the following disciplinary groupings:

- art/art history, drama/theatre, music (AR, MU, TH)
- languages, literature, writing/rhetoric (EN, SP, GN, WR, RH)
- history, humanities, philosophy/religion (HI, HU, PY, RE)

An area of focus is a specific field within an intellectual cluster. For example, music is an area of focus within the broader intellectual cluster of the arts.

The breadth component calls for taking at least one course in two different intellectual clusters.

The depth component calls for taking at least two courses and the concluding project in one area of focus. One of the courses in the area of focus must be at the 2000-level or 3000-level.

The concluding project must be completed through an inquiry seminar (HU3900) or practicum (HU3910). In foreign languages, most advanced-level courses include a practicum and may serve as the concluding project for the requirement. Consult foreign language instructors for more information.

## III. Registration for Inquiry Seminar or Practicum

During 2007-08, students must register for an Inquiry Seminar or Practicum by contacting the instructor directly. Check the [class schedule](#) for HU3900 and HU3910 to identify the term, topic, and instructor each term. Descriptions of [seminar themes](#) are on the humanities and arts website.

## IV. Humanities and Arts Requirement

These requirements apply to all students entering WPI in August 2007 and thereafter. Students who entered WPI under the previous Sufficiency Requirement (described in undergraduate catalogs during 2006-07 and earlier academic years) may elect to complete either set of requirements.

**V. See the Catalog or the HUA website for further information:** [www.wpi.edu/+HUA](http://www.wpi.edu/+HUA)