

# General Education Courses

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## Humanities (3 Crs.)

### Overview

Students will have an "appreciation of and experience with literature" (PASSHE BOG Policy 1993-01), as well as with other traditional areas of the humanities. The humanities deal with human values, beliefs and emotions and the way these are expressed through human creations. Humanities courses present organized values, beliefs or emotions using language as the creative vehicle, and include literature, philosophy and foreign language study.

### Educational Goals:

- To present, critique or analyze human values, beliefs or emotions regarding the human condition as they are conceptualized, formulated and expressed through language.

Additionally, a humanities course must demonstrate *at least one* of the following goals:

- To compare and contrast the human condition as expressed by different cultural groups (where culture is defined broadly to include issues such as gender, ethnicity, racial diversity, religious belief, lifespan, etc.); and/or
- To recognize and analyze values, individual or cultural attitudes about values, relations between values and attitudes about values, and/or relations between any of these and other aspects of human behavior; and/or
- To recognize how critical analysis and reasoning are used to address problems in the humanities.