Benefits
There are many broad benefits of the M.A. in Humanities degree program, including:

• career advancement;
• civic and cultural participation;
• preparation for law school or seminary;
• preparation for a Ph.D. program;
• understanding the human heritage;
• critical thinking skills and professional enhancement;
• intrinsic value and pure personal enjoyment.

Requirements
The M.A. in Humanities requires successful completion of 30 credit hours, all self-selected with advisor approval. Note that at least 15 credits must be at the 600 level or higher.

Required Courses
• English (6-9 credit hours)
• History (6-9 credit hours)
• Multiple Disciplines* (12-18 credit hours)
  * These courses may be chosen from Religion, Philosophy, Music, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Broadcast & Cinematic Arts, and/or Art. An additional 3-credit course may be selected from another discipline as a cognate.
• Plan A - Thesis (6 credit hours)
  - or -
• Plan B - Scholarly Paper/600 level seminar (3 credit hours)

Convenient Course Scheduling Options
• Traditional Weekdays (for full time, on-campus students)
• Evenings and Weekends (includes most graduate courses)
• Online and Global Campus Options (with advisor approval)

Topics of Interest
Themed topics of interest, many of which cross through multiple academic disciplines, are provided by the university. Students may choose one of these pre-approved topics of interest, as listed in the CMU Graduate Bulletin, or they may propose their own topics to the Program Director for approval.

Or, a student may by-pass the choice of a topic of interest to instead experience a broader course selection with no specified theme.

Please note that if the student chooses a topic of interest and writes a Plan A thesis, the thesis must directly be connected to that topic; if the student opts for a Plan B scholarly paper, it is only preferred for the paper to be connected to that topic of interest.
Admissions

For admission to the M.A. in Humanities program, candidates must have a completed baccalaureate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on the U.S. 4.0 scale) and a minimum of 20 hours of completed coursework within Humanities (history, literature, philosophy, religion, the arts, etc.) with a GPA of 2.7 in those courses. GRE scores may be submitted for consideration but are not required for admission.

Transfer Credit

A student who has attended an accredited graduate program at another institution within the U.S. may transfer as many as 15 hours of credit toward a CMU degree. Students who wish to transfer credits must have received a grade of B or better for each eligible course.

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Nadine Lockwood (2014)

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Dan Digmann (2015)

“The M.A. in Humanities was the best graduate degree program for me. I considered several others, but this engaging program provided the flexibility to select the classes that interested and challenged me the most. The coursework and professors helped me to discover my intellectual interests and further develop my critical thinking skills. How else could I have found the common threads to logically connect concepts such as literary theory, theatre and the Holocaust, Uncle Tom’s Cabin, and the spirituality of Bruce Springsteen? The M.A. in Humanities truly provides the opportunity for you to make your graduate degree your own.”

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