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Carleton's Bachelor of Humanities (BHum) is designed for accomplished students who have a passion for reading and discussion and who long for a better understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Our nationally recognized program offers a rigorous and broad education in the Liberal Arts. Our students follow an interdisciplinary core curriculum consisting of the most exciting texts, ideas, and works of art from successive historical periods. Students are taught by award-winning professors of Art History, Classics, English, History, Music History, Philosophy, Political Science and Religion.

Graduates are able to understand today's global culture, make free and well-informed judgements, and make significant contributions to civic life.

**Choose your program**  
**Bachelor of Humanities Honours**  
This is the most comprehensive version of the degree and is designed for students with the broadest interests.

**Bachelor of Humanities with a Combined Honours**  
Combine your Humanities degree with another discipline to receive a Combined Honours degree or a minor in subjects such as Art History, Digital Humanities, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science or Religion.

**Bachelor of Journalism and Humanities**  
Cultivate your love of ideas while training for a career in journalism. You'll receive professional training in newspaper, radio, television, documentary and digital media journalism while gaining an in-depth understanding of world culture and history.

**Bachelor of Humanities and Biology**  
This degree combines the Liberal arts with science training. It combines the insights into nature given by modern science with the insights into the human spirit given by the Great Books.

**Language requirement**  
BHum students must have a good knowledge of a second language upon completion of the program. You can choose to study a wide variety of languages including Ancient Greek, Latin, French, Italian, German, Arabic, Russian, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
<b>Foundational Myths</b> The Hebrew Bible The Epic of Gilgamesh The Bhagavad Gita Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching Algonquin Myths	<b>Ancient and Medieval Philosophy</b> Plato, Republic Aristotle, Physics Augustine, Confessions Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy Dante, The Divine Comedy	<b>The Renaissance and Enlightenment</b> Petrarch, Canzoniere Machiavelli, The Prince Luther, 95 Theses Shakespeare, The Tempest Mary Shelley, Frankenstein	<b>Modernity</b> Marx and Engels, Communist Manifesto Nietzsche, Birth of Tragedy Heidegger, Being and Time Arendt, The Human Condition Simone de Beauvoir, The Second Sex Said, Orientalism Salman Rushdie, Midnight's Children: A Novel Charles Taylor, Modern Social Imaginaries
<b>Foundational Myths</b> The Hebrew Bible The Epic of Gilgamesh The Bhagavad Gita Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching Algonquin Myths	<b>Art from Antiquity to the Middle Ages</b> The Great Pyramids of Giza Paintings of Altamira Athen's Parthenon Church of Hagia Sophia Chartres Cathedral	<b>Western Music</b> Bach, St. Matthew's Passion Mozart, Symphony No. 40 Beethoven, Eroica Symphony Schubert, "Erlkönig" Shostakovich, Symphony no. 5	<b>Research Seminars</b> Students take small research seminars in selected topics lead by Humanities professors. Topics vary from year to year.

**Join our close-knit and accomplished community**  
It's easy to feel like you're part of a close-knit, creative community given that we admit only 70 students each year. The Humanities program has its own precinct with a beautiful lecture hall, seminar room and common room. You'll receive personalized instruction from our talented faculty and will form life-long friendships as you participate in an extensive cultural program involving a student literary journal, music nights, dramatic readings, visits to the National Arts Centre and subsidized cultural trips to Montreal and New York City.

**Study abroad**  
Many students in the Bachelor of Humanities spend their third year studying abroad. Carleton has exchange programs with universities in England, Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Finland, Australia and many other countries.

**Our capital advantage**  
Institutions such as Library and Archives Canada, the Canadian Museum of History, and the National Gallery of Canada all contribute to the cultural advantages of studying in the nation's capital. Many nationally and internationally renowned speakers and dignitaries visit our city and students can hear them speak at public lectures, conferences and in Parliament.

**Special scholarships**  
In addition to Entrance Scholarships, there are several scholarships, bursaries, research internships and travel bursaries available specifically to students in the College of the Humanities. [carleton.ca/bhum/apply/humanities-scholarships-bursaries](http://carleton.ca/bhum/apply/humanities-scholarships-bursaries)

**Your career**  
Our graduates can go anywhere they want to go. They gain outstanding research, writing and communications skills, and normally rise very quickly in their chosen professions. Our graduates regularly gain admittance to prestigious graduate schools, law schools and medical schools. The College's mentorship program links students with professionals in various fields who serve as advisors as students prepare for graduation.

**You can pursue a rewarding career in:**

- arts and culture
- business
- foreign service
- international relations
- journalism
- law
- library and information science
- medicine
- policy analysis
- public service
- teaching
- technology and digital media



"As someone who loves engaging with ideas, I was drawn to the Humanities program at Carleton. I spent four years reading foundational texts and developing skills, such as writing concisely, leading discussions, and exploring nuance, which have served me well in my professional life. The best part of the Humanities program is that I became part of a family. Because of the small class sizes, my Professors actually knew who I was and my peers and I have stayed connected. I am grateful for my four years in the Humanities program. The experience has helped me be versatile in an ever-changing job market."

**Kyle Hanna** (B.Hum, 2013), Internal Auditor for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commissioner



"The Humanities and Biology program has been a formative part of my career and personal growth. After graduating from the BioHums stream, I completed a Master of Science in Global Health at McMaster University and bridged my love for the humanities and health sciences. As a global health researcher, I utilize the reading, writing, and critical thinking skills I acquired every single day. The enriching Humanities courses and thought-provoking discussions in the Humanities program provided me with the foundational knowledge to understand the nuances of our global systems and put this knowledge into practice."

**Georgia Dominguez** (Humanities and Biology, 2019), Research Assistant at the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health/Research Intern at the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health.



"My Humanities education certainly contributed to where I am today. My curatorial work involves selecting artists for exhibition, both historical and contemporary, organizing those exhibitions and providing the research to back up those ideas, and assessing and growing the Gallery's Permanent Collection. A major part of my job is research and analytic writing, and these skills really began for me in those BHum years."

**Catherine Sinclair** (B.Hum 2001), Deputy Director, Chief Curator at the Ottawa Art Gallery.



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