

Yavapai College Criteria Checklist for
ARTS AND HUMANITIES GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

Purpose

The field commonly designated as “arts and humanities” is the multifaceted study of how the human experience is documented and processed. Humanistic inquiry addresses the nature of thinking and knowledge, the understanding of morality and ethics, and the creation and exploration of the aesthetic experience. Philosophy, art, religion, literature, music theatre, history and language are all ways in which students can explore their connections to the world around them, deepening their appreciation of human diversity while recognizing the ultimate connections between all human beings.

The disciplines that make up the Arts and Humanities are a traditional, accepted and essential part of Yavapai College’s general education program, proving critical support for the college’s wider educational goals. Study in the humanities encourages reflection on what it means to be human through traditional methods of inquiry – dialogue, historical and logical analysis, critical interpretation and scholarly investigation. By sparking discussion on the most fundamental experiences of humankind, these disciplines offer methods and models for addressing ambiguity, paradox and the ineffable.

In short, the Arts and Humanities show us how others have lived and thought, and by doing so help us determine what is important in our own lives.

Instructions: Proposer should complete the following section and attach appropriate documentation.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES COURSES must meet the criteria below in such a way as to make the satisfaction of these criteria A CENTRAL AND SUBSTANTIAL PORTION of the course content.			
Y	N		Identify Documentation
		Concerns topics of an introductory nature	
		Introduces student to humanistic concepts, artistic traditions or cultural artifacts within a historic or stylistic context	
		Concerns the interpretation, analysis or creation of products of human creativity	
		Ensures that students develop informed positions on issues related to the study of the humanities	
ARTS AND HUMANITIES COURSES must meet at least one of the two the following transferability criteria. Scheduling priority may be given to courses that transfer to more than one university with a general education category designation.			
		Must transfer to at least one University as a general education category and to at least one other University as a department elective.	
THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF COURSES ARE EXCLUDING FROM THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES COURSE LIST:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses devoted primarily to social science topics or methodologies. • Courses devoted primarily to the acquisition of quantitative or experimental methods • Courses emphasizing primarily oral, quantitative or written skills • Courses with predominately applied orientation for professional skills or training purposes. 			

If a course does not meet all criteria, a rationale for exclusion should be provided below: