HUMANITIES CONSORTIUM

The Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program is no longer accepting applications. The Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Economics, Education, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Humanities, Mechanical Engineering, and Natural Sciences Ph.D. programs are now open for applications. Please inquire to umkcsgs@umkc.edu with any questions.

Humanities Consortium is a secondary discipline in the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/interdisciplinary-phd-program/) Program administered by the School of Graduate Studies.

Note: The discipline-specific requirements listed here are *in addition* to the requirements listed in Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Application Procedure and Minimum Criteria for Admission and Minimum Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Academic Regulations and Degree Requirements.

Discipline-Specific Admission Requirements

The Humanities Consortium is only available as a secondary discipline option, not as a primary discipline.

Applications should include:

- an application for graduate study
- a brief statement of academic and professional goals (1 page)
- three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who are academically or professionally qualified to assess the applicant's ability to pursue doctoral work
- transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
- a well-focused research proposal that demonstrates the applicant's rationale for application to the Humanities Consortium as a co-discipline and the interdisciplinary nature of the plan of study (1 pages)
- a sample of academic writing (20 pages or less)

Qualifying Requirements for Full Admission to the Humanities Consortium

Applicants to the Humanities Consortium as a secondary discipline will be expected to hold a master's degree (MA, MFA, MM, or appropriate MS) or equivalent coursework in a Humanities-related field.

- TOEFL minimum composite score of 550 or IELTS score of 6.0 (international applicants). Applicant should be able to demonstrate facility in English appropriate for graduate work
- a GPA of 3.5 or better in previous graduate study

Applicants who do not meet the requirements above may be granted provisional admission for one year by the doctoral faculty in the Humanities Consortium. An applicant admitted provisionally receives notification of deficiencies and of the conditions which must be met within the first year before the doctoral faculty will consider an applicant for full admission. At the end of the first year, the provisional admission will be reviewed.

Applicants are advised that meeting the criteria of the School of Graduate Studies and the Humanities Consortium does not automatically result in admission to the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. When making admission decisions, the doctoral faculty of the Humanities Consortium considers other factors as well, particularly the availability of faculty qualified to work in the applicant's area of interest and the availability of library resources and research materials.

Recommendations for admission are made by a sub-committee of the Humanities Consortium doctoral faculty which reviews all applications. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact and confirm **two** faculty advisors from two distinct disciplines when applying - the Humanities Consortium is an umbrella enterprise that incorporates several disciplines. For advice on finding a faculty advisor, applicants should contact the Coordinator, Dr. Larson Powell, at PowellLar@umkc.edu (powelllar@umkc.edu).

Foreign Language Study

Applicants must demonstrate competency in the foreign language or languages necessary to pursue the stated research plan (or describe a plan of study to achieve this facility). Students may be required, at the discretion of their dissertation committees, to demonstrate or acquire additional language skills to undertake or complete their dissertations.

Suggested Compatible Primary Disciplines

Curriculum and Instruction (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/curriculum-instruction/), English (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/english/), History (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/history/)

Core Program Requirements

As a means of introducing doctoral students to interdisciplinary work and to the various fields of inquiry in the Arts & Humanities, the Humanities Consortium requires 15 hours of dedicated coursework.

The following three courses (9 hours) are required:

Code	Title	Credits
HMNTY 5510	Methods in Critical Theory	3
Two additional courses (HMNTY 5500, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Humanities and HMNTY 5520, Research & Creative Methodologies in Humanities are also required)		6
Total Credits		**9**

Two graduate-level courses (3 credits each, numbered at the 400 level or above) are also required, totaling 6 hours. The two elective courses may be in any discipline except the student's primary discipline, but these courses are subject to approval by the student's primary advisor, the Humanities Consortium Director, and the instructors of the chosen courses. No more than one course that is classified as independent study may be used as an elective course in the Humanities Consortium.

No grade below B in any course will be accepted to apply toward the Ph.D. degree.

Transfer credit will be at the discretion of the dissertation committee in consultation with the Humanities Consortium Coordinator. No more than 6 hours of transfer credit will be allowed.

Retention in the Doctoral Program

Students are expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA during their program of study. A student who falls below a 3.0 GPA, with the concurrence of the doctoral faculty in the Humanities Consortium, may be declared ineligible for further study. A student receiving the grade of F in any graduate course during the program of study will not normally be retained in the program.

Comprehensive Examination Guidelines

The School of Graduate Studies guidelines for the Comprehensive Examination can be found on the Minimum Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Academic Regulations and Degree Requirements catalog page (https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/graduate-studies/minimum-interdisciplinary-phd-academic-regulations-degree-requirements/#comprehensive-examination).

Before advancing to Ph.D. candidacy, students in the Humanities Consortium will take a Comprehensive Examination that includes both written and oral components. Each student's dissertation committee will be charged, in accordance with SGS guidelines, with setting the requirements for the Comprehensive Examination and for evaluating the results of this exam.

Interdisciplinarity

Students in the Humanities Consortium will be expected to devise a Plan of Study that demonstrates a commitment to interdisciplinary work and to develop a dissertation that illustrates interdisciplinary practices.