

# Lutheran Northwest Humanities Academy



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The Humanities can be described as the study of all the ways in which people try to record and understand human experience. By exploring literature, language, the social sciences, history, theology, art, music, and theater, students learn how to think creatively and critically, to reason, and to ask questions. Through work in the Humanities, students learn about the values of different cultures, about what goes into making a work of art, about how history is made. Coursework in the Humanities helps students understand the world we live in and gives them tools to imagine the future.

The Lutheran Northwest **Humanities Academy** provide our top students with the coursework and exciting experiences, as mentioned above, to understand the world we live in and give them tools to imagine the future. To be accepted into the Humanities Academy students must meet rigorous course expectations as well as be enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement social studies and English courses. These high-level courses allow students to think creatively and critically, to reason, and to ask questions. These skills allow students to gain new insights into the human experience, adding to their knowledge about our world. Students who complete the **Humanities Academy** will receive recognition at commencement and on their transcript and will be well prepared to continue their study of the Humanities at the university level.

Questions about the **Humanities Academy Program** should be directed to Mr. David Kusch.

**1. REQUIREMENTS:** In order to earn a Humanities Endorsement on the transcript, the student must:

- Earn a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- Complete the minimum number of required courses in the approved Humanities course curriculum.
- Earn at least a 3.0 or higher in each semester of each approved course in Humanities course curriculum.
- Take the AP exam for each AP class taken in categories 2 and 3 listed below.

- Complete four Humanities Experiences from the Extra-Curricular and Community Involvement List below.
- Complete three Leadership Activities from the Extra-Curricular and Community Involvement List below.

**2. ENGLISH:** Complete the following required courses

( \_\_\_\_\_ = Year completed/planned - Grade)

- Honors English 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- AP English Language \_\_\_\_\_
- AP English Literature \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SOCIAL STUDIES:** Complete the following required courses

( \_\_\_\_\_ = Year completed/planned - Grade)

- AP U.S. History \_\_\_\_\_
- AP American Government and Politics \_\_\_\_\_
- Psychology \_\_\_\_\_

**4. ELECTIVES:** Complete a minimum of two (2) of the following approved courses

( \_\_\_\_\_ = Year completed/planned - Grade)

- Yearbook class \_\_\_\_\_
- An art class \_\_\_\_\_
- A music class \_\_\_\_\_
- Third year of same foreign language \_\_\_\_\_
- Honors Doctrine \_\_\_\_\_
- An AP Science course \_\_\_\_\_
- An AP Mathematics Course \_\_\_\_\_

**5. EXTRA-CURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

( \_\_\_\_\_ = Year completed/planned - Grade)

Humanities Experiences: Complete 4 of the following

- Work as a poll worker at a precinct for an election \_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteer (minimum 15 hours) for a political candidate of the student's choice \_\_\_\_\_

- Attend at least three meetings of a government organization whose meetings are open to the public (i.e. city council, school board, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Enter an approved writing, art, or music contest \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend at least four university or professional level performances in music, dance, or theater \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a cast or crew member of one Crusader Drama production \_\_\_\_\_
- Be in Jazz Band or Chamber Choir \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a student at a reputable dance studio for two years \_\_\_\_\_
- Take private instrument, voice or art lessons for two years \_\_\_\_\_
- Participate in a mission trip experience of at least 3 days in length \_\_\_\_\_

Written documentation with an appropriate signature will be required.

Leadership Activities: Complete 3 of the following

- Be a member of the Leadership Cohort for one year \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a senior director of a one-act play \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a choreographer for the spring musical \_\_\_\_\_
- Be an editor of the LHNW yearbook, *Cruzada*, for one year \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a school wide organization (i.e. Student Council, NHS, Thespians, etc.) officer for one year \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a varsity team captain for one season \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a leader in the youth ministry program of their congregation \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a member of the Spiritual Life Committee for one year \_\_\_\_\_
- Be an Eagle Scout \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete a leadership experience not listed above - See Mr. Kusch for approval \_\_\_\_\_

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The list of Humanities Experiences and Leadership Activities and the number required are open to additions as appropriate ideas are presented.

Approved by the Faculty on June 15, 2021