



Global Arts and Humanities Course Syllabus

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Hello, and welcome!

What makes us human? That is the question you will explore in this course as you study the many facets of the arts and humanities. These include literature, painting and sculpture, history, languages, and philosophy. You will also follow the creation and impact of music around the world. These aspects of our culture are mirrors, reflecting who we are individually and collectively. By understanding the arts and humanities, you will learn how people use these constructs to express themselves and communicate. In turn, you will discover the struggles and triumphs we have all experienced. You will uncover what issues matter to us and how we are all connected.

We invite you to take a minute to learn about the course by reviewing the information that follows. This way, you will be better able to understand the expectations of the course as a whole. Then you can determine how to manage your time and efforts as you navigate through it.

You are in the right place. You belong here. You can do this!

Course Description and Competencies

WHAT TO EXPECT

In this course, you will work through three modules. These modules are broken into smaller lessons. Studying this material will build foundational knowledge of the arts and humanities. Throughout the course, you will find readings and a variety of interactive elements. These include videos, study resources, and ungraded practice tests to help deepen your understanding of the content. Engaging with these activities can reinforce new learning. It also complements the knowledge you bring to this area of study.

This course covers the following competencies:

1. The learner analyzes diverse voices, ideas, perspectives, and cultural interactions through the lens of the humanities.
2. The learner analyzes the humanities during the Information Age.
3. The learner analyzes how music shapes and is shaped by diverse cultures and perspectives.

Assessment

You will write three papers to demonstrate your mastery of the competencies in this course. You must achieve a ranking of Competent on each of these performance assessments to pass the course. You may attempt each assessment two times before additional support is necessary. If you require further attempts, please contact your Course Instructor or Student Experience Specialist.

◆ **3** performance assessments

◆ **3** competency units

Course Outline

Module	Upon completion of this module, you will be able to:
Voices & Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Explore how diverse cultures express ideas through the humanities.B. Analyze the humanities as a lens for the human experience.C. Examine the humanities as a record of culture and creativity for a given time.
Information Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Explore innovation through media and the arts during the Information Age.B. Analyze how diverse voices are represented in the humanities during the Information Age.C. Examine the humanities as a tool for creative expression in communities.
Musical Origins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Understand the basic language of music.B. Examine the cultural origins of musical genres.C. Examine musical and cultural fusions and exchange from global origins.D. Analyze ways cultures, communities, and people express themselves through music.

Technology Requirements

We want to be sure you have the tools to succeed! Review the [Computer System and Technology Requirements](#) to learn about the technology you'll need. If you have questions about your setup, contact support@academy.wgu.edu.

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader DC. If you haven't already, [download this free software](#). You may encounter an interactive form that contains fields that you can select or fill in. Review [how to fill in a PDF form](#).

Key Contacts

Resource Hub

Check out the Course Lobby to take advantage of course resources, including videos and tips from our educators. There, you can ask and answer questions, provide feedback on your progress, and connect with fellow students. You will find this platform in the Student Resources section of the course. Log on and do some exploring!

Tutor.com

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Technical Support

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