

Recommendations on Selecting Humanities Classes

Students in Electrical and Computer Engineering are required to do one humanities elective. This document provides guidelines for choosing these classes.

Humanities electives must meet the CEAB guidelines for exposure to the social sciences and humanities (bold emphasis added to the quotes):

3.4.5: “A minimum of 225 AU of complementary studies: Complementary studies include humanities, social sciences, arts, management, engineering economics and communications to **complement the technical content** of the curriculum.

3.4.5.1d: Subject matter that deals with **central issues, methodologies, and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences**.

3.4.5.2: Language instruction may be included within complementary studies provided it is not taken to fulfill an admission requirement. Furthermore, **curriculum content that principally imparts language skills** can be counted toward the required AU of complementary studies but **cannot be used to satisfy the requirements for subject matter that deals with central issues, methodologies, and thought processes of the humanities and social sciences**.”

– *Accreditation Criteria and Procedures 2012*.

The **guidelines** are:

Select any humanities class that **does not include** the following:

- Significant science content
- Significant mathematics content
- Significant technical content of any type, especially scientific or technical analysis
- Economics
- Language acquisition (English or another language)

Departments which *may* have suitable classes include:

Arabic, Architecture, Arts & Social Sciences, Bioethics, Canadian Studies, Chinese, Classics, Complementary Studies, Contemporary Studie, Creative Writing, Early Modern Studies, English, European Studies, French, Gender & Women's Studies, German, History of Science & Technology, **History***, International Develop Studies, Italian, **Journalism***, King's Foundation Year Program, Law, Leisure Studies, Music, **Philosophy***, Political Science, Religious Studies, Russian Studies, Social Work, Sociology & Social Anthropology, Spanish & Latin American Stud, Sustainability, Theatre

* There are some exceptions, particularly in the highlighted Departments. Review carefully the Course Description on Dalhousie's Academic Calendar to ensure it satisfies the guidelines. If unsure, please consult with the undergraduate advisor.

Some examples of acceptable humanities courses students have taken in the past include:

- EMSP 2480: The Pirate and Piracy
- ENGL 2085: Video Games, Story World and Play
- HPRO 4412: Human Sexuality
- HSTC 2500: Science Fiction in Film
- HSTC 3611: Studies in Early Modern Science (1500-1800)
- INTD 2045: Indian Society: Continuity and Change
- MUSC 1021: Listening Beyond the Classics
- MUSC 2019: The Rock n' Roll Era and Beyond
- PHIL 2130: Logic, Deduction
- RELS 2420: Witchcraft in Early Modern Europe
- THEA 2360: Popular Cinema