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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HEHMS	Humanities Programme	Various

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

1. Core subjects

As a student on the Humanities Programme, you must study at least **one** of the following “core” subjects each year, also known as a “major.”

- English Language & Communication
- English Literature
- History
- Philosophy.

2. Additional subjects

During your first year, you must also take between **one and three** additional subjects, making **two to four** subjects in total, including at least **one** core subject.

After the first year, you can either continue with the additional subjects you chose in your first year, or drop any or all of your additional subject(s) and continue with just your core subject. You cannot normally take any new subjects or additional subjects after the first year. This is because each year builds on knowledge acquired in previous years. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details as to how your Programme works.

Additional subjects can be other core subjects, joint subjects or minor subjects.

3. Joint Subjects

You may take any of the following subjects as joint subjects:

- American Studies
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Media

After your first year, you can take a “joint subject” as a half of your degree, with the other half being a core subject. If you do take a joint subject, half your modules after your first year will be in your joint subject – so your joint subject would form half your degree time and half your eventual Honours degree title, with the other half being a “core” subject.

You can also take any of the core subjects as a joint subject. Typical joint degrees include:

- English Language & Communication AND Media
- Creative Writing AND English Literature
- History AND Philosophy

4. **Minor Subjects**

You can take any of the core subjects and any of the joint subjects as additional “minor” subjects. A subject classified as minor can only ever take up a quarter of your time on the degree. You can take up to and including three minors alongside a core subject. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details of how this might work.

Besides core subjects and joint subjects, additional minor subjects are currently:

- American Studies
- Creative Writing
- English Language Teaching
- Film
- Journalism
- Media Cultures
- Heritage Studies
- New Media Publishing
- Religious Studies
- French
- German
- Spanish
- Japanese
- Mandarin

5. **Languages as a Minor Subject**

French, German and Spanish are each offered at Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced level with Japanese offered at Beginners and Intermediate level. Mandarin is only offered at Beginner level. Find out more about studying a language on the languages sheet.

You can only take **one** language and may only do so as a minor subject.

6. **Mandatory Attendance Requirement**

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). Please note that if you do not attend at least 75% of your sessions, there are potentially serious consequences for you, which may include you being deemed to have failed your module. To find out more about

your attendance requirements, including the consequences of not meeting them, please refer to the Assessment Regulations section of your Programme Specification.

Any regular attendance modification will only be made in liaison with Student Wellbeing with appropriate supporting medical evidence.

Extra modules

If you are a full-time student, you must take one extra module:

- in your first year, called “Engaging with the Humanities”, which helps you explore the nature of study within different Humanities disciplines, increases your academic skills and helps you think about how your skills can be transferred to the world of work; and
- in each of your second and final years you will undertake a “Graduate Skills” module to enhance your employability and graduate attributes.

7. Placement Year/Year Abroad

You can choose to take a Year Abroad or Placement Year before you start your final year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details.

The University will not charge you tuition fees during your Placement Year, but you may incur additional costs, including your travel and accommodation, depending on where your placement is located.

There may be a tuition fee charge for a Year Abroad. Further details are available in the attached '**Fees and Finance**' policy.

8. Terms and Conditions

- The Humanities programme is designed to offer maximum flexibility, but timetabling constraints may mean that some combinations of modules may be unavailable. Where a clash of modules occurs a student will be asked to choose a different module. Where a module i.e. a self-contained taught unit is under-subscribed, the University reserves the right not to run that particular module and to place students on their “reserve” choice.
- Some modules may have minimum entry requirements, such as achieving a particular grade or taking enough modules in the subject to qualify for a final year dissertation.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2018 - 2019

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 17 September 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019
- Semester B runs from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 17 May 2019
- Semester C runs from Monday 20 May 2019 to Friday 13 September 2019

Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	16%	84%	0%
Year 2	19%	81%	0%
Year 3	15%	85%	0%

Method of assessment

The major method of assessment in the Humanities Programme is coursework. However, most subjects include an element of examination within their yearly framework depending on the exact combination followed. All language modules include regular in-class tests.

Here is an average of how subjects are assessed:

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	17%	78%	5%
Year 2	18%	74%	8%
Year 3	13%	82%	5%

Additional expenses

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Library either as ebooks or printed material. Availability of printed material may be limited, so you may wish to purchase your own copies. You may be able to purchase second-hand copies of some texts.

The average spend for recommended texts and / or technical equipment is between £75 and £170 per year, depending on the subject or subjects taken. Students on work experience modules may need to pay commuting costs.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Residential weekend (limited places available) for History, Philosophy, English Literature). This is not compulsory.	All levels	Optional	£160

Careers

Students from the Humanities Programme have gone into careers as varied as teaching, media, marketing, running their own business, local government and retail management. The flexibility of the degree means that many options are open to Humanities graduates.

Studying a language

English may be the preferred language of the business world but studying a second language can give you a huge advantage when it comes to job hunting. It also opens up exciting opportunities for working abroad.

Which languages can I study?

You may be able to study the following languages at the University of Hertfordshire as part of this course subject to a variety of specific regulations.

	Beginners Route A	Intermediate Route B	Advanced Route C
French	Yes	Yes	Yes
German	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spanish	Yes	Yes	Yes
Japanese	Yes	Yes	No
Mandarin Chinese	Yes	No	No