

KEYSTONE CERTIFICATE FOR INTEGRATIVE HUMANITIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

The Keystone Certificate for Integrative Humanities includes two foundational courses and two additional courses in a student's area of interest. Students will take two foundational courses (HUM 101 and HUM 102) where they will engage with transformative texts from the humanities and gain a foundation for understanding how their college and professional careers will benefit from the core skills and knowledge taught in the humanities. Students will take an additional two courses in one certificate pathway. Pathways and connected courses will be designated by each participating campus.

At the heart of many current problems and their solutions are the core skills and knowledge students learn in the humanities, from critical and analytic engagements with human values, worldviews, and culture, to abilities of self-expression. A grounding in the humanities provided in this certificate will help students understand how issues of intersectionality, history, interculturalism, global perspectives, democratic and ethical decision making, and many other areas fundamental to a humanities education will make them better citizens at work and in their local, national, and global communities, regardless of college major.

The certificate prepares students for the high-tech global economy that demands agile and flexible thinkers and actors who will amplify the specialized knowledge of their majors with a deeper, broader, and more complex understanding of how their disciplinary majors and future careers impact, or are impacted by, humanity.

What is the Keystone Certificate for Integrative Humanities?

The Keystone Certificate is a 12-credit certificate program focused on core skills and knowledge in the humanities (for example: critical and analytical thinking; interpersonal and cultural competencies; and effective oral and written communication). Students take two gateway courses (HUM 101 and HUM 102) and two elective courses from a specified pathway to complete the certificate. The program is designed so that most students will be able to earn the certificate without having to take additional courses outside of their general education requirements.

You Might Like This Program If...

You are looking for a certificate in the core skills and knowledge that are highly sought after by employers and in advanced degree programs. It is especially useful for students in non-humanities majors in STEM and Business. In a competitive job market, setting yourself apart from other graduates is important. The certificate gives students an edge over other graduates because they will be able to talk about the intersections between their career and humanity, especially how what they produce impacts humanity and how the tendencies of humans should impact decisions related to innovation and creativity. In addition, they can talk about going into depth theoretically and having more practice than others in the core skills and knowledge most in-demand by employers (e.g., oral and written communication, collaborative skills, technological

literacy, having a global perspective, ethics, leadership, problem-solving, critical thinking, and an understanding of the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging philosophically as well as to the "bottom line").

If you start the certificate early enough, you can easily complete it as part of your general education requirements.