

## HONORS in Humanities

The Humanities Department offers honors in Humanities to all Culver students to be completed by the end of their senior/first class year. The candidate must complete all requirements outlined below to receive recognition for honors in Humanities.

Candidates for Honors must complete core Humanities courses (outlined below) to be considered for honors in humanities. Additionally, Candidates must successfully complete the junior/2<sup>nd</sup> class year research process experience centered on synthesis, analysis, original commentary, and reflection. Finally, candidates are expected to obtain a recommendation from their junior/2<sup>nd</sup> class humanities teacher.

Candidates must complete an honors project in the *Honors Seminar*. Candidates are required to complete two terms of the *Honors Seminar* in order to properly focus the major components of the honors project.

In the first term of *Honors Seminar* students will select a limited honors topic and develop a research agenda, build an annotated bibliography, complete the reading and research phases of the project, and share and discuss their preliminary findings. In the second term, they will write a literature review that will earn them the right to write an original commentary on their chosen topic. In addition, students will be asked to reflect in writing on the quality of their work in preparation for a public presentation later in the year. *The course is a two term solid.*

### Prerequisites

- *Western Perspectives* 4 Terms
- *Global Perspectives / AP World* 4 Terms
- *American Studies / APLAC / APUSH* 4 Terms

### Honors Project

Candidates will select a topic that has the potential for multiple perspectives for study. They will write a literature review that includes full analysis of individual sources and a full synthesis of those sources addressing the multiple perspectives of the topic. Next, candidates will write an original commentary, demonstrating their skill at constructing arguments, synthesizing multiple ideas and perspectives, and providing evidential support. Throughout, candidates are expected to reflect on and present the processes they use. Finally, candidates will successfully present their final products to Humanities faculty and the broader community. All work must be exemplary to earn honors.

### Concentration Project

A student may choose from the beginning or earn a concentration in humanities by completing (in the honors seminar) all parts of an honors project that is less extensive and attains an acceptable but less than exemplary standard as determined by the instructor and the humanities department. A student who developed a “global studies” topic would receive a concentration in humanities.