

## **THE HUMANITIES INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR**

The School of Humanities offers a unique interdisciplinary Humanities major for students whose chief interests are in fields, topics, and/or problems which do not fall within the areas covered by the individual departments or even within the areas covered by the Humanities at UCI. This major is unique in the UC system in that it allows students to design their own degree requirements. Examples of previously approved interdisciplinary majors: Twentieth-Century Consciousness; Papal Authority from Antiquity to Modern Times; Communication and Cross-Cultural Transition; Twentieth-Century Latino Culture through the Arts; Social and Religious Thought in the Age of the Reformation; Literature and Politics in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century America; The Problem of Community; Philosophy of Cognition; Postmodern Culture.

### **Procedures by which a student can become a Humanities major:**

During the last quarter of the sophomore year (for a junior transfer, the summer before entrance or the first quarter of the junior year), a student would apply to the Humanities Major Committee via Penny Portillo, Director of Undergraduate Study, 143 Humanities Instructional Building (zot 3380). The application **MUST** include:

1. A statement of the organizing principle of the “major.”
2. A brief autobiographical account of what led to an interest in this area.
3. An annotated list of courses that will constitute the “major requirements” (over and above breadth and School requirements).
4. A list of past and current college-level courses that support the interest in this major.
5. Choice of faculty advisor in Humanities.

### **The following guidelines should be observed:**

- A. The “major requirements of an interdisciplinary Humanities major will consist of approximately the same number of courses as are required of departmental majors (i.e., about three lower-division courses and 12-15 upper-division courses).
- B. Normally, the majority of courses constituting the major will be taken in the junior and senior years.
- C. At least half of the “major requirements” will be courses taken in the School of Humanities.

Humanities 199 is required of all Humanities majors and must be taken with the student’s faculty advisor in her/his last quarter. The work for this tutorial shall consist of the writing of a substantial paper concerned with the topic, problem, or area that is the organizing principle of the student’s course of study.

Humanities interdisciplinary majors must also meet School requirements (the Humanities Core Course and through the sixth quarter of a single foreign language) and breadth requirements. School and major requirements **must** be taken for letter grades. N.B. A minimum of five upper-division courses applied to the major **must** be completed satisfactorily at UCI.

Requests for further information should be addressed to Penny Portillo, Director of Undergraduate Study, School of Humanities, 143 Humanities Instructional Building (824-5132).