

# GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The General Education program at Bethel College provides an academic base and educational experience for all students in the liberal arts and professional disciplines. As such, it is designed to assist students to develop essential skills in written and verbal communication, in analytical abilities, and in critical thinking. The program gives students a basic knowledge of and appreciation for the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, Christian thought, and physical wellness. An understanding of these broad fields of knowledge assists students to establish a foundation for lifelong intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth. In addition, the General Educational Program seeks to instill ethical, aesthetic, multicultural and evangelical Christian faith values to help students live meaningful, productive, and satisfying lives of service to family, church, and community.

The General Education Program includes the following courses which are required for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sciences degrees. Some academic majors may require different courses or specific courses within a broad area requirement. See the academic department sections of this catalog for those requirements.

			<b>HOURS</b>
<b>a) Communication</b>			
ENGL	101	Written Communication II (Must earn a "C-" or better grade)	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
		Foreign Language (two semesters)	6
<b>b) Mathematics</b>			
MATH		College Level Mathematics	3
<b>c) Humanities/Fine Arts</b>			
FA		Music/Art/Theatre	3
LIT		Literature	3
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
<b>d) Natural Sciences</b>			
		Science with Lab	4
<b>e) Social Sciences/History</b>			
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
HIST		History Elective	3
<b>f) Bible/Religion</b>			
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
<b>g) Health/Physical Education</b>			
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)

Each student who enrolls at Bethel College must demonstrate proficiencies in the areas of English and mathematics. These proficiencies must be met before a student completes 24 semester hours at Bethel.

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English Proficiency can be demonstrated in any of the following ways:

Provide evidence of holding an Associates or Bachelors degree from an accredited college/university.

Pass the Bethel College prescribed English test.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a college-level course in writing (passed with a C- or better). This course might also be used to satisfy Written Communication II requirements toward a degree.

Receive a satisfactory score on the SAT Verbal or ACT English.

Successfully complete the Bethel College course, ENGL100, College English, 3 hours. Tutoring may be provided when deemed necessary.

Mathematics Proficiency can be demonstrated in any one of the following ways:

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a college-level course in mathematics (**passed with a C- or better**). This course might also be used to satisfy college math requirements toward a degree.

Provide a college transcript that certifies completion of a remedial mathematics pre-college-level course (passed with a C- or better).

Receive a satisfactory score on the SAT-Quantitative or ACT-Mathematics.

Pass the Bethel College mathematics test.

Successfully complete the Bethel College course, MATH 070, Pre-Algebra, 3 hours.

The **Liberal Studies Major** is designed for the student who wishes to expand his/her knowledge and experience in more than one area while studying at Bethel College. In the true spirit of a liberal arts college, the Liberal Studies student is educated broadly and expansively, pursuing one primary and two secondary concentrations. A wide variety of concentration combinations are possible, and many of our Liberal Studies majors pursue graduate studies and/or employment that enable them to use one or more of their concentrations.

## **Liberal Studies Major**

### **B.A. Degree**

<b>General Education</b>			<b>HOURS</b>
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3

			<b>HOURS</b>
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
		Foreign Language	6
		History Elective	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Literature	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
		Science with Lab	4
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
			<u>54</u>
<b>Major</b>			
		Primary Concentration in one subject area*	15
		Secondary Concentration in one subject area*	12
		Secondary Concentration in another subject area*	9
			<u>36</u>

\*All courses in a concentration area must be of the same course prefix letters (with the exception of music concentrations where any two music prefixes may be combined) and may not be required within the General Education. At least 18 semester hours within the concentration areas must be completed at Bethel College. All courses in concentration areas must received a C- or better.

Electives needed to complete the degree 34

## **Liberal Studies Major**

### **A.A. Degree**

<b>General Education</b>			
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature, or	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	(3)
		Mathematics/Science with Lab	3-4
		Art/Drama/Literature/Music	<u>3</u>
			<b>26-27</b>
<b>Major</b>			
		Primary Concentration in one subject area* (At least nine hours must be taken at Bethel in the primary concentration area)	15

***LIBERAL STUDIES***

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	<b>HOURS</b>
Secondary Concentration in one subject area*	9
Secondary Concentration in another subject area*	<u>6</u>
	<b>30</b>
Electives needed to complete the degree	5-6

# The Committee on the HUMANITIES

## Faculty Members:

Robby Prenkert, D.Litt., Chairman  
David Schmidt, Ph.D.

Timothy P. Erdel, Ph.D.

## Statement of Purpose:

Upon completion of the major in humanities, students should demonstrate growth in four key areas.

1. Critical and analytical thinking skills
  - Evaluate information for its relevance and reliability.
  - Articulate logical arguments based on relevant information.
  - Analyze historical and philosophical sources and evaluate the interpretative perspectives contained therein.
  - Interpret and evaluate literary and artistic works carefully and empathetically.
2. Communication skills
  - Plan and conduct broadly based, interdisciplinary research.
  - Communicate research results orally in a clear and effective manner.
  - Compose clearly written, structured and well–documented essays and papers.
3. Content knowledge, synthesis and faith integration
  - Demonstrate acquired knowledge in several humanities disciplines.
  - Perceive parallels and relationships in the evolution of great ideas, great books and great art.
  - Describe major cultural movements and assess their strengths and weaknesses, especially from a Christian worldview.
  - Demonstrate insight into the fundamental ethical, religious and social issues confronted by major thinkers (authors and artists) in the humanities disciplines.
  - Critique from a Christian worldview the fundamental ethical, religious and social issues confronted by major thinkers (authors and artists) in the humanities disciplines.
4. Self–awareness and appreciation for the community of learning
  - Acknowledge the valuable contributions of a variety of individual humanities sub disciplines.
  - Appreciate the value of studying the humanities in a multi–disciplinary and interdisciplinary manner.
  - Demonstrate awareness of the contributions to character, spiritual and intellectual formation the humanities program has given him or her personally.

# HUMANITIES

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## Humanities Major

A student may appeal to the Committee on the Humanities to count up to 6 hours of (s)electives outside of the listed areas. For a replacement to count, the committee must approve the appeal before the end of the second week of the semester in which the course is taken. No course fulfilling a general education requirement will be counted toward the Humanities Major. No course taken for the Humanities major may count toward any other minor or major.

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SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
		Foreign Language	6
		History Elective	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Literature	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
		Science with Lab	4
PHIL	150	Logic & Critical Thinking	2
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
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### Single Major Option:

No more than 15 hours from any single course prefix may count toward the completion of the Humanities major. At least 32 of the 47 required hours for the major must be completed at Bethel.

HIST	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
LIT	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
PHIL	(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9

**(S)electives** from Fine Arts, Foreign Language, HIST, LIT, and/or

PHIL (minimum of 6 hours @ the 300-400 level)	18
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Fine Arts Courses (15 hours maximum) must reflect the history, literature or theory of the respectful disciplines rather than applied or ensemble courses, such as:

ART	113	Art History I: Prehistory to the Gothic	(3)
ART	114	Art History II: Gothic to Contemporary Art	(3)
ART	352	Special Topics in Art	(3)
COMM	385	Special Topics in Rhetoric	(3)
ENGL	304	Introductory Linguistics	(3)
THTR	325	Theatre History I	(3)
THTR	326	Theatre History II	(3)

			<b>HOURS</b>
THTR	327	Theatre History III	(3)
MULH	243	Music of the Middle Ages & Renaissance	(3)
MULH	244	Music of the Baroque & Classical Periods	(3)
MULH	343	Music of the Romantic Era	(3)
MULH	344	Music of the Twentieth Century	(3)
Foreign Language		(15 hours maximum, hours must be from a single language)	(3-15)
HIST		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
LIT		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
PHIL		(6 hours maximum)	(3-6)
HUM	499	Humanities Project	<u>2</u>
			<b>47</b>
Electives required to complete the degree			23

**Double Major Option:**

At least 20 hours of the required 29 hours must be completed at Bethel. The general education requirements of the first academic major will be observed. If the other major has abbreviated general education requirements (e.g., Nursing), certain prerequisites may need to be fulfilled in order to complete the Humanities major (e.g., ENGL102 is a prerequisite for any LIT course, but is not a general education requirement for the Nursing major).

LIT		(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
PHIL		(minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)	9
<b>(S)electives</b> from Fine Arts, Foreign language or HIST (minimum of 3 hours at the 300-400 level)			9
ART	113	Art History I: Prehistory to the Gothic	(3)
ART	114	Art History II: Gothic to Contemporary Art	(3)
ART	352	Special Topics in Art	(3)
COMM	385	Special Topics in Rhetoric	(3)
ENGL	304	Introductory Linguistics	(3)
THTR	325	Theatre History I	(3)
THTR	326	Theatre History II	(3)
THTR	327	Theatre History III	(3)
MULH	243	Music of the Middle Ages & Renaissance	(3)
MULH	244	Music of the Baroque & Classical Periods	(3)
MULH	343	Music of the Romantic Era	(3)
MULH	344	Music of the Twentieth Century	(3)
Foreign Language		(hours must be from a single language)	(3-9)
HIST			(3-9)
HUM	499	Humanities Project	<u>2</u>
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**Notes:**

- In addition to completion of the above, an additional academic major is selected with a total of at least 130 hours to graduate.

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- If a student's other major is History, no HIST courses would count toward the Humanities major.
- If a student's other major is an Art related major, no ART courses would count toward the Humanities major.
- If a student's other major is a Music related major, no MULH courses would count toward the Humanities major.
- If a student's other major is Theatre, no THTR courses would count toward the Humanities major.
- If the student's other major is English, HIST would replace the LIT requirements in the double major and no HIST courses would count as (s)electives.
- If the student's other major is Philosophy, HIST would replace the PHIL requirements in the double major and no HIST courses would count as (s)electives.
- If the student's other major culminates in a degree other than a B.A. (B.S. or B.S.N.), the student will be granted two degrees rather than a B.A. with a double major.