

## *The Program . . .*

**The Graduate Humanities Program** offers advanced study in the humanities to a broad spectrum of students. Those with varied undergraduate backgrounds in humanities may continue their studies at the graduate level with an integrated and interdisciplinary perspective on human inquiry. The program enhances critical thinking and encourages students to use a broad humanistic perspective in approaching intellectual, social, political, historical, literary, and artistic issues.

Courses are offered in the arts, literature, history, and culture. The program serves the following groups:

- Degree students working toward the MA in the Humanities
- Teachers working for certification renewal or salary increments
- Professionals in all fields who want to enhance their understanding of social and cultural issues
- Adults committed to lifelong learning

## *The Graduates . . .*

Humanities students come from varied backgrounds—teachers, engineers, English majors, business leaders, healthcare workers, librarians. Among our graduates you will find:

- Freelance writers
- Writers/editors for popular magazines
- Educators in college, high and middle school
- Professionals in television, radio and film
- Public relations professionals
- Photographers
- Librarians
- Artists

## *The Plan of Study . . .*

**The Master of Arts in Humanities** stresses an interdisciplinary approach, embracing a variety of fields, while allowing conventional disciplinary studies as an integral part of the program. Developed in consultation with a faculty advisor, each student has an individualized plan of study, drawn from the following course requirements:

- Core Courses (12 hours)
  - HUMN 600: Introduction to Study in the Humanities
  - HUMN 604: Expository Writing for Research
- Two of the following (6 hours)
  - HUMN 601: Literary Theory and Criticism
  - HUMN 602: Historical Studies
  - HUMN 603: History and Theory of the Arts
  - HUMN 605: Western Traditions and Contemporary Cultures
- Program Emphasis (15 hours min.) in one of the following areas:
  - Literary Studies
  - Historical Studies
  - Arts and Society
  - Cultural Studies
- Humanities Electives (3-12 hours)
- Independent Research in the Humanities (3-6 hours)

### **Total Hours Required:**

36 with thesis  
39 with project



**Humanities Symposium**

## *Admission Requirements . . .*

- Undergraduate major in the humanities (broadly defined)
- An overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4
- A score of 450 or above (40%) on the verbal section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test or an equivalent score on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

**Note:** Applicants who do not meet these requirements may gain admission to the degree program as a provisional student. Contact the Director for more information.

**Non-Degree Students** may take any course for which they have the necessary prerequisites (if applicable). In most cases, an application on file and a baccalaureate degree are sufficient for enrollment.

## *Appalachian Studies . . .*

The Graduate Humanities Program offers a **Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies**, drawn from the following course requirements (18 hours required):

- Interdisciplinary Core Classes (6 hours)
  - CULS 611: Appalachian Studies: Themes and Voices
  - CULS 612: Time and Place in Appalachia
- Electives (6-9 hours)
- Capstone Experience (3 hours)
  - HUMN 680: Independent Research Seminar

For more information, contact the Director or visit our website at [www.marshall.edu/gsepd/humn/](http://www.marshall.edu/gsepd/humn/)

## *The Faculty . . .*

The Graduate Humanities Program is an exceptional collaborative program that brings together faculty from Marshall University (MU), West Virginia State University (WVSU), University of Charleston (UC), and other colleges and universities based in south central West Virginia. Students from a wide range of backgrounds thus have the unique opportunity to study with some of the finest faculty in central and southern West Virginia.

### **Director of the Program:**

Luke Eric Lassiter, PhD (MU Graduate College)

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*Building bridges across time and space, bringing together disciplines, faculty, and students for graduate education in the liberal arts.*

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