

## Graduate Humanities Program

The **Graduate Humanities Program** brings together disciplines and faculty for graduate education in the liberal arts. Those with varied undergraduate backgrounds in humanities may continue their studies at the graduate level as degree, non-degree, or certificate students.

The **M.A. in Humanities** is an interdisciplinary degree with an emphasis in one of the following areas: arts and society, cultural studies, historical studies, or literary studies. Courses in the humanities enhance critical thinking, successful writing, and effective research skills.

Study in the humanities is appropriate for:

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

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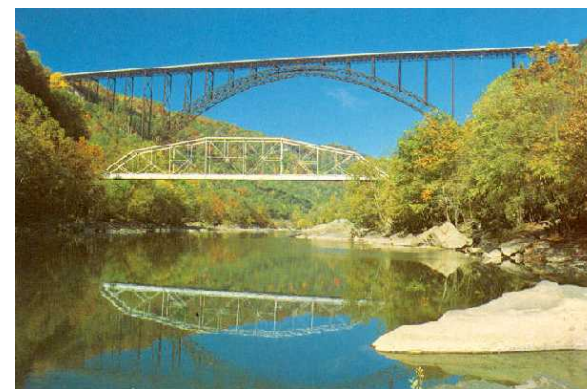
Or visit us on the web at:

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## Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies



New River Bridge in West Virginia

Interdisciplinary Perspectives  
Research Opportunities  
Experienced Faculty



The Humanities Program is a Member of the  
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# Appalachia

As defined in legislation, Appalachia is a region of 200,000 square miles following the contour of the Appalachian Mountains from southern New York to northern Mississippi. West Virginia is the only state to lie entirely within the region. Parts of twelve other states are included: New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Home to 23 million people, the region has about 42 percent rural population. The economy has long depended on coal, timber, gas, and related manufacturing.

Marshall University has committed faculty and resources to Appalachian Studies. In addition to faculty and library resources, the University houses the Appalachian Studies Journal. The Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA) is located on the Huntington campus.

The graduate certificate in Appalachian Studies allows students and professionals to focus on the region in which they live and work. The interdisciplinary approach ensures that issues and subjects are covered from different perspectives. Individuals may select courses to meet personal educational goals. Lifelong learners are invited to select individual courses for information and enrichment.



## Appalachian Studies Certificate (18 hours)

- **Interdisciplinary Core Classes (6 hours)**

CULS 611: Appalachian Studies: Themes and Voices. Orients students to the significant political, social, and cultural issues and research in Appalachian studies.

CULS 612: Time and Place in Appalachia. Examines the importance of geography, topography, and geology to the history and development of the Appalachian region.

- **Electives (6-9 hours)**

Examples of classes (3 hrs. credit):

- Appalachian Archaeology
- Geography of Appalachia
- West Virginia History
- First Peoples of Appalachia
- Images of Appalachia in Literature, Folklore, and Film
- Religious Traditions in Appalachia
- Ethnic History of West Virginia
- Coal Mine Life, Work and Culture
- Sociology of Appalachia
- Oral History
- Research Methods for Appalachian Studies

- **Capstone Experience (3 hours)**

HUMN 680: Independent Research Seminar. This research colloquium affords students the opportunity to complete independent research or field work under the guidance of faculty mentors teaching in the certificate program. Seminar meetings allow students to share research and examine issues arising from the research. The completed research is shared in a public symposium.

## Enrollment Information

- B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited undergraduate institution
- Application to Marshall University Graduate College and to the certificate program

Note: Students who wish to pursue degree and certificate programs concurrently should complete the application to the degree program.

- Transfer credit: 6 hours maximum
- Graduate courses in Appalachian studies taken at Marshall University within the last two years may be counted toward the certificate.



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For further information about the certificate, contact the Graduate Humanities Program, Marshall University Graduate College (304-746-1923).