



Arts & Humanities Majors Available at the UW

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Majors with **open admission** can be declared at any time by students whose GPA is at least 2.0. Majors with **minimum admission requirements** have set requirements, such as completing 10 credits in the department with a GPA of 2.5. In general, these majors admit all applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements, with no further screening or selection. Majors with **competitive admission** have admission requirements and a selective screening; they often have an application deadline, and may require test scores, portfolios, auditions, letters of recommendation, and/or interviews. Completion of the admission requirements does not guarantee admission to competitive majors. Some majors admit only once per year. Consult an adviser.

major	description	admission requirements	comments
Architectural Studies	Architectural design, history, and theory.	Competitive admission. 90 credits including ARCH 210, 211, 350, 351, 352; 5 cr English composition; MATH 112, 124, or 145; 65 cr Areas of Knowledge, including 20 cr each VLPA and I&S, and 20 credits of NW.	Admission once per year. Portfolio required. No ARCH courses except 150, 151, 250, 251 may count toward Areas of Knowledge.
Art	The visual arts, including ceramics, fibers, industrial design, metals, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, visual communication design, design studies, and interdisciplinary visual art.	Competitive admission. Portfolio or other evaluation may be required. Consult an art adviser.	10 credits of foundation courses, 5 credits of Art History and review for most majors. See department for details.
Art History	History of visual art.	Minimum admission requirements. 2.5 GPA.	
Asian Languages and Literature	The principal languages of Asia and their literatures.	Minimum admission requirements. 20 credits primary language, last course 2.5 or higher; one W course, 2.0 or higher. 2.0 cumulative GPA required, but 2.5 recommended.	Available majors: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and South Asian languages. Courses in other languages available.

Classics	<p>Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, including languages, literature, history, philosophy, art, and archaeology.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>Available majors: Classical Studies, Classics, Greek, and Latin.</p> <p>Proficiency in Greek or Latin required in all programs.*</p>
Communication	<p>The study and practice of communication across a range of contexts, including face-to-face interactions, public discourse, mass media, and digital media.</p>	<p>Competitive admission. At least 45 credits completed, including COM 201 and 202, or one course completed and the other in progress. 2.5 minimum GPA.</p> <p>Transfer students must have completed at least 10 UW credits.</p>	<p>Journalism program also available with competitive admission.</p> <p>B.A. degree also available through the Evening Degree Program.</p>
Comparative History of Ideas	<p>Interdisciplinary study of intellectual history; includes literature, history, anthropology, philosophy, the arts, religion, etc.</p>	<p>Open admission; interested students must meet with the CHID adviser. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>2.5 GPA in the major required for graduation.</p>
Comparative Literature	<p>World literature; also, the relationship between literature and other fields of knowledge such as philosophy, religion, political thought, and the arts.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>Major must include at least one literature course taught in a language other than the student's native language. A Cinema Studies option is offered through the Comparative Literature major.</p>
Dance	<p>Dance performance, history, and choreography, and movement analysis.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. Application, essay, and technique assessment class. Potential transfer students and high school students contact the department about an audition.</p>	

Digital Arts and Experimental Media (DXARTS)	<p>Digital Arts and Experimental Media is a multidisciplinary program for students interested in research and original creative work in the digital arts</p>	<p>Competitive admission. DXARTS 200, 201; CSE 142; PHYS 114 or 121; MUSIC 120; ART H 203; math proficiency through the precalculus level (e.g., MATH 120) at the time of application. Portfolio required.</p>	<p>Application and admission to the digital and experimental arts degree program is a highly competitive process that takes place once a year. Application to the program normally occurs during the sophomore year.</p>
Drama	<p>Acting, directing, designing, theatre history, and dramatic forms.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. Two of DRAMA 210, 211, 212; one of DRAMA 290, 291, 292; DRAMA 251, 302. Minimum 2.5 GPA for these courses.</p>	
English	<p>English, American, and related literature; literary history and criticism; expository and creative writing.</p>	<p>Competitive admission. 10 credits of English literature OR ENGL 202 and 197; minimum 2.5 GPA in required ENGL courses; minimum 2.0 overall GPA.</p> <p>Must be enrolled at UW before applying to major.</p>	<p>Creative writing option is available, with competitive admission.</p> <p>B.A. degree also available through the Evening Degree Program.</p>
Ethnomusicology	<p>Folk and popular music of the world.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. 2.0 GPA. ETHNO major proposal must be approved by ETHNO faculty.</p>	<p>Offered through Individualized Studies.</p>
Germanics	<p>German language, literature, and civilization.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA. Completion of the first two college years of German, or equivalent.</p>	<p>2.5 GPA in upper-division GERMAN courses required for graduation. Available majors: German Language and Literature, and German Area Studies.</p>
Humanities	<p>Students explore diverse political, social and humanistic perspectives in the pursuit of their degrees. Coursework has been arranged to encourage greater understanding of issues, ideas and themes in history and the contemporary world.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. 2.5 GPA. 75 credits completed.</p>	<p>2.25 GPA required in major.</p> <p>EVENING DEGREE PROGRAM ONLY</p>

Landscape Architecture	<p>History and contemporary concepts of landscape design.</p>	<p>Competitive admission. 90 credits, including L ARCH 300; one from L ARCH 352, 353, 361; 5 credits English composition; 5 credits Q/SR; 20 credits each VLPA (drawing or painting course recommended), I&S, and NW (including ESS 101 and one of the following: BIOL 116, 117 or 317); 10 credits W courses.</p>	<p>Admission once per year. Portfolio and letters of recommendation required. 225 credits required.</p> <p>No L ARCH courses except 300 count toward Areas of Knowledge.</p>
Linguistics	<p>The scientific study of language and the internal structures of languages as cognitive systems; method and theory of language description.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. One college year of a foreign language. One W course and one Q/SR course; minimum 2.0 grade in each course and minimum 2.5 average in the two courses. 2.5 cumulative GPA recommended.</p>	<p>Required for graduation: one year of each of two languages, one of which must belong to a different family of languages than the student's native language. Major in Romance Linguistics also available.</p>
Music	<p>Performance, composition, history, and ethnography of music. Music education.</p>	<p>Competitive admission. Audition required. Consult music adviser.</p>	<p>Minimum 2.5 GPA in music and 2.0 in each music course required for graduation.</p>
Near Eastern Languages and Civilization	<p>Languages and literary cultures of the Islamic and Semitic Near East, with an emphasis on cultural traditions.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>Fluency in at least one Near East language required.*</p> <p>Four options offered: Near Eastern Language and Civilization, Near Eastern Culture and Civilization, Comparative Islamic Studies, and Biblical and Ancient Studies.</p>
Philosophy	<p>Study of the fundamental issues concerning reality, knowledge, and value; and study of the major intellectual disciplines.</p>	<p>Minimum admission requirements. 2.0 GPA. 10 credits of philosophy courses completed.</p>	<p>History and Philosophy of Science major also available.</p>

Romance Languages and Literature	<p>Romance languages, literature, and culture. Department has two divisions: French/Italian and Spanish/Portuguese.</p>	<p>French, Italian: Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p> <p>Spanish: Minimum admission requirements. SPAN 203; minimum 2.70 GPA across all SPAN courses with minimum 2.5 in each; 5 credits English composition (minimum 2.5 grade).</p> <p>Must be enrolled at UW before applying to Spanish major.</p>	<p>Available majors: French, Spanish, and Italian. Other languages offered.</p>
Scandinavian Studies	<p>Languages, literatures, and cultures of the Baltic States, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>Fluency in a Scandinavian language required in all programs.*</p> <p>Available majors: Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Scandinavian Studies. Courses in Estonian, Finnish, Latvian, and Lithuanian also offered.</p>
Slavic Languages and Literatures	<p>Principal eastern European languages and their literatures.</p>	<p>Open admission. 2.0 GPA.</p>	<p>Fluency in a Slavic language required.*</p> <p>Minimum 2.5 GPA in all RUSS and SLAV courses. Available options: Russian Language, Literature, and Culture; Russian Language and History; and East European Languages and Culture.</p>

* Fluency or proficiency in a foreign language generally means two college years of language instruction, or the equivalent. In many programs the foreign language must be related to the major. Consult an adviser.