

What are the Humanities?

Do you want to learn about human culture?

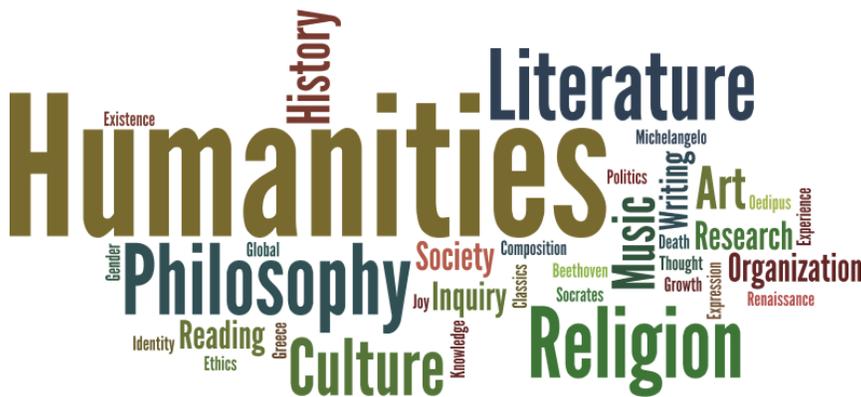
Do you want a job?

If you answered “yes” to either of these questions, come and take Humanities classes here at Saddleback!

The idea of the humanities traces back to the Renaissance, when Francesco Petrarca—now known as Petrarch—sought to develop a new form of education. The Renaissance Humanists sought to help their students become not only academically successful, but to become able to participate in the civic life of their communities. Their goal was to help their students become more *humane*. They accomplished this by exposing their students to a variety of writings and ways of thinking, from poetry to philosophy, literature to history.

Humanities Classes at Saddleback

In Humanities classes here at Saddleback, we study the development of human culture and our common human experience through art, literature, philosophy, history, religion, and more. These classes expose you to a variety of points of view. We get to talk about all of the things that you’re not supposed to talk about at dinner: politics, religion, ethics, gender, and more!



Humanities Program Saddleback College

What about Jobs?

Humanities and Liberal Arts majors [successfully find well-paying jobs](#). Humanities classes focus on the development of critical thinking skills: skills which are highly sought after and difficult to teach. According to [a study by the AAC&U](#),

93% of employers agree that candidates' demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is more important than their undergraduate major.

Humanities majors find jobs and are valued by their employers. One more thing: [humanities majors get a great return on their education dollar!](#)

Humanities majors become:

- Teachers
- Lawyers
- Judges
- CEOs
- Legislators
- Social Workers
- Counselors
- Sales Reps
- Marketing Managers

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