

HUMANITIES 200
Cultural Studies in the Discipline.

HUM 200. Cultural Studies in the Discipline. Credit 3 hours. A variable content course. An in-depth study of a discipline-specific topic conducted as part of a study abroad program. This independent study course may require readings, research, class attendance, and/or discussion as part of the requirements. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

General objective for the course:

- Students will develop an appreciation for the diversity of a foreign country or region through the study of cultural, political, religious, and/or historical characteristics.

This course fulfills a need for a lower-level undergraduate elective that can be used as part of a study abroad program. Such a course can be used to meet a "humanities elective" requirement, a free elective requirement, or it can be substituted for a more specific course if the department head of the student's major approves.

The course is housed in the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures but is taught by the discipline-specific faculty member who is a coordinator or faculty for the study abroad experience. **The Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures is responsible for approving the offering of the course, the selection of the instructor, and the awarding of credit.**

There is no specific course outline or bibliography. Each section of the course has its specific objectives, specific requirements and grading criteria as determined by each instructor. Since the course is housed in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures but taught by a variety of faculty, each study abroad instructor is required to submit information about course topics and requirements as part of the study abroad proposal process, a copy of which would be approved and retained in the FL&L department office.

Examples:

History Program in Austria

HUM 200 - Section 1

European History professor Dr. XYZ decides that the focus of the course will be the history and politics of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Dr. XYZ also decides that students will be assigned readings on the history of the Empire; that they will complete a research paper on Emperor Franz Joseph; and that they will make presentations on at least one historical location that they will visit during their trip relative to the time period.

Sociology Program in Costa Rica

HUM 200 - Section 2

Sociology professor Dr. ABC plans that the students in the course will study about the relationships between religion and culture in Costa Rica. The students will complete assigned readings, complete two research assignments, keep a trip journal with observations on culture,

customs, and religion, and complete 2 mini-papers on Catholicism in Costa Rica and the influence of Native American culture/religion on present day customs.

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The following information must be included on the HUM 200 syllabus:

Semester course section is to be offered:

Instructor and Department:

Topic for the Course:

General Description of the Course Content:

Specific Objectives for this Section:

- 1.
- 2.
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Course Requirements:

- 1.
- 2.
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Required Text(s) and/or Readings:

How Evaluation of Students will Be Conducted and Basis for Grading:

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Study Abroad Proposals that include a HUM 200 course should submit the HUM 200 syllabus to the department head of Foreign Languages & Literatures for review and approval as well as submit the syllabus as part of the Study Abroad proposal package. The HUM 200 course must also be include on the table breaking down the 2250 minutes of required direct instruction.