Humanities at UCG

Open Day November 2015
Humanities, a vast field...

› Three faculties:
  • Arts
  • Religious Studies
  • Philosophy

› Three fields:
  • Fostering Reflection
  • Making Meaning
  • Science of Culture
Reflection: the search for identity
Making meaning

› Humans give meaning, but what is meaning? What is it good for? Why, and how do we make meaning? What is interpretation / interpreting?

› What is the role of language? Language creates a collective (community), language implies value (why?)
Science of culture

› What are the building blocks of human culture?

› What does culture consist of? (Compare: (sub)atomic structures; DNA, cells; behaviour)

• Signs
• Artefacts (technology and art)
• Language and values
• Knowledge
• Self-consciousness
• Media
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A UCG Humanities major prepares for a master in:

Philosophy

Religious Studies

The Arts
Language and Culture Studies; Linguistics
History, Archaeology
Arts and culture studies
Culture and media studies
Communication and Information studies
International Relations and Organizations
The UCG Humanities major consists of:

1. The UCG Methodology track and UCG Interdisciplinary projects
2. Humanities modules within UCG
3. Humanities modules outside UCG
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- UCG Core Curriculum
- UCG Humanities modules
- Pre-master majors / minors
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Reflecting on Culture:
An Interdisciplinary Humanities Program

Four perspectives:
• History
• Criticism
• Philosophy
• Theory
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Reflecting on Culture: An Interdisciplinary Humanities Program

1st year:

Hum I (5 EC). *Culture: the building blocks* – signs, art and technology, language, science

Hum II (5 EC). *Seeing society* – Imagining the other and otherness in the arts

Hum III (5 EC). *Philosophy of happiness, death, mind, and the free will*

Hum IV (5 EC). *Beautiful bodies* – health, exercise, and aesthetics from antiquity to the modern era
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2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} year:

- \textit{Stories that Shape the World}
- \textit{Religion 2.0}
- \textit{Reflecting on Modernity}
  - \textit{Science at work}
  - “\textit{Knowledge is Power}”
- \textit{How Art Makes the World}
- \textit{Reliability, Uncertainty and Trust}
  - \textit{Choice}
Thank you for your attention