Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities (ISHum)
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

When? The ISHum Program expects that most candidates will submit their applications towards the end of their second year, and, except in extraordinary circumstances, no later than the end of Autumn Quarter of their third year.

Who? The Program is looking for the student with interests that can be fashioned into a coherent interdisciplinary program. You should be able to describe your interests articulately and demonstrate that your proposed program has a unity other than that lent by your own enthusiasm. The thrust of your program, though not necessarily all its parts, should be humanistic. Since respectable grades offer some evidence of the sort of resourcefulness required by ISHum, the Program does expect a solid transcript.

What? The application for ISHum consists of three items:

1) The personal statement, which is an essay of approximately two typewritten pages in which you describe your interests and explain how they would interconnect in an ISHum program. Use this essay to demonstrate the internal logic of your proposed program.

2) The Course Prospectus. Please identify specific courses and demonstrate how they conform to the shape of the ISHum concentration (use the form supplied below).

3) An official transcript of your work in the College. An electronic version is acceptable.

Where? By email to the ISHum Chair.

How? The first task in preparing an ISHum application is to read the description of the ISHum program in the College catalogue. Then you should take stock of your interests and reflect on how they might be fashioned into an ISHum program. During this process you should ask yourself these questions: Would my interests be better served in a traditional major (with a creative use of electives)? Do my interests link together into an intellectually coherent ISHum scheme? Are there courses and faculty expertise in line with my interests available in the University? You may find it helpful to speak with your instructors about your ideas. You should meet with both the ISHum Program Chair and the ISHum College Advisor before submitting your application.
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APPLICATION FORM:
(2) COURSE PROSPECTUS

Name: ____________________________ ID Number: __________ Today’s Date: ______________
Campus Address: __________________ E-mail: __________________
Telephone: __________ Advisor: __________ Expected Graduation Date: __________

List the courses you have taken or plan to take will constitute your three fields of concentration;
information about what constitutes a “field” is available in the IShum pages of the College catalogue (p. 355, under Program Requirements). Indicate both the course number and name. For courses completed,
write also the grade received for the course. For courses in progress, write “in progress.” For courses
proposed but not yet taken, write “proposed.” Each sublist should be coherent in itself and should bear an
identifiable relationship to your other sublists so as to form a cohesive interdisciplinary plan of study. The
list will necessarily be provisional, since desired courses may not always be available when you want
them, and the lists may be altered (in discussion with, and approved by, the Academic Adviser) as you
move along in your course of study. Even so, they should provide a plan, a scheme. Give some thought
to the overall name you give to each list.

Total number of required courses: 15 (plus a required zero-unit course—see below)

Major Field (6): Heading: __________________________________________________________
  1) __________________________________________________________
  2) __________________________________________________________
  3) __________________________________________________________
  4) __________________________________________________________
  5) __________________________________________________________
  6) __________________________________________________________

First supporting Field (3): Heading: ________________________________________________
  1) __________________________________________________________
  2) __________________________________________________________
  3) __________________________________________________________

Second supporting Field (3): Heading: ______________________________________________
  1) __________________________________________________________
  2) __________________________________________________________
  3) __________________________________________________________

Critical/Intellectual Methods (2)
  1) __________________________________________________________
  2) __________________________________________________________

BA Paper Preparation (Required) (2)
  1) ISHU 29900: Preparation of the BA Project, with Faculty Adviser (to be taken in the Autumn or
      Winter quarter of fourth year, but in special circumstances, may be taken in Spring of fourth year).
  2) ISHU 29802: BA Colloquium, (zero credits—no credit or tuition—and P/F grading); meets three
times over the quarter in weeks 3, 6 and 10 (Spring quarter of third year).