What can I do with a Major in **General Humanities**?

### The General Humanities Program at the University of Lethbridge

A General Major in the Humanities, unlike a single discipline major, allows students to customize their course selection to their interests and abilities. Students pursuing a General Humanities major select three disciplinary streams from the following; Classical Languages (Greek, Hebrew or Latin), Arts (Art, Dramatic Arts or Music), English, Modern Languages (French, Japanese or Spanish), History, Linguistics, Native American Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

This multidisciplinary approach provides access to the "big picture" or the wider context of any subject area. The courses students choose can enhance their focus, and provide a cross-discipline perspective on one particular theme.

The Bachelor of Arts in General Humanities provides well-rounded studies for students pursuing Education. For more detailed career information and job titles, please see the ‘What can I do with a Major in…’ documents for each of your chosen streams.

### Skills Developed

- Analytical Reading
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Editing
- Excellent Grammar & Vocabulary
- Formulate & Defend Ideas
- Global Perspective
- Information Management
- Meet Deadlines
- Oral & Written Expression
- Oral Presentation
- Organizational
- Present Persuasive Arguments
- Problem Solving
- Research
- Textual Analysis & Interpretation
- Think Creatively
- Work Independently

### Work Environments

The streams that students choose to focus on will help determine the occupations and specializations for which they are best qualified. For example, a focus in English and French could provide graduates with the language skills to pursue a career in translation, interpretation, and tourism, or as an intelligence officer for the government. An emphasis on Religious Studies, Art and History provides a good basis to pursue an entry-level position in archival or museum work. Native American Studies, French and Philosophy are a good starting point for a career in law or politics.
A degree in Humanities prepares graduates for a wide range of career possibilities, in numerous industries and sectors. Graduates may pursue careers in law firms, political associations, academic or research institutions, medical or health care organizations, governmental organizations, international development agencies, journalism or publishing companies, public relations/service organizations, foreign service organizations, or social service agencies.

**Entry Level Job Titles**

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require *some* related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not *require* experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Aboriginal Education Worker
- Aboriginal Liaison
- Aboriginal Support Worker
- Academic Advisor
- Admissions Counsellor/Representative
- Business Development Specialist
- Canadian Heritage Guide
- Children & Youth Director
- Community & Program Facilitator
- Content Writer
- Curatorial Assistant
- Editorial Assistant
- English Tutor
- ESL Teacher
- Freelance Interpreter
- Freelance Writer
- Interpretive Tour Guide
- Junior Contract Writer
- Learning Centre Instructor
- Library Branch Assistant
- Program Support Specialist
- Proofreader
- Publication Coordinator
- Religious Education Worker
- Research Coordinator
- Residential Care Worker
- Student Accessibility Tutor
- Student Data Clerk
- Student Recruitment Officer
- Student Services Coordinator
- Travel Service Consultant
- Youth Engagement Coordinator

**Note:** The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the [CES job board](https://cesjobboard.com) or join the [Management or Arts & Science](https://www.uofl.edu/co-op) Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

**Related Job Titles**

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Account Manager
- Actor
- Advertising Copywriter
- Analyst
- Archivist
- Author
- Bibliographer
- Bookstore Manager
- Columnist
- Community Development Officer
- Consultant
- Critic
- Cryptologist
- Diplomat
- Documentation Specialist
- Editor
- Education & Training Specialist
- Educational Researcher
- Freelance Consultant
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Grant Writer
- Historian
- Human Resources Manager
- Human Rights Officer
- Immigration Officer
- Information Analyst
- Information Officer
- Information Scientist
- International Development Officer
- Interpreter
- Journalist
- Lexicographer
- Librarian
- Library Assistant
- Literary Agent
- Lobbyist
- Magazine/Newspaper Columnist
- Museum Curator
- Museum Guide
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Airline Customer Service Representative/Steward
- Business Planner
- Career Planning Advisor
- Correctional Officer
- Counsellor
- Customer Service Representative
- Entrepreneur
- Event Coordinator/Planner
- Executive Assistant
- Instructional Media Specialist
- Insurance Agent
- Lawyer
- Legal Assistant
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing Writer
- Media Correspondent
- Personnel Manager
- Placement Officer
- Social Worker
- Volunteer Coordinator

Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the fields of the Humanities and their career opportunities.

- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council
- Modern Humanities Research Association
  [http://www.mhra.org.uk](http://www.mhra.org.uk)
- Federation for the Humanities & Social Sciences
  [http://www.ideas-idees.ca](http://www.ideas-idees.ca)
- Humanities Education & Research Association
  [http://www.h-e-r-a.org](http://www.h-e-r-a.org)
- Canadian Society for Digital Humanities
  [http://csdh-schn.org](http://csdh-schn.org)
- The Association for Computers & the Humanities
  [http://ach.org](http://ach.org)
- Library & Archives Canada
- Association for Medical Humanities
  [http://www.amh.ac.uk](http://www.amh.ac.uk)
- The Royal Society of Canada
  [http://www.rsc.ca](http://www.rsc.ca)
- International Association for the Humanities
- National Research Council Canada
- National Endowment for the Humanities
  [http://www.neh.gov/about/national-council-on-the-humanities](http://www.neh.gov/about/national-council-on-the-humanities)
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**Career & Employment Services (CES)**  
CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.  

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