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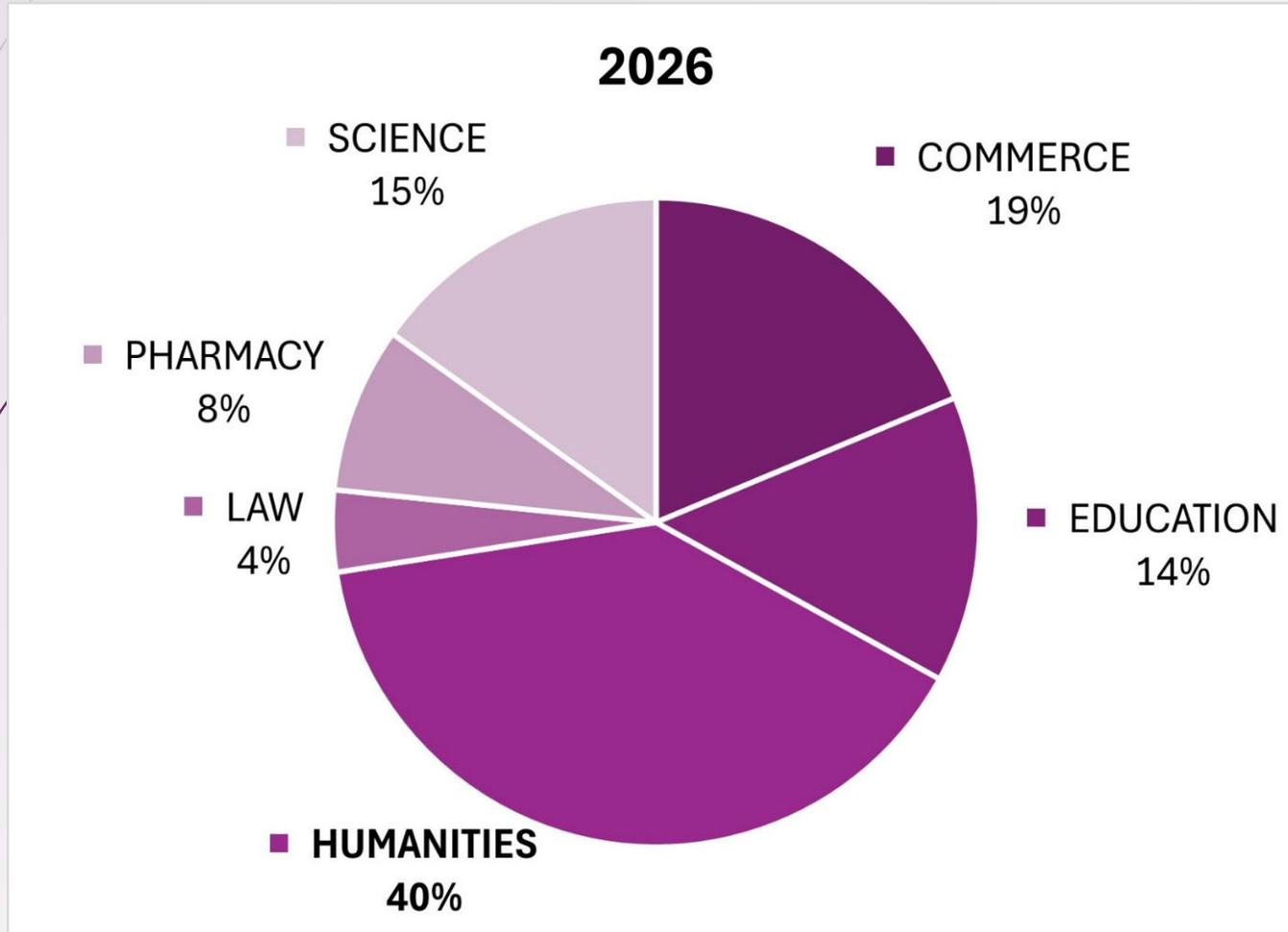
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-Humanities Faculty-

The Humanities is the largest faculty at Rhodes University.



-Entrance Requirements-

English Home Language: 60% or above

English First Additional Language: 65% or above

Any other Humanities subject (e.g. History, Drama, Music or Art etc.) would be to your advantage, but is not a deal breaker.

APS Requirements

Automatic Offer:	Dean's Discretion	Extended Studies:
45+	37-44	34-36
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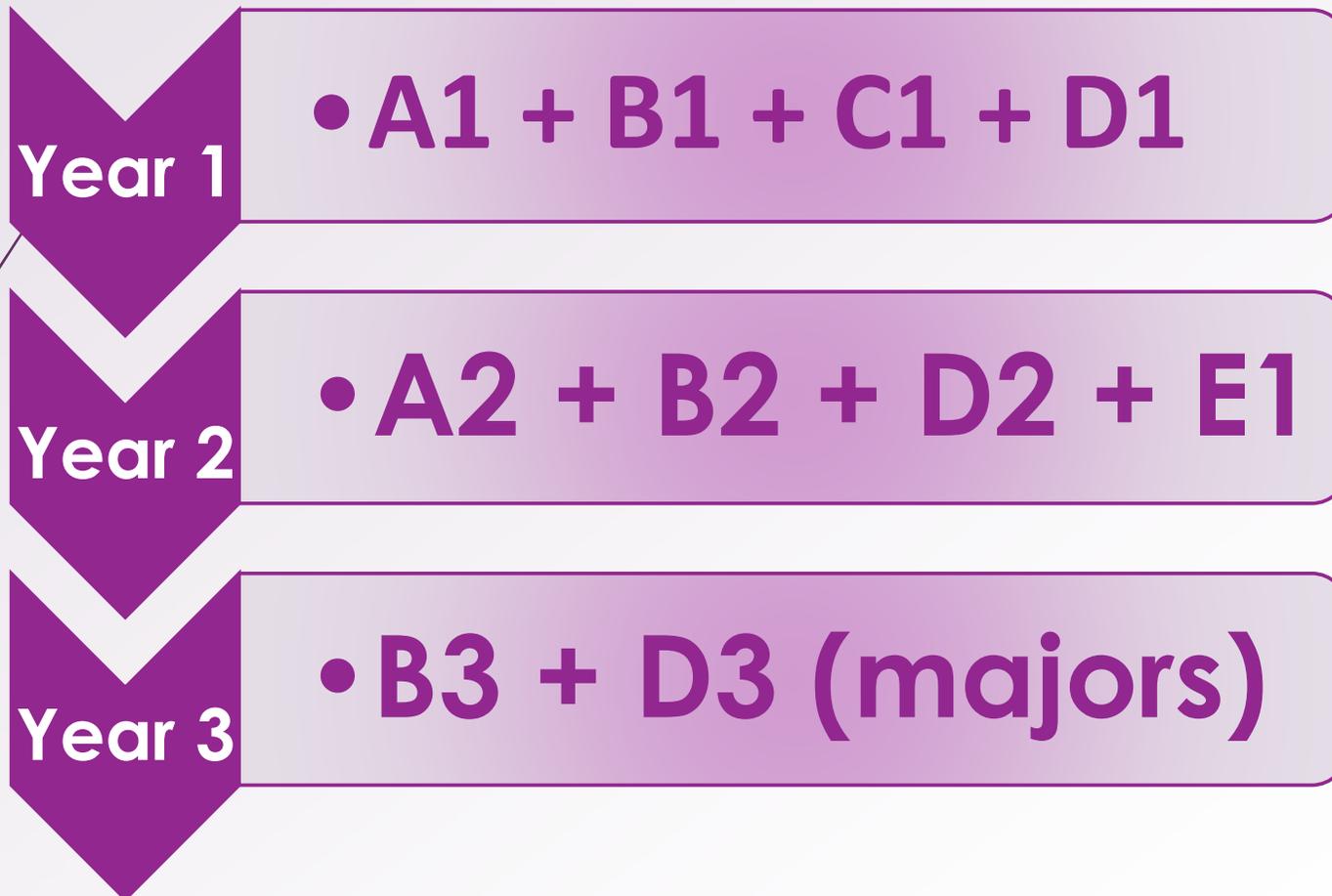
-Degrees in the Humanities-

BA	3 year degree Flexible subject curriculum
BSocSci	3 year degree Must major in a minimum of <u>ONE</u> of: Anthropology, Economics, Journalism, Politics, Psychology (General or Organisational), Sociology (General or Industrial & Economic) Must also have at least 2 other subjects from the above subject group.
BFA	4 year degree with compulsory Fine Art subjects
BMus	4 year degree with compulsory Music subjects
BJourn	4 year degree with compulsory Journalism subjects



Typical structure of Bachelor of Arts/Social Sciences 3-year degree

(NQF Level 7 = 360 NQF credits)



-Inter-faculty Subjects-

Students are permitted to take subjects from other faculties, on condition that they meet the requirements of those subjects. For example, if a student wants to take Geography, they must have ONE of the following at Grade 12 level: Geography, Pure Maths, Physical Science or Natural Science on Level 4 or above.

Subjects offered by other faculties that are frequently taken by Humanities students include (but are not limited to):

Commerce: Economics, Management, Information Systems

Science: Geography, Environmental Science, Human Kinetics and Ergonomics, Computer Science

Law: Legal Theory 1. Please note that from 2026, Legal Theory will only be offered at 1st year level. Students will then need to apply for the LLB programme.

NOTE: We require students to have a **MINIMUM of** one major subject at third year level to be a Humanities subjects and **50%** of subjects overall **MUST** be Humanities subjects.



-Departments and Schools-

The eleven departments and two schools which make up the Faculty of Humanities are grouped into the following four broad areas:

Arts: Drama, Fine Art, Music & Musicology

Languages: African Languages, Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies, Chinese, Classics & Greek, French, German, Latin, Linguistics & Applied Language Studies, Literary Studies in English

Professional Offering: Journalism & Media Studies

Social Studies: Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Political & International Studies, Psychology, Sociology



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Department of Anthropology

Anthropology is the systematic study of human beings; past, present and future; body, mind, and spirit. Socio-cultural anthropology, the focus of Anthropology at Rhodes, is concerned with relationships between people in particular social and cultural contexts.

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Department of Drama

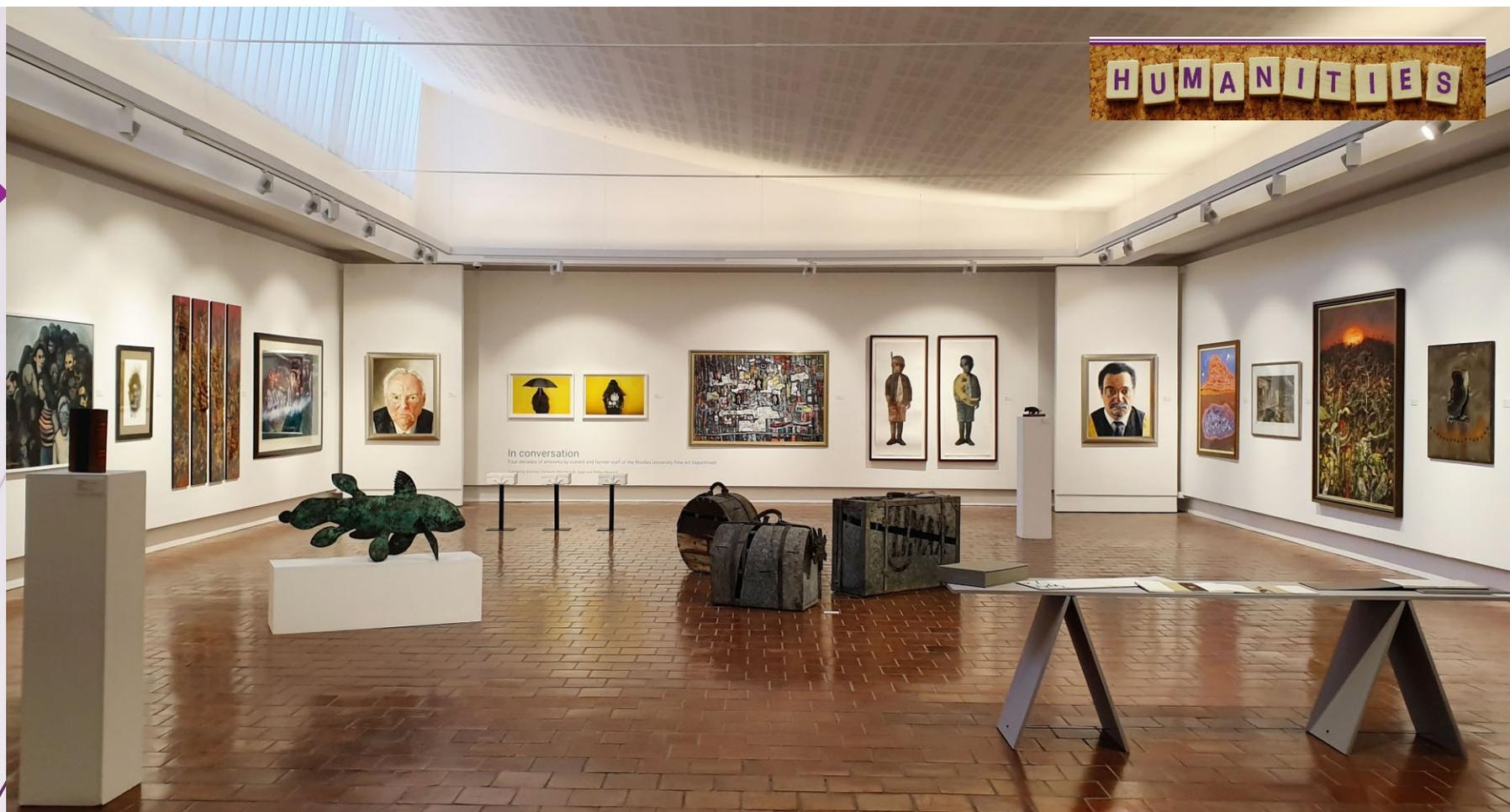
"Drama is not just about theatre and performance. It is about learning how to be in the world, physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and culturally. The world needs more creative people to tackle all the pressing challenges we face."

Prof Heike Gehring, Head of Drama Department

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Department of Fine Art

The Fine Art Department offers exciting possibilities for study in the field of visual art and visual culture. Students can take courses in hands-on art-making (Fine Art Practice) and/or the theories and histories of art and visibility (Art History & Visual Culture). The Department has excellent facilities, plenty of studio space, and a fully equipped workshop. A team of skilled and enthusiastic lecturers, with expertise in several areas of contemporary art making, will help you develop your artistic and theoretical skills. This will enable you to pursue a career in a variety of art and art-related fields.

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Department of History

The Department of History offers a supportive learning environment, a robust intellectual climate and a focus on developing sought after skills in the workplace. We provide opportunities to get involved in community engagement through mentorship and peer learning programmes as well as opportunities for hands-on experience in archives and museums.

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AFRICA MEDIA



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School of Journalism & Media Studies

Journalism and Media Studies aims to produce self-reflexive, critical, analytical graduates and media workers who are probing, imaginative, civic minded and outspoken. Such graduates are equipped to act as thoughtful, creative and skilled journalists and practitioners able to make meaningful and technically proficient media productions. Journalism and Media Studies seeks to make a valuable intellectual contribution to the broad African media environment, to research, and to the integrated and ongoing education of media practitioners.

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School of Languages & Literatures

Studying language and literature helps foster skills in critical analysis and independent judgement. But not only that, as you study language and literature you acquire knowledge of the cultures of other societies and language groups. This insight then enables you to work better in a multi-cultural context, where respect for and understanding of differences can lead to a better and more productive work environment, very important in South Africa today.

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Department of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies

Linguistics and Applied Language Studies will give you insights into how language is structured, how people communicate and use language, how people learn languages and how language changes and develops in society.

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Department of Literary Studies in English

The Department of Literary Studies in English at Rhodes involves the study of literature in English, an intrinsically worthwhile cultural pursuit rather than a form of training for employment. Nevertheless, the range of skills associated with the practice of literary criticism: imaginative reach, interpretive insight, the capacity to deal with verbal and intellectual complexity, and the ability to argue coherently and write with clarity and fluency add up to the kind of general capability that is required and valued in numerous fields of employment.

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Department of Music & Musicology

"The call to the creative life is a call to dignity, to a life of vulnerability and adventure and the call to a life that exquisite excitement and indeed ecstasy will often visit."

John O' Donohue

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Department of Philosophy

The Rhodes University **Philosophy Department** prides itself on its eclectic range of teaching and research interests, ranging across a broad spectrum of philosophical traditions, from African, Ancient, Medieval and Chinese philosophy to contemporary analytic as well as continental debates in epistemology, metaphysics, political philosophy, feminism, critical race theory, and more.

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Department of Political & International Studies

To study **Politics** is to learn to argue and defend positions, to critically evaluate the nature of the evidence that people provide for what they believe to be true.

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Department of Psychology

Psychology is the study of human experience and behaviour. It is a social science that offers an analysis of the range of human emotions, abilities and thought processes. It examines peoples attitudes and motives, both conscious and unconscious.

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Department of Sociology

Sociology is the analysis of society. It is a dynamic and illuminating field of study that investigates and explains vital issues in our personal lives, communities, region, and the world. Sociology offers distinctive and enlightening ways of perceiving and understanding the social world we live in and how it shapes our lives.

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-Career Options-

A Humanities degree provides a strong foundation in critical thinking, communication, analysis, and cultural understanding, which are valuable in many fields. Here's a list of possible careers you can pursue with a Humanities degree:

- **Media, Communication & Writing:** Journalist, Editor, Technical Writer, Content Strategist, Public Relations Specialist, Copywriter, Social Media Manager, Speechwriter, Author
- **Education & Academia:** Teacher (with certification), University Lecturer (with further study), Academic Advisor, Curriculum Developer, Librarian or Archivist (often requires additional training)
- **Arts, Culture & Heritage:** Museum Curator, Art or Cultural Program Coordinator, Gallery Manager, Historian, Theatre or Arts Administrator, Actor, Artist
- **Non-profit & Advocacy:** Grant Writer, Program Coordinator, Community Outreach Manager, Fundraising / Development Officer, Advocacy Specialist
- **Psychologist** (with further Postgraduate studies)



Our focus is on developing the whole person, with an emphasis on an education, rather than a vocation

The graduates we want to develop:

- Creative and critical thinkers
- Compassionate humanitarians
- Clear communicators
- Have a capacity for life-long learning
- Leaders



Why choose Rhodes University?

- **Small / personal-scale environment**
 Rhodes emphasises smaller class sizes and greater access to lecturers. According to the official site, the smallness of the institution allows unusually close contact between students and their lecturers. For many students this means you're more likely to have your voice heard, get personal support, and build relationships rather than get "lost in the crowd".
- **Beautiful and historic campus in a unique setting**
 The campus sits atop a 203-hectare site in Makhanda (formerly Grahamstown), with historic buildings, landscaped gardens, and a moderate climate. The physical environment — walking-friendly, green, accessible — helps make studying and living there a pleasant experience.
- **Academic reputation and internationally recognised qualifications**
 Rhodes' degrees "are internationally recognised" and that many of its graduates hold leading positions around the world. Also: the university highlights research-active academics and student-centred interventions that support academic success.
- **Flexible curriculum and interdisciplinary options**
 Rhodes has six faculties (Humanities, Science, Commerce, Law, Education, Pharmacy) and emphasises flexibility, so students can often combine disciplines and tailor their studies. If you're someone who doesn't want a rigid single-track study path, this can be a big plus.



Why choose Rhodes University?

- **Strong community engagement and social impact**
 The university emphasises “engaged citizenship” — students are encouraged and supported to work with the broader community of Makhanda in meaningful ways. If you value service, social justice, or want your university life to connect with “real world” concerns, this is a strong plus.
- **Vibrant extra-curricular life — societies, sports, culture**
 Rhodes offers many clubs, societies, sports (over 30 sports, high student participation) and cultural activities. Good for those who want more than just academics — a full student-life experience.
- **Residential living and a close-knit student community**
 A large proportion of students live on campus in residences. The residence system fosters leadership, peer-support, and community life.
 Living on campus often helps build strong networks, support systems, and balanced student life.



Why choose Rhodes University?

- **Access to good facilities, support services, and career development**
Rhodes provides academic support (tutoring, mentoring), career guidance and counselling. This means you're not just left to your own devices — there is infrastructure to help you succeed.
- **Unique location offering both tranquillity & access to nature & culture**
Makhanda is historic and culturally rich (e.g., the National Arts Festival), and the surrounding region offers natural landscapes (beaches, mountains, etc). If you like a campus with character (rather than being in a giant city), this can be attractive.
- **Focus on producing critical, ethical, socially responsible graduates**
Rhodes has a strong ethos: not just training for jobs, but for leadership, ethical citizenship, and societal contribution. If you're looking to become more than just a graduate, but a thoughtful contributor, this stands out.





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Grade 12 Bachelor's pass

What now?

Explore your
**UNDERGRADUATE
OPTIONS**
within the

Faculty of Humanities

at Rhodes University

At Rhodes University, we understand that students have varied interests and may want to do a degree that is slightly out of the ordinary. The Humanities Faculty prides itself by stretching the boundaries of education by offering our students the opportunity to do a variety of inter-faculty subjects together, even as major subjects, for example Maths and Music, or Journalism and Economics, or Psychology and Law. There are many combinations to choose from.



Faculty of
Humanities

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- Anthropology
- Drama
- Fine Art
- History
- School of Journalism & Media Studies
- School of Languages & Literatures:
 - Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies;
 - African Languages; Chinese Studies;
 - Classics & Greek; French; German;
 - Latin
- Linguistics & Applied Language Studies
- Literary Studies in English
- Music & Musicology
- Philosophy
- Political & International Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Fine Art
- Bachelor of Journalism
- Bachelor of Music

For further information contact humanities@ru.ac.za



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