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Humanities is made up of eleven departments and two schools:

Anthropology

Drama

Fine Art

History

School of Journalism & Media Studies

School of Languages & Literatures:

Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies

African Languages

Chinese

Classics & Greek

French

German

Latin

Linguistics & Applied Language Studies

Literary Studies in English

Music & Musicology

Philosophy

Political & International Studies

Psychology

Sociology

HUMANITIES AT RHODES

The Faculty of Humanities is the largest out of the six faculties at Rhodes University.



approximately
2800
undergraduate
students



approximately
550
postgraduate
students

The eleven departments and two schools 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,

DEGREES IN THE HUMANITIES FACULTY

The Faculty of Humanities offers five undergraduate degrees and eleven postgraduate degrees

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

DEGREE		NQF LEVEL	NQF CREDIT REQUIREMENT
BA	Bachelor of Arts	7	360
BSocSc	Bachelor of Social Science	7	360
*BFA	Bachelor of Fine Art	8	480
*BJRN	Bachelor of Journalism	8	480
*BMUS	Bachelor of Music	8	480

(* four-year Honours equivalent degrees)

POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

DEGREE		NQF LEVEL	NQF CREDIT REQUIREMENT
PDMM	PG Diploma in Media Management	8	120
PGDECJ	PG Diploma in Economic Journalism	8	120
PGDHM	PG Diploma in Heritage Management	8	120
PGDJRN	PG Diploma in Journalism	8	120
BAH	Bachelor of Arts Honours	8	120
BSSH	Bachelor of Social Science Honours	8	120
MA	Master of Arts	9	180
MFA	Master of Fine Art	9	180
MMUS	Master of Music	9	180
MSS	Master of Social Science	9	180
PHD	Doctor of Philosophy	10	360

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR APS

The percentages achieved in National Senior Certificate examinations (preliminary and final examinations) will be allocated an Admissions Point Score (APS) using the percentage obtained for each subject. The sum of the six subject scores, excluding Life Orientation but including English and any other required subject(s) for the relevant programme, is considered when deciding on admission.

45

**45 APS with the required
English mark =
automatic provisional offer**

SUBJECT	%	POINTS
English Home Language	75%	7.5
Afrikaans/isiXhosa (FAL)	67%	6.7
Mathematics/Mathematical Literacy	81%	8.1
Life Sciences	65%	6.5
Visual Arts	68%	6.8
History	78%	7.8
Life Orientation (no points allocated)	75%	0
TOTAL POINTS		43.5

ADMISSION TO STUDY FOR A HUMANITIES DEGREE AT RHODES UNIVERSITY

NSC AND IEB

The application will only be considered for admission to the University if the applicant qualifies for a Bachelor's degree and the applicant satisfies the University requirements.

To qualify for a Bachelor's pass status, learners are required to take seven subjects, four of which are compulsory (TWO Languages, Life Orientation and either Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy) and three of the learner's own choice from the subjects on offer at the school. At least four of these subjects must be on a Level 4 (50%-59%) pass or above.

PLEASE NOTE: Obtaining the minimum requirement does not guarantee acceptance!

DEGREE OPTIONS

DEGREE	POINTS	SUBJECT OPTIONS
BA	45+ (34 – 44 @ Dean's Discretion)	Languages, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Drama, English, Literature, Politics, Legal Theory etc.
BSS	45+ (34 – 44 @ Dean's Discretion)	Must have a minimum of ONE major and TWO other subjects from this group: Anthropology, Economics, Journalism, Psychology, Sociology, Politics
BFA	45+ (34 – 44 @ Dean's Discretion)	Art History and Visual Culture, Fine Art Practice to 4th year level + elective courses
BMUS	45+ (34 – 44 @ Dean's Discretion)	Instrumental Music, Music Theory etc.
BJOURN	45+ (34 – 44 @ Dean's Discretion)	Same as a BA or BSS with only Journalism in the 4th year
EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMME	34-37	Limited Curriculum (Journalism & Anthropology OR Politics & Sociology in the first year)

WHAT CAN I STUDY WITH THE SUBJECTS I DID AT SCHOOL?

The Faculty of Humanities offers an excellent liberal arts education – an education for life, and an education which is formative for almost any career choice. A liberal arts education provides students with critical reasoning skills, the ability to analyse and evaluate arguments, to probe for hidden assumptions. It allows students to enjoy the worlds of Arts, Languages and Social Studies amongst a variety of other subject offerings.

Students may take a combination of Humanities subjects without having done them at school, e.g., you may take History even if you have not done History as a matric subject, or Drama, or isiXhosa (there is a non-mother tongue stream and a mother tongue stream).

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

	EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAMME	DEAN'S DISCRETION	AUTOMATIC PROVISIONAL OFFER
English Home Language 60%+	34-37	34-44	45+
English First Additional Language 65%+	34-37	34-44	45+

HUMANITIES CAREER OPTIONS

Careers paths you can follow with a degree in Humanities include, but are not limited to:

Editor, Human Resource Specialist, Art Director, Archivist, Public Relations Manager, Curator, Psychologist, Event Manager, Teacher (PGCE needed), Lawyer, Writer, Researcher, International Relations Specialist, Academic, Diplomat, Foreign Language Expert, Actor, Interpreter, Journalist, Musician, Copywriter, Historian, Artist, Administrator



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