Humanities Subject Areas

- English
- Foreign Languages
- Integrated Studies
- Journalism
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Speech

Learning Communities in the Humanities, Arts, and Sciences

From time to time, students at Peninsula College have special opportunities to enroll in selected groups of courses organized as “Learning Communities.” Past learning communities have combined poetry, painting, and wilderness literature classes into an integrated program of study, and new combinations of courses are being planned. Learning Communities provide unparalleled opportunities for self-expression and learning at Peninsula College.

Associate of Arts Degree Requirements

- 90 credits, including 60 credits selected from the approved list of Distribution Courses*
- English 111 and 112 (5 credits each)
- 5 credits of Mathematics from courses numbered above 107
- 15 credits in Humanities distribution
- 15 credits in Social Sciences distribution
- 15 credits in Natural Sciences distribution, including at least one laboratory course (designated by an “L” in the course number)
- Elective courses
- A cumulative GPA of 2.00 in college-level courses

* Courses in three different subject areas must be selected from the course list within each distribution area.

Students pursuing an AA degree with an emphasis in the Humanities typically select electives from Art, Drama, English, Journalism, Literature, Music, or Speech. Your academic advisor can assist you with your selection of appropriate elective courses.

For More Information

For more information about Humanities classes at Peninsula College call 360-417-6340 or toll-free in Washington 1-877-452-9277, ext. 6340.
Studying the Humanities at Peninsula College

The free and creative expression of ideas is the guiding philosophy of Humanities course work at Peninsula College. Students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree may choose to focus on literature, creative writing, journalism, philosophy, speech, or unique combinations of humanities courses as part of their academic experience at PC.

The end result?

Students of the Humanities will be able to express themselves confidently in the written and spoken word—skills that will last a lifetime!

Literature and Writing

Peninsula College is proud to offer a suite of literature and writing courses that encourage creative expression and help to give voice to one’s thoughts. Literature courses explore the works of writers from around the world, American authors and poets, women writers, and the special medium of children’s literature. Our talented faculty includes several published authors and poets, and they go the extra mile to nurture student talents.

Foreign Languages

¡Bienvenidos! to foreign language instruction at Peninsula College. In our increasingly interconnected world, people from all walks of life need to be able to communicate with one another in words and writing. PC offers one- and two-year sequences in Spanish and German, and a special program in Chinese language that can lead to your participation in our Chinese student exchange program.

Studying foreign languages is an excellent way to learn more about the world around you, and it can be an important key to your admission to bachelor’s degree programs at many of the universities in Washington state or elsewhere.

Philosophy

Are you intrigued by questions about the nature of reality, the existence of moral truths, the sources and limits of human knowledge? The field of philosophy explores answers to some of the most fundamental and enduring questions ever conceived by the human mind. In seeking to find which of these answers are correct or the most rationally defensible, philosophy classes at Peninsula College emphasize the use of analytical reasoning tools, tools that have a central role in the development of critical thinking skills. Philosophy is a logical choice for the inquisitive student!

Speech

There’s no need to fear public speaking if you enroll in a Peninsula College speech class! You’ll learn how to speak confidently and with conviction in a variety of contexts in our speech classes. Learn to persuade your audience to consider a controversial point of view; inform listeners of the facts of an issue; and learn to develop, rehearse, and succeed with the extemporaneous mode of delivery.

Journalism

This just in! Peninsula College is home to an award-winning Journalism program!

You could share in the accolades by signing up for Reporting and Writing, Photojournalism, or any of several other journalism courses. Journalism students learn how to report news and capture newsworthy images for publication, and they practice their craft by participating in the production of the college’s award-winning student newspaper, The Buccaneer. Special scholarships help support students who plan to emphasize journalism in their AA degree program. To learn more about this exceptional opportunity, contact Financial Aid for more information.

Integrated Studies

Integrated Studies (IS) courses often combine several lines of inquiry into one learning experience. The History of Science, Women’s Voices, and Understanding the Arts are popular IS selections.

Tidepools

PC students may also earn elective credits for assisting with the production of the college’s literary magazine, Tidepools. Share your ideas and voice your thoughts in these unparalleled Humanities programs at PC!