

UNK GENERAL STUDIES ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT
Distribution Courses: Humanities Category

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of their Humanities course, students should be able to:

- 1) Articulate the relevance of the Humanities course to their general education.
- 2) Analyze primary sources using methodologies appropriate to disciplines in the Humanities.
- 3) Create coherent positions based on the interpretation of primary sources.
- 4) Communicate effectively using the modes of discourse appropriate to the discipline.
- 5) Evaluate primary sources in cultural, historical, literary, or philosophical contexts.

The purpose of this assignment is to evaluate whether or not these learning objectives have been met. The basics of this assignment are common to all the General Studies Humanities courses taught at UNK. Your professor may give you additional instructions that tailor the assignment specifically to your course, such as specifying a different length or specific concept you are to discuss.

BASIC ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

You are taking a General Studies course in the humanities (English, Modern Language, History, Philosophy, or Speech). Below, you will find a list of five (5) reasons for studying the humanities. Please select one or more of these reasons and explain in a written essay how the humanities course you are taking now has enhanced your general education. Use specific examples from the course (readings, class activities, discussions, writing, and/or assignments) in your essay.

Courses in the humanities enable us to

- Identify the differences and similarities among diverse cultures, including but not limited to the ability to speak a foreign language
- Appreciate and preserve the great accomplishments of the past, giving us a sense of where we came from so that we can understand how that past has created the present
- Know and appreciate what humans have created and are capable of creating in terms of written/spoken communication and/or the arts
- Analyze and practice aesthetic, communicative, and expressive communication using the practices of the discipline
- Increase our self-awareness of our values and way of looking at the world as we seek to explore and understand the human experience

Your paper will range from two fully developed paragraphs (if you are writing in a foreign language) to two or more double-spaced pages if you are writing in your first language.