



GT PATHWAYS CONTENT CRITERIA: ARTS & HUMANITIES

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State-level Goal:

Collectively, the general education requirement in Arts & Humanities is designed to help students:

- Recognize the different ways in which humans have perceived their world.
- Deepen their understanding of how social, cultural, linguistic, religious, philosophical, and historical circumstances shape the human environment.
- Enhance their appreciation of the creative world.
- Explore fundamental questions of value, meaning, and modes of expression and creativity.
- Investigate the cultural character and literatures of the human experience.
- Learn to approach problems with greater awareness of their moral dimensions and ethical consequences.

Content Criteria for Designating an Arts & Humanities Course as GT Pathways:

The content of a GT Pathways Arts & Humanities course shall be designed to provide students with the experience to either:

GT-AH1 (Arts & Expression):

Respond analytically and critically to works of artistic expression, by addressing all of the following:

- a. Describe the basic elements and their effects on meaning in a work of art.
- b. Relate the effects of geography, economics, politics, religion, philosophy, and science on the values of a culture and the stylistic features of its arts.
- c. Determine how a work reflects or rejects the major values or concerns of a historical era or culture.
- d. Interpret themes or major concepts.

GT-AH2 (Literature & Humanities):

Respond analytically and critically to literary or media works, by addressing all of the following:

- a. Specific era(s)



- b. Specific culture(s)
- c. Themes or major concepts
- d. Attitudes and values

GT-AH3 (Ways of Thinking):

Respond analytically and critically to ways of thinking, by addressing one or more of the following:

- a. Logic
- b. Ethics
- c. The different questions dealt with by leading philosophers and/or theologians and their positions on those questions

GT-AH4 (World Languages):

Develop an ability to understand and communicate in, a language other than spoken and written English. Students should be able to:

- a. Demonstrate measurable proficiency at the appropriate level informed by current ACTFL (American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Proficiency Guidelines for specific languages in speaking, aural comprehension, reading, and writing in a language other than English, or in signing and visual comprehension in American Sign Language.
- b. Demonstrate cultural competency through communication in the target language, utilizing knowledge and understanding of cultural norms, values, and practices.

Required Competencies and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for Designating an Arts & Humanities Course as GT Pathways:

All **GT-AH1** courses shall include:

- GT Pathways competency in *Creative Thinking*, including SLO 4.
- GT Pathways competency in *Written Communication*, including SLOs 2 & 4.
- GT Pathways competency in *Critical Thinking*, including SLOs 2 & 5.

All **GT-AH2** courses shall include:

- GT Pathways competency in *Written Communication*, including SLOs 2 & 4.
- GT Pathways competency in *Critical Thinking*, including SLOs 2 & 5.

All **GT-AH3** courses shall include:

- GT Pathways competency in *Critical Thinking*, including SLOs 1, 2 & 5.

All **GT-AH4** courses shall include:

- GT Pathways competency in *Oral/Presentational Communication*, including SLOs 2,



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Maximum Number of Credits in Arts & Humanities That Are Guaranteed to Transfer:

At least six credit hours in Arts & Humanities will be guaranteed to transfer in the GT Pathways curriculum. An additional 3 credits *can be* guaranteed to transfer ***IF*** the student is requesting no more than 6 credits of GT Pathways courses in the Social & Behavioral Sciences category of the GT Pathways curriculum (a maximum of 15 credits is guaranteed to transfer from the combined categories of Arts & Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences).