

## **Humanities and Justice (BA) Learning Objectives**

- 1) Knowledge Acquisition: Focusing on historical, literary, and philosophical primary texts and contexts, students will gain a comprehensive foundation in major concepts, underlying principles, values, issues, and theories of justice in the Western tradition.
- 2) Knowledge Acquisition: Focusing on historical, literary, and philosophical primary texts and contexts, students will gain an understanding of selected concepts, underlying principles, values, issues, and theories of justice in non- Western traditions / cultures in several historical periods.
- 3) Comparative Analytical Skills: Students will learn to identify, compare, contrast, apply, and evaluate the concepts, underlying principles, values, and theories embedded in justice-related issues, events, and texts; they will be able to formulate, find a theoretical framework for, and seek answers to their own original research questions.
- 4) Multidisciplinary Methods of Inquiry: Students will learn to employ, compare, and evaluate the methods of inquiry used in the disciplines of history, literary study, and philosophy; students will be able to select and apply these methods to the study of justice-related concepts, issues, events and texts, and to the investigation of their own original research questions.
- 5) Writing + Rhetorical Skills: Students will be able to produce well-reasoned, well- researched, well documented and articulate texts, including essays, a Thesis Prospectus and/or draft, and a final Senior Thesis.
- 6) Research Skills + Information Literacy: Students will be able to investigate an original research question or research problem, and / or argue an original thesis, by engaging in a critical, rigorous, and ethical process of academic research.

### **LONG TERM OBJECTIVES**

Students will be prepared for well-informed and ethical civic, professional, and personal engagements with issues of justice, human rights, equality, and due process.