

An Introduction to Humanities

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- **Etymology**

It came from the Latin word “humanus” which means refined, cultured and human.

Refined : Norms, being civilized, and socialize.

Cultured: Adaptation to environment (social interaction, norms)

Human: having the nature of people, being a person

- **Definition**

Humanities are academic disciplines that study aspects of human society and culture. ... The **humanities** include ancient and modern languages, literature, philosophy, geography, history, religion, art, and musicology. Scholars in the **humanities** are "**humanity** scholars" or humanists.

- **Why Do We Need To Study Humanities**

The humanities can first be used to understand the past which has created the present. The culture which we have was shaped by the past. Facts, findings, and literature of even thousands of years ago have influenced our world today. Knowing this past can allow people to understand our present; knowing how we came to this present helps us to communicate about it and the future.

The study of the humanities can also be used to realize differing interpretations of life and history. Studying facts of the past helps to understand literature of the past. Art reflects the cultures of the past, and shows how we achieved what we have today.

- **Other Related Fields in Humanities**

Anthropology

History

Literature

Philosophy

Religion

Sociology

Visual and performing art

Modern and classical languages