



Applied Humanities, B.A.

Cal Poly Humboldt's Applied Humanities B.A. program blends the creativity and critical thinking of the humanities with the hands-on future-focused goals of a polytechnic education. It's designed for curious minds who want more than just theory. This is where doers, thinkers, and changemakers come to build the skills that employers are looking for.

Experience Your Learning

Studying at Humboldt means developing a strong foundation in the humanities while gaining real-world experience and job-ready skills. Hands-on learning experiences are built into your core major coursework and you have the opportunity to work with faculty on their research and projects, or to develop your own.

In your first year, you will complete a shared core of courses alongside your peers. These classes set the foundation for applied learning throughout your degree.

As part of your core service learning course, and supported by a faculty service learning coordinator, you will pick a site on or off campus that fits with your interests and schedule.

Humboldt is home to a large number of community-oriented non-profits and governmental organizations that are partnered with our University to provide students with career-centered learning. These organizations include sites that provide services in the following areas: Community Health & Wellness, Environmental Stewardship, Cultural and Youth Advocacy, Public Policy & Grant Support.

Did you know?

- Department faculty members have a strong commitment to social and environmental justice that shapes course offerings and content.
- You'll tackle real-world challenges through hands-on projects with community partners.
- In addition to choosing from one of three emphasis areas, the program includes practicums, portfolio building and service learning.



Academics & Options

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Applied Humanities pairs in-demand humanities skills with a polytechnic approach that emphasizes hands-on learning, cross-disciplinary experience, prototyping, and portfolio development. The program equips students with both theoretical knowledge and practical tools to succeed in diverse fields.

Choose from three emphasis areas

- Technology and Human Values
- Health Humanities
- Social Responsibility

Minors

- Arts in Health & Narrative Medicine
- Spanish Healthcare Interpretation

Certificates

- Digital Humanities

Careers

Applied Humanities graduates work in a dynamic range of sectors including: government, nonprofit, healthcare, research, and business. Our graduates are equipped with a unique understanding of the complexities of society and possible solutions to major social issues.

- AI Ethics Analyst / Policy
- Civic Project Coordinator
- Digital Content Strategist
- Environmental / Cultural Health Advocate
- Health Communications
- Healthcare Program Coordinator
- Community Engagement Coordinator
- Conflict Resolution / Mediation

