Letters / Humanities

At a Glance 522 Undergraduates enrolled / 224 Graduates enrolled / 109 International students enrolled / 57 Faculty members





The humanities aim to understand what is at once most familiar and enigmatic to us all — we humans. Who are we, where do we come from, where are we going, and what is our purpose? Such fundamental questions never lose their significance; if anything, they become even more important in our era of globalization and IT revolution, when radical shifts in social structures require us to identify essential issues and create new values. The Faculty of Letters and the Graduate School of Humanities tackle these old and new questions by investigating human nature and the cultures that humans have produced. The Faculty is also committed to international education, with a strong emphasis on Japanese studies and a variety of exchange programs.

Faculty of Letters

The Faculty of Letters has one department (Department of Humanities) consisting of five principal research divisions, further divided into fifteen areas. First-year undergraduate students take a wide range of introductory classes to familiarize themselves with various topics in the humanities before declaring their majors around the end of the first year. Most specialized courses are offered in small-group seminars, and the Faculty boasts an outstanding studentfaculty ratio of approximately 2:1 in each academic year.

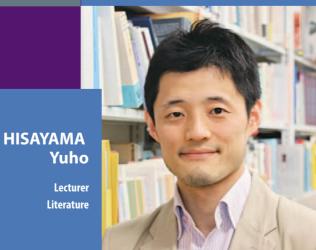
Graduate School of Humanities

The Graduate School offers 2-year Master's and 3-year Doctoral programs. The research-intensive curriculum is designed to enable students to pursue in-depth research in their specialization and prepare their master or doctoral thesis.



Message from Faculty

My current research interests focus on the concept of "Geist" in German intellectual history, especially the usage of this term by J. W. Goethe. With its long, complicated background relating to its Greek and Latin equivalents pneuma and spiritus, the word Geist cannot be easily translated into Japanese, whereas historically certain similarities with the Chinese-Japanese term ki (chi) has been pointed out, as I have shown in my work. At our university in Kobe, the city which has a tradition of coexistence with other cultures, you will find an ideal place to improve your sensibility of understanding 'Otherness' through studying Humanities.





■Undergraduate Program

	Department	Divisions
	Humanities	Philosophy
		Literature
		History
		Cognitive Systems
		Social Culture

■ Doctoral Program (three years) and Master's Program (two years)

Department	Divisions
Human Cultural Studies	Philosophy
	Literature
Human Social Dynamics	History
	Cognitive Systems
	Socio-Cultural Studies

■ Courses Offered in English (AY2016)

Courses
Studies in American Literature
Seminar in American Literature
Seminar in English Literature
Studies in English Linguistics
Seminar in English Linguistics
Studies in Global Humanities
Seminar in Global Humanities
Seminar in Global Communication
Advanced Studies in British and American Literature IX, X
Seminar in British and American Literature IX, X
Advanced Studies in English Linguistics I, II
Master's Program Advanced Studies in Global Humanities
Seminar in Global Communication I, II
Academic Writing 2
Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society

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