

INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES

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Hello. Welcome to Hum1020. It's Intro to the Humanities. Of course, it used to be called Intro to the Arts. We're still going to cover the arts, but we're going to add a little bit more culture into it. My name is Dr. Christie Rinck. I have a doctorate in music theory. I've been teaching college courses since 1999, a little bit of English, little bit of music, little bit of humanities and culture, and a little bit of women's studies.

And a little bit about myself. Well, I would tell you that I love dogs. Here's one of my dogs. I also do some service dog training for a couple of nonprofits in the Tampa Bay Area.

In Intro to the Humanities we're going to be covering at least eight different art forms, as well as going over some of the changes in history and how these art forms are impacted by various social angles, such as race, class, and gender, and cultures.

So why it's important to know about the humanities. Well, the arts are all around us. We deal with the arts every single day, not only with just design, but what we see in magazines and stores, as well as what hangs on museum walls, and what we hear in live performances. So it's important to know how we go about listening to things, how we go about observing things, and being able to analyze it, describe it, and critique it to others.

In this class, it's really important to be open, and honest, and forthcoming, and to respect other people's opinions. So we're going to talk a lot about taste, and what you might like other people might not like, but that's OK, as long as you're using terms to describe it and tell me why you don't like it. So make sure that you're thorough in your responses. And by all means, don't be afraid to ask questions. I'd rather have you ask a question, even if it's a couple times, than give me something that you're really not happy with.

So I'm excited to enjoy this humanities experience with you. I know I learn something every single semester, and I hope you do too. Thanks, and let's have a great journey.