The Humanities Research Center (HRC) identifies, encourages, and funds research projects by faculty, visiting scholars, graduate, and undergraduate students in the School of Humanities and beyond. This involves fostering scholarly work, facilitating research between the School of Humanities and other areas of Rice University, and leading institutional change by partnering with other foundations, centers, research institutions, and universities. Independent initiatives are also taken by the HRC in order to incubate ideas and detect disciplinary changes that shape the future of the university.

The HRC has recently launched initiatives in Spatial Studies and Public Humanities with focus areas in Cultural Heritage, Medical Humanities, critical platform studies, and Post-Harvey Houston. The Minor in Medical Humanities examines medicine through humanistic disciplines such as history, ethics, religion, literature, cultural anthropology, media studies, and the visual and dramatic arts. The Minor in Museums and Cultural Heritage examines the history, politics, materiality, and aesthetics of museum curation practices, technologies of cultural preservation and dissemination, and the place of tangible and intangible collective heritage in human social life. Other ongoing programs include research project funding, visiting scholarships, seminars, courses, conferences, workshops, lecture series, practica, exhibitions, performances, and film series.

Minor
- Minor in Medical Humanities (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/medical-humanities/medical-humanities-minor)
- Minor in Museums and Cultural Heritage (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/museums-cultural-heritage/museums-cultural-heritage-minor)

The Humanities Research Center does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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HURC 245 - INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES
Short Title: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Interdisciplinary study of cultural forms as diverse as poetry, advertisement, and film as well as topical interdisciplinary courses on literature and the arts, psychology, cultural studies, film media, anthropology, social theory, philosophy, law, and ethics. Topics vary each semester. Taught by English Department Ph.D. candidates. Cross-list: ENGL 245. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 299 - ENGLISH LITERATURE AND THE PUBLIC HUMANITIES
Short Title: HISTORY AND MEANING
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: In this course, students learn to apply critical humanistic methods to issues of public importance, especially in the Houston area. Participants study necessary applications of humanistic inquiry to civic life and contribute to this work themselves. Topics vary each semester. Past topics have included: Surreal Houston; Curating Heritage; (Dis)locating Art. Consult the Humanities Research Center or the English Department for more information. Cross-list: ENGL 299. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 301 - HRC UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
Short Title: HRC UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The HRC Undergraduate Fellowship requires students to attend a series of workshops and lectures. Fellow will also conduct research with HRC faculty. Contact HRC to apply. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
Course URL: www.hrc.rice.edu/undergraduate.aspx

HURC 303 - HRC RICE SEMINAR UNDERGRADUATE COURSE
Short Title: HRC RICE SEMINAR COURSE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: HURC Rice Seminar undergraduate course requires students to attend a series of lectures by scholars studying the historical and modern day issues of the year’s Rice Seminar topic and participate in monthly discussion groups. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 304 - HRC SUPERVISED RESEARCH
Short Title: HRC SUPERVISED RESEARCH
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A course designed for students who want to pursue intensive semester-long study of a particular topic that is the specialty of visiting faculty or postdoctoral fellow. Department Permission Required.

HURC 305 - URBAN SPACES, MAPPED PLACES
Short Title: URBAN SPACES, MAPPED PLACES
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will challenge students to understand what information about a city can be analyzed and conveyed via cartography. Students will acquire mapping skills using CartoDB, Mapbox and Leaflet and will examine historical cartography via Adobe Illustrator and qGIS. Readings will include urban theory, representation in cartography, critical debates on big data and social media, and works of fiction that involve mapping and the city. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 305 if student has credit for HART 405.

HURC 306 - HEALTH AND HUMANITIES MASTER CLASS
Short Title: HEALTH AND HUMANITIES MC
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Faculty from Rice University, University of Texas School of Public health, and University of Houston, as well as practitioners in the Texas Medical Center, will lead class discussions on different aspects of the health industry today. The class will meet Tuesday evenings at the McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science and at Rice Thursdays. Students will read essays, case studies, and fiction or watch films to prepare for each discussion. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 506. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 306 if student has credit for HURC 506.
HURC 307 - CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY
Short Title: CRITICAL HUMA - HEALTH & BODY
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course explores the place of humanities in the public sphere, presenting tools for critical assessment. Undergraduate and graduate students from across campus form research cohorts with Rice faculty, outside scholars, and members of local institutions. Graduate students serve as mentors for undergraduates and will be assessed on papers and the class sessions they design and lead. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 511. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 311 if student has credit for HURC 511. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 308 - ADVANCED STUDY IN MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE: ARTS OF ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AT THE MENIL COLLECTION
Short Title: ADV STUDY IN MUSEUMS/HERITAGE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course comprises six modules co-taught by faculty and medical professionals. Modules will address DNA and genetics, changes in medical education, the pathologization of difference, the process of dying, disability and ability, the doctor-patient relationship, and more.

HURC 309 - CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY
Short Title: CRITICAL HUMA - HEALTH & BODY
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Distribution Group: Distribution Group I
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course introduces students to advanced ethical, legal and practical issues facing museums as they acquire and maintain collections from areas prone to looting and destruction, especially the Ancient Mediterranean. We will examine the civic engagement and operation of the Menil Collection through close, on-site archival and object study. Cross-list: HART 312. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 508. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 308 if student has credit for HURC 508.

HURC 310 - CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY
Short Title: CRITICAL HUMA - HEALTH & BODY
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course examines the humanities of care and the end of life. Cross-list: ANTH 341.

HURC 311 - MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE: EXHIBITING ART, EXHIBITING CULTURE
Short Title: MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A wide-ranging introduction to museum studies with a particular focus on the collection and exhibition of cultural heritage materials. We will examine how heritage objects are displayed and represented in museums of art, natural historical history, and heritage. Topics include looking and ethics of collecting, policies of display, changing roles for museums; exhibition design and curatorial practice. Cross-list: ANTH 341.

HURC 312 - CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY
Short Title: CRITICAL HUMA - HEALTH & BODY
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Pairing the perspectives of medicine, bioethics, and the medical humanities with thematic case studies in art, literature, cinema, and visual culture, the class examines the humanities of care and the end of life. Cross-list: RELI 361.

HURC 313 - CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY
Short Title: CRITICAL HUMA - HEALTH & BODY
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course consists of a series of sessions with Rice faculty and outside speakers that focus on specific texts to explore important critical questions and debates. There will be 14 master class sessions per term. At the end of the semester, the students will present their own work in a symposium. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 601. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 401 if student has credit for HURC 601. Repeatable for Credit.
**HURC 403 - SAWYER SEMINAR: PLATFORMS FOR KNOWLEDGE IN A WIDE WEB OF WORLDS**

**Short Title:** SAWYER SEMINAR  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 4  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The seminar explores digital knowledge platforms (e-learning, publishing, collaborative research, crowd-sourced) that uphold our academic mission to disseminate knowledge by enabling teachers, students and researchers to discover, analyze, and share information without regard to barriers of space and time. These same platforms, however, raise questions about expertise, access, metrics, power shifts, and academic autonomy. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 404 - THE POET AND THE MUSEUM**

**Short Title:** THE POET AND THE MUSEUM  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course considers what it means for poets to seek meaning and inspiration in the world of the visual arts. Students will visit Houston art venues to examine objects of cultural heritage, seek insight about the practice of making, preserving and presenting art with curators and conservators, and will have an opportunity to work with two practicing artists.

**HURC 405 - DIACHRONIC MAPPING: THE RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

**Short Title:** DIACHRONIC MAPPING  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture/Laboratory  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The objective of this course is to collaboratively design a digital atlas of the Rice Campus where visual archives, locatable in time and space, can be embedded. The evolution of the campus will be presented by historians and training sessions in ArcGIS, Rhino, and Shared Shelf will be conducted by specialists. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 605. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 405 if student has credit for HURC 605. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 406 - MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING, EDITING, PRESENTING AND PUBLIC WRITING**

**Short Title:** MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Offers undergraduate and graduate students insight into the public life of writing with particular attention to academic and literary publishing, editing, and presenting. Sessions organized around topics in these areas and visits with experts (agents, editors, authors, presenters, etc.) with experience in publishing, and creating series, festivals, and other forms of presentation. Meets 3 times per semester, helps develop internship possibilities for participants, and develop strategies for increasing the presentation of public writing at Rice. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 606. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 406 if student has credit for HURC 606. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 408 - FUTURES OF THE BOOK**

**Short Title:** FUTURES OF THE BOOK  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** From an ongoing interest in the book as a physical object, to the exploration of its potentials expanding into a four-dimensional digital realm, to rapidly changing demands for the storage and retrieval of knowledge, this master class will provide a platform to engage experts from various disciplines in a debate on the shifting futures of the book. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: ARCH 456. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 608. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 408 if student has credit for HURC 608.

**HURC 423 - HRC PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Short Title:** PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This research-based course is conducted in partnership with cultural heritage institutions in Houston. Qualified and advanced students work 10 hours/week on site with curators, artists, archivists, center directors, and others to develop projects in specific research areas. Students meet regularly with instructor to discuss research and to present work at an end of semester symposium. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 423 - SAWYER SEMINAR: PLATFORMS FOR KNOWLEDGE IN A WIDE WEB OF WORLDS**

**Short Title:** SAWYER SEMINAR  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 4  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The seminar explores digital knowledge platforms (e-learning, publishing, collaborative research, crowd-sourced) that uphold our academic mission to disseminate knowledge by enabling teachers, students and researchers to discover, analyze, and share information without regard to barriers of space and time. These same platforms, however, raise questions about expertise, access, metrics, power shifts, and academic autonomy. Department Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 404 - THE POET AND THE MUSEUM**

**Short Title:** THE POET AND THE MUSEUM  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This course considers what it means for poets to seek meaning and inspiration in the world of the visual arts. Students will visit Houston art venues to examine objects of cultural heritage, seek insight about the practice of making, preserving and presenting art with curators and conservators, and will have an opportunity to work with two practicing artists.

**HURC 405 - DIACHRONIC MAPPING: THE RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

**Short Title:** DIACHRONIC MAPPING  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture/Laboratory  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** The objective of this course is to collaboratively design a digital atlas of the Rice Campus where visual archives, locatable in time and space, can be embedded. The evolution of the campus will be presented by historians and training sessions in ArcGIS, Rhino, and Shared Shelf will be conducted by specialists. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 605. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 405 if student has credit for HURC 605. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 406 - MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING, EDITING, PRESENTING AND PUBLIC WRITING**

**Short Title:** MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** Offers undergraduate and graduate students insight into the public life of writing with particular attention to academic and literary publishing, editing, and presenting. Sessions organized around topics in these areas and visits with experts (agents, editors, authors, presenters, etc.) with experience in publishing, and creating series, festivals, and other forms of presentation. Meets 3 times per semester, helps develop internship possibilities for participants, and develop strategies for increasing the presentation of public writing at Rice. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 606. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 406 if student has credit for HURC 606. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 408 - FUTURES OF THE BOOK**

**Short Title:** FUTURES OF THE BOOK  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** From an ongoing interest in the book as a physical object, to the exploration of its potentials expanding into a four-dimensional digital realm, to rapidly changing demands for the storage and retrieval of knowledge, this master class will provide a platform to engage experts from various disciplines in a debate on the shifting futures of the book. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: ARCH 456. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 608. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 408 if student has credit for HURC 608.

**HURC 423 - HRC PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Short Title:** PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level  
**Description:** This research-based course is conducted in partnership with cultural heritage institutions in Houston. Qualified and advanced students work 10 hours/week on site with curators, artists, archivists, center directors, and others to develop projects in specific research areas. Students meet regularly with instructor to discuss research and to present work at an end of semester symposium. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
HURC 432 - SPECIAL TOPICS: SPATIAL HUMANITIES  
Short Title: SPATIAL HUMANITIES  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course will trace the evolution of a city as it existed and as it was imagined. Views, historic maps, and ground-floor plans will be located in both time and space while their associated visual and spatial data will be integrated across digital platforms. Graduate students enroll in an additional bootcamp and mentor undergraduate students. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 632. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 432 if student has credit for HURC 632. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 450 - SPATIAL HUMANITIES MASTERCLASS  
Short Title: SPATIAL HUMANITIES MASTERCLASS  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 1-3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: This course explores current developments in humanistic practices and theories of cartography and 3-D modeling. Undergraduates and graduate students from across campus form research cohorts with Rice faculty, external scholars, and practitioners. Each course assigns credit hours based on the number of guest speakers and class meetings on a semester-by-semester basis. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 650. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 450 if student has credit for HURC 650. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS  
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory  
Credit Hours: 1-4  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 480 - HURC SUPERVISED RESEARCH  
Short Title: HRC SUPERVISED RESEARCH  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Research  
Credit Hours: 1-3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level  
Description: A course designed for students who want to pursue intensive semester-long study of a particular topic under the supervision of a faculty member. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 501 - MELLON GRADUATE SEMINAR I  
Short Title: QUANTA, PSYCHE, CELL  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate  
Description: Focusing on epistemologies of time and the problem of perceiving and capturing presence, the seminar will bring together theories and conceptions about time, temporalities, and temporal perception offered by quantum theories, psychoanalysis, and biology, engaging as well the myriad aspects of the multi-layered sensory, epistemological, psychological, and phenomenological registers through which humans perceive, remember, represent, and calculate time. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Course URL: hrc.rice.edu/aw-mellon/node/56

HURC 502 - HRC MELLON RESEARCH SEMINAR  
Short Title: CRITICAL PLATFORM STUDIES  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hour: 1  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate  
Description: The seminar will explore digital knowledge platforms (e-learning, publishing, crowd-sourced, etc.) that both disseminate knowledge and raise questions about what counts as expertise, who controls access to information, what power shifts from educational institutions to corporations, how quantification affects humanistic wisdom, and how academic autonomy and diversity are ultimately disrupted. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Course URL: www.hrc.rice.edu/mellonseminars.aspx

HURC 503 - MELLON GRADUATE SEMINAR II  
Short Title: SPATIAL STUDIES  
Department: Humanities Research Center  
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
Course Type: Seminar  
Credit Hours: 3  
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Course Level: Graduate  
Description: The seminar will introduce students to Spatial Studies as an emerging field of knowledge production, as well as to prominent scholars working in the field. The seminar will be structured around the visits of scholars who will give public lectures during regularly scheduled class time. Also, students will look into ongoing research that not only stems from a surge of scholarly interest in space but that also exploits a vast assortment of information technologies; explore, critique, and experience the modeling and mapping of historic sites and events; and together incubate a multidisciplinary and broadly humanistic collaboration among interested tech innovators, faculty, and students. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

Course URL: hrc.rice.edu/aw-mellon/node/56
HURC 506 - HEALTH AND HUMANITIES MASTER CLASS
Short Title: HEALTH AND HUMANITIES MC
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Faculty from Rice University, University of Texas School of Public health, and University of Houston, as well as practitioners in the Texas Medical Center, will lead class discussions on different aspects of the health industry today. The class will meet Tuesday evenings at the McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science and at Rice Thursdays. Students will read essays, case studies, and fiction or watch films to prepare for each discussion. Graduate students will have additional assignments. Graduate students will not write 5 papers required of undergraduates and may opt out of 3 lectures and the corresponding discussions. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 306. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 506 if student has credit for HURC 306.

HURC 508 - ADVANCED STUDY IN MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE: ARTS OF ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AT THE MENIL COLLECTION
Short Title: ADV STUDY IN MUSEUMS/HERITAGE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course introduces students to advanced ethical, legal and practical issues facing museums as they acquire and maintain collections from areas prone to looting and destruction, especially the Ancient Mediterranean. We will examine the civic engagement and operation of the Menil Collection through close, on-site archival and object study. Cross-list: HART 540. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 308. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 508 if student has credit for HURC 308.

HURC 511 - PUBLIC HUMANITIES MASTERCLASS
Short Title: FUTURES OF ARCHITECTURAL EXHBT
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course explores the place of humanities in the public sphere, presenting tools for critical assessment. Undergraduate and graduate students from across campus form research cohorts with Rice faculty, outside scholars, and members of local institutions. Graduate students serve as mentors for undergraduates and will be assessed on papers and the class sessions they design and lead. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 311. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 511 if student has credit for HURC 311. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 501 - MASTER CLASS IN LITERARY STUDIES
Short Title: MASTER CLASS CULTURAL HERITAGE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 2
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course consists of a series of sessions with Rice faculty and outside speakers that focus on specific texts to explore important critical questions and debates. There will be 14 master class sessions per term. At the end of the semester, the students will present their own work in a symposium. Graduate students will each present a topic of their choice in class related to the work on the syllabus. In addition, they will write a conference paper to present at the Flusser Symposium at the end of the term. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 401. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 601 if student has credit for HURC 401. Repeatable for Credit.

HURC 602 - RICE SEMINARS
Short Title: VALUE/CONSCIOUSNESS/VALUE
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Year long intellectual inquiry during which faculty and graduate students develop, present, and discuss original scholarship that explores aspects of the seminar's annual topic. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
Course URL: hrc.rice.edu/rice-seminars/

HURC 605 - DIACHRONIC MAPPING: THE RICE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
Short Title: DIACHRONIC MAPPING
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The objective of this course is to collaboratively design a digital atlas of the Rice Campus where visual archives, locatable in time and space, can be embedded. The evolution of the campus will be presented by historians and training sessions in ArcGIS, Rhino, and Shared Shelf will be conducted by specialists. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 405. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 605 if student has credit for HART 405/HURC 405. Repeatable for Credit.
**HURC 606 - MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING, EDITING, PRESENTING AND PUBLIC WRITING**

**Short Title:** MASTERCLASS IN PUBLISHING  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Offers undergraduate and graduate students insight into the public life of writing with particular attention to academic and literary publishing, editing, and presenting. Sessions organized around topics in these areas and visits with experts (agents, editors, authors, presenters, etc.) with experience in publishing, and creating series, festivals, and other forms of presentation. Meets 3 times per semester, helps develop internship possibilities for participants, and develop strategies for increasing the presentation of public writing at Rice. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 406. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 606 if student has credit for HURC 406. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 608 - FUTURES OF THE BOOK**

**Short Title:** FUTURES OF THE BOOK  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hour:** 1  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** From an ongoing interest in the book as a physical object, to the exploration of its potentials expanding into a four-dimensional digital realm, to rapidly changing demands for the storage and retrieval of knowledge, this master class will provide a platform to engage experts from various disciplines in a debate on the shifting futures of the book. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: ARCH 656. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 408. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 608 if student has credit for HURC 408.

**HURC 623 - HRC GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**Short Title:** PRACTICUM IN CULTURAL HERITAGE  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This research-based course is conducted in partnership with cultural heritage institutions in Houston. Graduate students work 10 hours/week on site with curators, artists, archivists, center directors, and others to develop projects in specific research areas. Students meet regularly with instructor to discuss research and to present work at an end of semester symposium. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 630 - HRC GRADUATE PRACTICUM IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES**

**Short Title:** PRACTICUM IN HEALTH HUMANITIES  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This research-based course is conducted in partnership with health institutions in Houston. Graduate students work 10 hours/week on site with curators, artists, archivists, center directors, and others to develop projects in specific research areas. Students meet regularly with instructor to discuss research and to present work at an end of semester symposium. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 632 - SPECIAL TOPICS: SPATIAL HUMANITIES**

**Short Title:** SPATIAL HUMANITIES  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Seminar  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This course will trace the evolution of a city as it existed and as it was imagined. Views, historic maps, and ground-floor plans will be located in both time and space while their associated visual and spatial data will be integrated across digital platforms. Graduate students enroll in an additional bootcamp and mentor undergraduate students. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 432. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 632 if student has credit for HURC 432. Repeatable for Credit.

**HURC 650 - SPATIAL HUMANITIES MASTERCLASS**

**Short Title:** SPATIAL HUMANITIES MASTERCLASS  
**Department:** Humanities Research Center  
**Grade Mode:** Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  
**Course Type:** Lecture/Laboratory  
**Credit Hours:** 1-3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This course explores current developments in humanistic practices and theories of cartography and 3-D modeling. Undergraduates and graduate students from across campus form research cohorts with Rice faculty, external scholars, and practitioners. Each course assigns credit hours based on the number of guess speakers and class meetings on a semester-by-semester basis. Over and above the undergraduate workload in this section, graduate students will be required to give one public talk as part of the Spatial Humanities Initiative lecture series, lead one class discussion or training session related to their talk, and submit a research proposal for a project that can be integrated into the initiative. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: HURC 450. Mutually Exclusive: Cannot register for HURC 650 if student has credit for HURC 450. Repeatable for Credit.
HURC 677 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Humanities Research Center
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory, Seminar, Lecture, Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Visiting Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
• Course offerings/subject code: HURC

Center Description and Code
• Humanities Research Center: HURC

Undergraduate Minor Description and Code
• Minor in Medical Humanities: MDHM
• Minor in Museums and Cultural Heritage: MUCH

CIP Code and Description ¹
• MDHM Minor: CIP Code/Title: 30.2701 - Human Biology
• MUCH Minor: CIP Code/Title: 30.1401 - Museology/Museum Studies

¹ Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2010 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/