



HUM 101 Fact Sheet

What is Humanities 101?

Humanities 101 is a 12-week program scheduled for the Spring 2023. It is a tuition free university level program for economically marginalized individuals. It is intended to reawaken interest in education, increase self-esteem, and serve as a springboard to further community involvement and/or education. Humanities 101 is a community-university partnership. Education will occur through the active building of a learning community.

Course description: The Humanities 101 Course will be a collaborative learning experience with community members on the topic of “***Environmental Justice and Community Action***.” Throughout the course, community members will explore and share their own ideas of what justice means to them and their experiences of activism within their own communities. Many of our considerations related to justice will be related to the environment, social justice, equity, community action and wellness. We also discuss the topic in the Canadian context and also how it impacts global communities. The course includes videos, reading, writing and speaking assignments, group discussions dialogue as well as lecture content.

How many people will the program accommodate?

Twenty-five participant spaces have been allocated in the program.

Who is eligible for this program?

You are eligible for this program if you:

- Have completed high school
- Have faced barriers to post-secondary education (College/ University)
- Are proficient in English: reading, writing, and comprehending
- Are able to attend classes each week on Thursdays from 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Able to participate in the study group each week on Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

When does the course take place?

The 12-week course is offered **May 4 – July 20, 2023** (University of Waterloo’s Spring term)

Where is the course taking place?

The course takes place using a video classroom platform, Zoom, with security features. Therefore, you will need a device and Wi-Fi to participate in this course.

How do I register for the program? What is the registration process?

Registration process:

1. Fill out an application form. If necessary, a community agency worker or a coordinator will help you to complete an application form to give information about your eligibility for the program.
2. Submit form by email or arrange to submit in person to one of the coordinators via Kei, Linda or Priya Humanities10123@gmail.com.

Do I have to pay?

There is no financial cost for program participants. Renison University College, the University of Waterloo, and the Ross & Doris Dixon Foundation will underwrite the full cost of the program

What do I need to take the course?

You need to be able to attend each class for the 12 weeks, delivered online in video classroom format. Possibility of drop-in community building learning exchange will be discussed after enrollment and depending on students' interest and accessibility. You will need to be excited about the Humanities 101 learning, and to be able to participate in the assignments, which will involve reading, reflection, dialogue, writing and presentation.

How do I get access to all the materials for the course?

You will be provided with all the course materials needed including assigned readings for the course, notebooks, pens, and any other materials needed to complete the learning activities.

What days and time will the course take place?

The course will run in the Spring 2023 semester. It begins on Thursday May 4, 2023 and runs every Thursday evening for 12 weeks until Thursday July 20, 2023.

How do I demonstrate English Language proficiency, if English is not my first language?

If English is not your first language, please carefully consider the reading, writing, and comprehension that this course will require. Your success is important, which will require a demonstration of English proficiency. If you feel ready to participate in a course that requires a good level of English proficiency, welcome! If you don't feel completely ready, please consider using this coming year to build your English skills and join our course next year. You will be welcomed!

Who will be teaching the course?

The course will be taught by Dr Trish Van Katwyk, a University of Waterloo professor in Social Work. Dr Van Katwyk will teach on different topics related to the main theme "Environmental Justice."

Please contact: Humanities10123@gmail.com.

When you email please provide your geographical location (Toronto, Guelph, Kitchener etc). This is only to connect you to coordinator in your location.