**UNDECIDED MAJORS** in the **HONORS COLLEGE** considering humanities and social sciences

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**BA (Humanities and Social Sciences)**  
**SAMPLE SCHEDULE** Fall 2018

**CONTACT INFORMATION**
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- Contact Mrs. Clark for an appointment with Dean Burr (mclarkp@gmu.edu)

*Note to incoming Undecided Honors College students with interests in the humanities or social sciences:* There is no need to rush to declare a major. Students pursuing Bachelor of Arts degrees in the humanities or social sciences have room in their schedules to take elective credits (credits beyond major and core requirements) and still graduate in four years. We advise Undecided students to start out by taking a mixture of courses that fulfill Core requirements and allow you to explore majors and minors at the same time.

### 1st Year – 1st Semester (Fall)

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<td>Research Methods Requirement (must be taken in the first semester): HNRS 110: Introduction to Research (Grade of C or better required) or HNRS 108: Introduction to Research Methods I (3 credits)</td>
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<td>Quantitative Analysis Requirement (may be taken in the first semester if you meet the pre-requisite): HNRT 125: A Liberal Arts Approach to Calculus or HNRT 225: Topics in Quantitative Analysis or MATH 111h: Linear Mathematical Modeling. If you earned a 4 or 5 for Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus AB, you have fulfilled this requirement, and you may use the credits to take HNRS 122: Reading the Arts.</td>
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<td>Foreign Language (strongly advised). Students pursuing a BA must acquire intermediate proficiency in a foreign language. If you are continuing a language in a 3-credit course rather than starting a language with a 6-credit course, you may use 3 credits to take an introductory course in a subject that interests you.</td>
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<td>An introductory course in a subject that interests you as a major or minor. To identify an appropriate introductory course in a given subject, see the Honors College Sample Schedule for the relevant major to find out what students in that major take in their first semesters.</td>
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**Semester Total**  
16
To see what a 4-year schedule looks like in a given major, browse Honors College Sample Schedules for any and all majors that interest you. You will also want to use Honors College Sample Schedules to determine which introductory classes you should take.

As you explore majors in the humanities and social sciences, keep this in mind: The major that interests you the most is the best major for you. All humanities and social sciences majors provide students with opportunities to develop excellence in the following areas: research, creative and analytical thinking, written and verbal communication, and foreign language. The students who make best use of these opportunities to prepare for the future are those who study what matters to them.

http://chss.gmu.edu/careers/what-can-i-do

1 Students studying the humanities and social sciences who intend to take HNRT 125 or HNRT 225 or MATH 111h are not required to take the Math Placement Test to register for the class. However, they must show competency in Algebra before the first day of classes. This competency can be demonstrated by:
   - An SAT quantitative score of 540 or above,
   - An ACT quantitative score of 22 or above,
   - A passing score on the Algebra I portion of the Math Placement Test, or
   - Completion of MATH 008, the Mason Online Algebra Program.

Students with ANY interest in pursuing a STEM field should consider taking MATH 105, MATH 113, or the MATH 123 & 124 sequence. To get into any of these classes, students must take Mason’s Math Placement Test or earn qualifying scores on an AP Calculus or IB Math exam.
If you do not place into the Math course required by your major, you needn’t fear – simply ask about your options. You may simply need to take some pre-requisite courses first.