

Humanities Research

**How YOU Can Process and
Document the Human Experience**

What does “humanities” mean?

“The study of how people process and document the human experience”

-Stanford Humanities Center

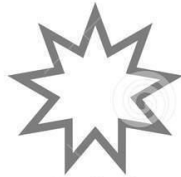








Ayyavazhi



Bahai



Buddhism



Christianity
Latin cross



Christianity
Greek cross



Christianity
Orthodox cross



Christianity
Chi-Rho/Labarum



Christianity
JHS Christogram



Christianity
Ichthys



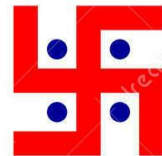
Hinduism



Islam



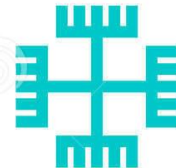
Jainism



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Judaism



Paganism



Paganism



Paganism



Sikhism



Shinto



Taoism



Why is humanities research important?

Humanities research allows us to:

- Understand the world
- Think critically
- Understand ourselves and our roots
- Promote cross-cultural understanding
- Create new knowledge and make past work more accurate or inclusive

What types of questions does humanities research try to answer?

Why do humans think and interact the way we do?

What motivates us? How do we relate to one another?

Through humanities research, you can...

- Reconstruct forgotten histories
- Analyze books, film, propaganda, and other forms of cultural production
- Interpret art, music, and literature in new ways
- Gain a deeper understanding of human cultures

Get involved at IU!

- Talk to professors and advisors
- Check department websites for opportunities
- Explore humanities labs at IU
 - Experimental Humanities Lab
 - ASURE (Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Experiences) Program
 - Center of Excellence for Women in Technology

- Apply for grants for humanities research
 - Hutton Honors College
 - Academic Departments
- Write a senior thesis
 - Year-long, independent project on a topic of your choice
- Discover IU libraries and collections
 - Excellent resources for primary-source research

What disciplines does humanities research include?

- Languages
- Art
- Music
- Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Philosophy
- History
- Ethics
- Religion
- And many more!

Collections to Enrich Your Research

- IU Archives - 200 years of IU history
- Lilly Library - Rare books and manuscripts
- Kinsey Institute - Collections on human sexuality
- Eskenazi Museum of Art - Artwork (reopening Fall 2019)

A full listing of IU collections can be found on IU's new collections website: <https://collections.iu.edu/>.

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