Humanities Bachelor's Degree: Classical Culture and European Modernity pathway

The majority of our courses are taught in French. We invite you to also have a look at the list of courses offered in English at Rennes 2.

Objectives

The degree is organized around four complementary disciplines: Literature (ancient, French and comparative), History (from ancient to contemporary history), Archaeology and History of Art.

This multidisciplinarity makes this course the only one of its kind in the Grande-Ouest area.

Its main scientific objective is to provide students with an equal measure of classic and modern general knowledge in this field along with in-depth knowledge of European heritage, which will be considered in all its historical depth from antiquity to the present day, drawing on historical and archaeological sources, artistic productions and literary texts.

By combining these various fields of study, the degree gives students a general knowledge that is characterized by its breadth and coherence, while allowing them to master the analytical techniques of each of the four disciplines.

Skills

At the end of this professionally oriented general training course, students will have a good command of the following transversal and disciplinary skills:

- Thorough general knowledge and the essential historical reference points that shed light on the major philosophical and artistic thinking that spread throughout Europe.
- Ability to identify in written or iconographic documents the major periods of cultural history and describe the changes in these periods in the context of a text or document study / analysis.
- Ability to combine different types of approaches and will acquire and consolidate various skills: literary know-how; knowledge and methodology specific to History; proficiency in the principles of analysis of artistic and archaeological heritage by combining historical, cultural, technical and aesthetic data.
- Ability to analyse the processes of knowledge production, dissemination and valorization.

Course Content

The course offers a strong foundation in the field of literature in years 1 and 2 (L1 and L2).

In year 3 (L3), students must choose a specialization: either Literature, History or History of Art and Archaeology.

Students are strongly advised to choose Latin and/or Greek as an option.