Arts & Humanities Educational Objectives

The programs in the NYUAD Arts and Humanities Division share common educational objectives. These are to educate students who after graduation, will:

1. Pursue a diverse range of careers in academia, the arts, business, government, law, industry, or the media.

2. Seek further professional development through graduate school programs, continuing educational courses, and/or professional training.

3. Develop innovative, ethical and socially responsible solutions to a range of local, regional or global problems across boundaries of difference and ethical complexity.

4. Be effective communicators and demonstrate collaborative, entrepreneurial and leadership qualities.

The primary pedagogical goals of the Arts and Humanities Division, across all eight majors, are for its students to:

1. Conduct advanced research, including archival research and fieldwork, and master the use of primary and secondary sources, library resources and relevant new technologies.

2. Achieve the ability to read and think critically, assess the relevant scholarship of the field, assimilate material quickly in a comprehensive way, analyze and evaluate different kinds of evidence, and develop conclusions or hypotheses from it.

3. Present original arguments in a rhetorically efficient form, both written and oral, demonstrating effective use of evidence, organizational skill and relevant technology.

4. Produce new knowledge and / or understanding in their field, provide perspectives that demonstrate a breadth and depth of understanding beyond it, and communicate effectively about their field to non-specialists and to the wider public.

5. Develop creative responses that demonstrate complex conceptual ability, technical mastery of the medium and the ability to bring a project to fruition in a timely manner.