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## **Mission**

The Department of the Humanities comprises the branches of learning concerned with systems of thought based on the nature, dignity, interests, expressions, ideas and values of humankind. The academic and creative field of the Humanities owes much to the work of the ancient Egyptians, who laid the philosophical foundation later adopted and expanded upon by the ancient Greeks and other, later societies. The field of the Humanities at Dillard University encompasses ancient philosophical foundations and modern modes of inquiry, such as computer-based research and interdisciplinary projects. The study of the Humanities emphasizes creativity and critical thinking skills, necessary attributes in academe and also in

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### Objectives

1. Increase students' knowledge of the liberal arts
2. Empower students to compete in a global and technologically advanced society
3. Promote an awareness and understanding of the African and African American heritage
4. Encourage in students an attitude reflecting ethical and spiritual values
5. Prepare students to demonstrate interest in and commitment to improving the human condition
6. Prepare students for the rigors of graduate and professional schools
7. Enable students to demonstrate oral and written communication skills, via English Language Studies and the study of World Languages
8. Foster critical thinking and reading skills
9. Develop competence in the application of information technology

### Majors Offered

The Department of the Humanities emphasizes culture from a global perspective as expressed in literature and the creative arts.

Majors are offered in the following areas: **Art**, **English**, **Music**, and **Theater Arts**. Students may also minor in

**World Languages**

"Eschatology", the artwork of John Barnes, Jr., Assistant Professor of Art, Dillard University - opening reception and interview at the Baugh Center for Visual Arts, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas.