

TU 110 Introduction - Vocabulary and Practice Questions

What Are the Humanities?

The Wikipedia definition of humanities:

The humanities are academic disciplines which study the human condition, using methods that are primarily analytic, critical, or speculative, as distinguished from the mainly empirical approaches of the natural and social sciences.

The Free Online Dictionary definition of humanities:

- a. The languages and literatures of ancient Greece and Rome; the classics.
- b. Those branches of knowledge, such as philosophy, literature, and art, that are concerned with human thought and culture; the liberal arts.

University subjects studied under the humanities:

- Visual and Performing Arts
 - Drama
 - Film (movies)
 - Music
 - Painting
 - Photography
 - Sculpture
- Philosophy
- Religion
- History
- Literature
- Language
- Law

Vocab:

Worldview

1. The overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world.
2. A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual, a group, or a society.

Objective vs. Subjective

Objective information is factual, empirical.

Subjective information is personal, like an opinion.

Plagiarism

Copying somebody else's words or ideas as if they were your own.

Practice Questions:

1. What aspects of the humanities are present in your daily life?
2. What is your worldview? What is the Thai worldview? Are they the same?
3. What is the Western worldview? How is your worldview similar/different?
4. Why do we believe what we believe? Where did our beliefs originate?
5. When is it OK to plagiarize somebody else's work?