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### HIP graduates have gone on to:

- Enroll in bachelor's and master's degree programs
- Write a column in a local newspaper
- Become active in the issues they care about
- Take on leadership roles in their communities

### How do I apply?

Fill out a brief application and answer a few short essay questions. Applications are reviewed to determine if your needs meet the program's goals. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview. Download the application at [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org).

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Get together, share ideas, listen, think, grow.

Each year, curious and ambitious students spend two semesters exploring challenging ideas about power, justice, knowledge, and community. In an engaging and supportive environment, they read, think about, and discuss everything from Greek tragedies and philosophy to modern poetry and plays, experiencing new ideas and new ways of seeing themselves and the world.

## What are the humanities?

The humanities include literature, history, philosophy, ethics, politics, and more—great books, compelling ideas, and difficult questions. As a Humanity in Perspective (HIP) student, you will be part of a supportive intellectual community.

## What is Humanity in Perspective?

HIP is a free two-semester college course for adults who do not have a college degree and who face financial barriers to continuing their education. The course is offered by Oregon Humanities and taught by Reed College professors. HIP is completely free. Class meets Monday and Thursday, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in downtown Portland.

## Am I eligible?

HIP students are eighteen and older and have annual household incomes of less than \$20,000 for an individual or \$40,000 for a family of four. The ideal candidate is curious, excited to be part of a learning community, and can commit to a two-semester program. Some applicants have taken college courses before; many have not. HIP students are not required to have a high school diploma or GED but must be able to speak and write fluently in English. Those who have a college degree (AA, BA, MA, etc.) are not eligible.

## How will I benefit from HIP?

HIP offers you a learning community and a way to be civically engaged. The class can boost your confidence and be a good way to make friends. For many people, HIP is a stepping stone to further education. Students receive the following at no cost:

- Tuition, books, and other materials
- Childcare reimbursement while class is in session
- Bus tickets to get to and from class
- Transferable college credit from Reed College

## What will we study?

The HIP class is discussion-based, and students improve their skills in writing, communicating, and critical thinking. Subjects include philosophy, literature, ancient Greek and American history, politics, theater, and writing. The texts we read range from Plato's *Republic* to poetry by Walt Whitman to essays by Martin Luther King Jr.

## What will be expected of me?

Students are expected to do the assigned work, attend class, and participate in class discussions. Most important, students commit to completing the two-semester program.

## What graduates say about HIP

"I definitely have a renewed interest in the world around me. I feel a kind of curiosity that I used to feel as a child. I thought I had lost it forever, having become jaded by my bad experiences in life, but it was there all along. It was just waiting to be reawakened."

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