

## The Worcester Clemente Course in the Humanities

The Clemente Course is a free, six-credit college-level course that will introduce you to some of the world's greatest writers, thinkers and artists.

Classes meet two evenings per week for eight months. These subjects are studied:

**Art History**  
**Critical Thinking and Writing**  
**Literature and Poetry**  
**Moral Philosophy**  
**U.S. History**

**The humanities** are subjects that form an important part of cultural heritage. They refer to experiences and the thoughts of human beings as expressed in art, sculpture, painting, literature, poetry, philosophy and history.



*Scenes from the 2016 Worcester Clemente Course graduation ceremony*

### Costs

There are no costs to Clemente Course students. If you are accepted into the course, all costs, including tuition, books, bus fare, and child-care will be provided.

### Class Schedule

Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 pm starting September 26, 2017 and running through May 2018, with holiday breaks. The program will be limited to thirty students.

### Location

Classes will be held at The Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury Street, Worcester (enter through the Education Wing entrance on Lancaster Street)

### College Credit / Certification

Students who successfully complete the 28-week course will receive six college credits from Bard College. Students completing the course, but not meeting the requirements for college credit, will receive a Bard College Certificate of Achievement.



## Criteria for Admission

- Be at least 17 years of age.
- Have the ability to read a newspaper in English.
- Belong to a low-income household (income no more than 150% of the 2017 federal poverty guideline).
- Be willing to consistently attend classes, do assignments, and complete the course.

## To Apply

For an application or information, call Elizabeth Bacon at 774-276-1166, or e-mail [clementeworcester@gmail.com](mailto:clementeworcester@gmail.com).

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*The humanities inspire intellectual freedom and political power. Through books, essays, and art, they move people to think critically, act ethically, and live freely.*

—Earl Shorris, Founder  
Clemente Course in the Humanities

## Why take the Clemente Course in the Humanities?

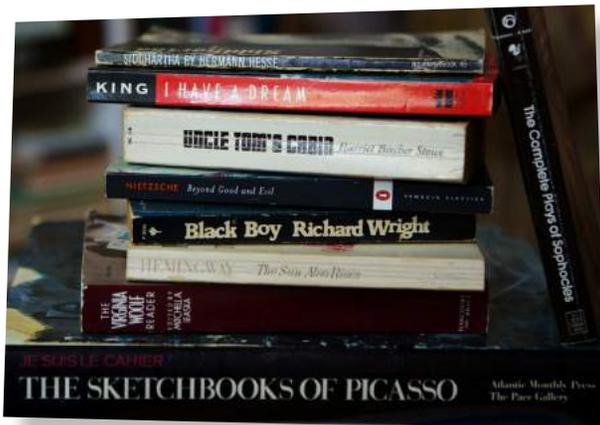
The Bard College Clemente Course in the Humanities is based in the fact that study of the humanities:

- Promotes personal growth and development,
- Enriches life,
- Deepens cultural awareness,
- Improves powers of thought and self-expression, and
- Helps create important new educational opportunities.

The Clemente Course provides an opportunity to:

- Experience a college level course taught by top-level college instructors,
- Earn six credits from Bard College that are transferable to other colleges,
- Study masterpieces in the fields of literature, history, philosophy, and art,
- Join with like-minded students in a supportive, non-judgmental environment, and
- Get special instruction in writing.

*Examples of books studied by recent Clemente Course scholars*



## A Collaborative Partnership

Each Bard College Clemente Course in Massachusetts is a unique collaboration between Bard College, Mass Humanities, local colleges and a local community organization that hosts the course. The sharing of responsibilities for course implementation brings the resources and expertise of each partner together for the creation of a high quality academic program.

- **Bard College** approves the curriculum and awards credits.
- **Mass Humanities** funds the Academic Director and oversees the academic instruction.
- **Worcester Interfaith** administers the program and coordinates volunteers.
- **Worcester Art Museum** hosts the classes.
- **Trinity Lutheran Church** hosts the family support programs.
- **Worcester State University** provides family support services while classes are in session.

Faculty sponsors:

- **College of the Holy Cross**
- **Quinsigamond Community College**
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

Major funding is provided by the **Stoddard Charitable Trust** and the **Greater Worcester Community Foundation**.



Step into  
higher education,  
tuition-free.



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W O R C E S T E R  
At the Worcester Art Museum

*The fall 2017-spring 2018  
program starts September 26, so  
apply today! Details inside and at  
[www.clementeworcester.com](http://www.clementeworcester.com).*