

Liberal Arts and Career Success

Majors in the humanities, arts, and social science qualify as a liberal arts majors. Liberal arts refers to areas of scholarship or academic pursuit, not to specific occupations.

The liberal arts degree - art; music; English, history; anthropology; sociology; psychology; political science; women's studies; communications; foreign language - is often referred to as a "generalist" degree because it doesn't provide training for specific job functions; rather, it offers a rich background that can be applied to many work settings.

What are the benefits of a liberal arts degree?

- Oral and written communication skills
- Analytic problem solving
- Ability to relate effectively to people
- Well-rounded background
- Tolerance of different points of view
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Coping with deadline pressures
- Research
- Organizing/managing/coordinating
- Instructing
- Critical thinking

What are the drawbacks of a liberal arts major?

- Need to define a specific occupation of interest
- Must make effort to gain career related experience
- Learn how to identify and define skills

What occupations are open to liberal arts majors?

Just about every career path is open!

- Administration
- Banking
- Public Relations
- Counseling
- Sales
- Human resources
- Government work
- Meeting planning
- Teaching
- Advertising
- Non profit management
- Law

Why would an employer hire a liberal arts major for a position in his/her company?

- There's a match between your education, background, skills, and experience and the requirements of the job vacancy.
- You have identified the skills, experience, and knowledge you would bring to the position.
- You are able to give examples on your resume, in your cover letter, and in your interview of how when and where you have utilized and demonstrated your skills.
- You can satisfactorily explain the desirability of a liberal arts major to potential employers (and to yourself).

What are some valuable resources for liberal arts majors?

- **Print**

<i>Opportunities in Writing Careers</i>	<i>CSE 223</i>
<i>100 Jobs in Social Change</i>	<i>SSD 6</i>
<i>Liberal Arts Jobs</i>	<i>CSE 561</i>
<i>The Liberal Arts Advantage</i>	<i>CSD 397</i>
<i>Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors</i>	<i>CSF 556</i>
<i>Jobs & Careers in Non Profit Organizations</i>	<i>CSC 413</i>
<i>Human Services Jobs for Liberal Arts</i>	<i>V-5</i>

- **Web**

Rileyguide.com

Industry based web sites for all fields.

<http://wwar.com> **World Wide Arts Resources**

Enormous gateway for information on art - visual, performing, etc.

<http://www.writejobs.com/jobs>

Listings of writing work, including technical writing

- **Programs**

Business Jobs for Non business Majors

Careers in Social Change

Careers with "Words"

International Jobs Panel

- **Career Fairs**

Volunteer Fair

Spring Career Fair