

Liberal Arts and Career Success

Majors in the humanities, arts, and social sciences qualify as 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
- Must 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

