The Liberal Arts

What is meant by “liberal arts” courses?

Liberal arts courses are divided into three categories: humanities; natural sciences and mathematics; and the social sciences.

HUMANITIES: The humanities include the following disciplines.

- Art
- Art History
- Communication Studies
- Creative Studies
- Dance
- English
- Film Studies

- Foreign Languages
- Literature
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Theater

NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS: This division includes the following disciplines.

- Archeology
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Botany

- Chemistry
- Geography
- Physics
- Zoology

SOCIAL SCIENCES: The social sciences include the following disciplines.

- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- History
- Human Services
- Law

- Political Science
- Psychology
- Rehabilitation Services
- Sociology

What practical or life skills will I gain from taking liberal arts courses?

1. Economic skills: These skills will assist you in both personal and professional financial dealings as well as giving you a better sense of the economic forces that affect all our lives.

2. Historical skills: These skills will provide you with the interpretive skills and a broader perspective with which to evaluate the significance of political events in a rapidly changing world.

3. Aesthetic skills: These skills will allow you to enjoy more deeply and more richly literature, art, drama, and film. These skills also provide you with the ability to view problems from a variety of perspectives and thus to be a more flexible problem solver.

4. Math skills: The advantage of strong math skills should be apparent, especially in an economy such as ours with so many financial variables.

5. Communication skills: These skills provide you with the ability to persuade others more effectively and more professionally – in essence, these skills help you get what you want from others.

6. Science literacy: These skills not only deepen your appreciation of the complexly fascinating physical world surrounding you, but also help you make informed decisions regarding health, safety, and environmental concerns.