Value of an Arts Degree

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What can a degree in Arts do for you?

In contrast to programs such as engineering or education, which are geared toward particular professions, Arts programs don't train students for specific jobs. Instead, Arts programs focus on a broad base of knowledge and the development of highly adaptable skills.

These skills include:

- reading and understanding
- critically analyzing and problem solving
- independent thinking and working
- communication skills like writing, listening, and speaking

But what's more, many students feel that with their Arts degrees they have gained a very valuable life experience. Arts graduates leave university with more than a degree; they also gain:

- a new understanding of themselves and the world around them
- a knowledge of the type of career they are best suited for
- an appreciation of life-long learning
- preparation for the information age
- a sophisticated understanding of global diversity

These are the traits that employers most value. Employers in all fields look for employees who can:

- see the 'big picture'
- work collaboratively
- speak and write effectively

The notion that an Arts degree is 'impractical' is not only outdated, it simply isn't borne out by the facts. In truth, Arts graduates are highly valued by employers, who praise them for their versatility and worldliness. In uncertain economic times, having a broad-based and general skill set can be more useful than being a specialist, because you can adapt to so many different career fields.