



The Value of an Arts and Sciences Degree in the Workplace:

Please read the following articles that discuss the value of a liberal arts education:

- <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/01/09/research-documents-life-impact-attending-liberal-arts-college>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/work-in-progress/2014/04/28/why-getting-a-liberal-arts-college-education-is-not-a-mistake/#115973ac2a15>
- <https://www.southwestern.edu/live/news/12347-12-benefits-of-a-liberal-arts-education>

After reading through the articles discuss the following questions/thoughts as a mentor/mentee pair:

- For the mentor: discuss the ways in which your Arts and Sciences degree has benefitted you during your career.
- For the mentee: what do you feel, currently, is the value of your Arts and Sciences degree?
- What skills do you feel are most important in today's workforce, and how can an Arts and Sciences degree prepare you?

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) defines career readiness competencies as a set of skills vital to the workforce. These competencies are also what employers ask most of entry-level hires. They are as follows:

- Oral and Written Communication
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Professionalism and Productivity
- Digital Technology
- Global/Intercultural Fluency
- Career Management
- Active Citizenship and Community Engagement

Of these competencies listed above, which ones do you feel an Arts and Sciences degree can strengthen? Are there some that you feel you'll need to strengthen in other ways outside the classroom?