



**Why it makes sense to study the Humanities: Resources for the promotion of the humanities to undergraduate students.**

**Videos and Ted Talks**

“The Value of your Humanity in an Automated Future”. Kevin Roose, NYTimes Technology Reporter

[https://www.ted.com/talks/kevin\\_roose\\_the\\_value\\_of\\_your\\_humanity\\_in\\_an\\_automated\\_future?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/kevin_roose_the_value_of_your_humanity_in_an_automated_future?language=en)

“How these humanities graduates are finding jobs in Silicon Valley.” PBS Newshour.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyrIfk30LaQ&ab\\_channel=PBSNewsHour](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyrIfk30LaQ&ab_channel=PBSNewsHour)

“Why Tech Needs the Humanities.” Eric Berridge

[https://www.ted.com/talks/eric\\_berridge\\_why\\_tech\\_needs\\_the\\_humanities](https://www.ted.com/talks/eric_berridge_why_tech_needs_the_humanities)

“Why the Liberal Arts Will Rule the Digital World.” Scott Hartley (Talks at Google)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMRxNH81Mc&ab\\_channel=TalksatGoogle](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYMRxNH81Mc&ab_channel=TalksatGoogle)

“Art and Observation: Improving Patient Care through Medical Humanities.” University of Rochester.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iTU-lxUngc&ab\\_channel=UniversityofRochester](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iTU-lxUngc&ab_channel=UniversityofRochester)

“Oh The Humanities - A Defense of the Humanities.” Then and Now.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7nNFexLaCY&ab\\_channel=Then%26Now](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7nNFexLaCY&ab_channel=Then%26Now)



## Online resources:

<https://www.studythehumanities.org/toolkit>

- Includes list of employer-desired skills and abilities
- Employment and salary data
- Profiles of notable humanities grads
- Essays about the importance of life-long learning
- Humanities and the future of work
- Slides and graphs available for download on careers and salaries

Eg:



<http://humanitiesworks.org/>

- Myths and realities of humanities majors (salaries, skills, employability, etc.)
- Downloadable posters available

[file:///C:/Users/miles/Downloads/The\\_Humanities\\_Matter\\_Infographic.pdf](file:///C:/Users/miles/Downloads/The_Humanities_Matter_Infographic.pdf)

- Poster of value of Humanities



## Articles:

General (value of Humanities)

“Learning to Be Human: In an era fixated with science, technology, and data, the humanities are in decline. They’re more vital than ever” .Sophie Gilbert . (*The Atlantic Magazine*).

<https://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2016/06/learning-to-be-human/489659/>

“We don’t need more STEM majors. We need more STEM majors with liberal arts training”. Loretta Jackson-Hayes, (*Washington Post*).

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/02/18/we-dont-need-more-stem-majors-we-need-more-stem-majors-with-liberal-arts-training/>

“In the Salary Race, Engineers Sprint but English Majors Endure” by David Deming (*The New York Times*) <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/20/business/liberal-arts-stem-salaries.html>

“The World’s Top Economist Just Made the Case for Why We Still Need English Majors” by Heather Long (*The Washington Post*) <https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/the-worlds-top-economists-just-made-the-case-for-why-we-still-need-english-majors/>

“Humanities Research is Groundbreaking, Life-Changing. . . and Ignored” by Gretchen Busl (*The Guardian*) [https://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2015/oct/19/humanities-research-is-groundbreaking-life-changing-and-ignored?CMP=share\\_btn\\_link](https://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2015/oct/19/humanities-research-is-groundbreaking-life-changing-and-ignored?CMP=share_btn_link)

“Opinion: Please, students, take that ‘impractical’ humanities course. We will all benefit.” Ronald J. Daniels (*Washington Post*)

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/please-students-take-that-impractical-humanities-course-we-will-all-benefit/2018/09/14/f50b4f3e-b761-11e8-a2c5-3187f427e253\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/please-students-take-that-impractical-humanities-course-we-will-all-benefit/2018/09/14/f50b4f3e-b761-11e8-a2c5-3187f427e253_story.html)

In engineering

“Why Study Humanities? What I Tell Engineering Freshmen.” Joh Horgan (*Scientific American*)

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/cross-check/why-study-humanities-what-i-tell-engineering-freshmen/>

In K-12 education

“Why the Humanities Matter in K-12 Education.” (*Thesis Magazine*).

<https://thesismag.com/2015/02/06/why-the-humanities-matter-in-k-12-education/>



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In Medicine

“Commentary Corner: The Importance of Medical Humanities.” (*American College of Physicians*).  
<https://www.acponline.org/membership/medical-students/acp-impact/archive/february-2012/commentary-corner-the-importance-of-medical-humanities>

“Humanities in medicine: preparing for practice.” Daryl Ramai and Shoshanna Goldin (*Perspectives in Medical Education*). <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3824758/>

“Medical School Needs a Dose of the Humanities” Molly Worthen (*New York Times*)  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/10/opinion/sunday/covid-medical-school-humanities.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Languages

“America’s Languages: Investing in Language Education for the 21st Century”  
<https://www.amacad.org/publication/americas-languages>

In Environmental Studies

“Environmental Humanities: Why Should Biologists Interested in the Environment Take the Humanities Seriously?” Sverker Sörlin (*BioScience*).  
<https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/article/62/9/788/231186>