



The Value of an Arts and Sciences Degree



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The knowledge and skills available through acquiring an Arts & Sciences education at The Ohio State University will serve the graduate well in every aspect of life. Those skills and knowledge include: The capability to effectively communicate, think critically, analyze and interpret data and solve complex problems. These are the skills and knowledge that will make you valuable to an employer, as a volunteer, and to community.

Mentee Objective covered

Encourage the mentee to note the knowledge and skills available to them through an education in Arts & Sciences.

Goals / Objectives of this Module -

Ongoing open discussion between mentor and mentee to consider all the opportunities to acquire knowledge and skills through an Arts & Sciences education at The Ohio State University. Consider the best academic program to fulfill the basics that employers, etc. are seeking. Students seeking an Arts & Sciences degree can be successful in finding meaningful, rewarding, and lucrative careers that do bring value to the workplace.

LESSON / MODULE TOPIC COVERED

In considering career options focus on the benefits of an Arts & Sciences education and how the transferable skills and knowledge obtained can be used with a focus on the bigger picture.

Discussion questions for the Mentor:

- Discuss the ways in which your Arts and Sciences degree has impacted your career.
- What benefits has it given you?
- Did you pursue additional education?
- Has it disadvantaged you in any way?
- How has it benefited you in community service?

Discussion questions for the Mentee:

- What do you feel 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?
- Do you have any perceived shortcomings of a liberal arts degree?
- Are you interested in learning how to pay forward what you have learned to other students after you graduate from Ohio State?

Lesson Notes

Discussions should focus on academic programming and how to analyze and apply transferable skills across different career stages and life phases. Emphasis should also be placed on leveraging these skills for long-term success and fulfillment, as well as enhancing the perception of the degree by paying it forward to future students, thereby highlighting its importance and impact.



Post Lesson and Pre-Lesson Assignments

Continuing to focus on academic programming is essential for preparing for life post college. Research shows that broad education, such as that provided by liberal arts colleges, leads to long-term career success, leadership, lifelong learning, and personal fulfillment. These positive outcomes underscore the value of maintaining strong relationships with faculty, staff and mentors, and engaging in meaningful discussions both inside and outside the classroom. This approach ensures students are well-prepared for a successful and fulfilling future. Graduating seniors should also consider how they can use their insights and experiences from this module and the mentoring program to support and elevate future students in the College of Arts and Sciences, in alignment with the OSUAA guidelines, thus highlighting the degree's importance and impact.

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