The Benefits of a Liberal Arts education

The Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences curriculum is not accidental. Every General Education, writing, foreign language, diversity, major, minor, elective course, assignment, exam, research, community, volunteer, overseas, and experiential learning opportunity is central to mission of the University for the cultivation and development of well-educated individuals.

A Liberal Arts education in the Dana and David Dornsife USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, accounts for:

**Educational and Personal benefits**

- Knowledge and understanding of self and the world
- Development of critical thinking, writing, reading and communication skills
- Acquisition of skillsets to find, evaluate, and use the vast amount of information now available via the media, the internet, new technologies, and traditional forms of knowledge
- Assessment of the values that underlie various critical positions
- Interpersonal skills
- Cultural competency
- Performance & Mastery learning
- Experiential learning
- Growth and development
- Identity development

**Financial benefits**

- Greater job and career prospects
- Higher income for graduates
- Investment opportunities
- Retirement planning

**Lifelong benefits**

- Improved quality of life
- Economic opportunities and mobility
- Ownership
- Legacy