You Can Do Practically Anything . . .

. . . with a good liberal arts foundation! Leaders in business, politics, and professional life uniformly praise college students who pursue a strong core foundation of courses in the basics of literature and composition, math and science, foreign language, and history and economics. The liberal arts can deepen your thinking and sharpen the skills you need in the workplace.

THE STATISTICS TELL THE STORY.

✔ Writing Proficiency

44% of managers think recent college graduates lack writing proficiency. Taking one or more courses in composition that include peer review and one-on-one instruction with the professor is essential.

✔ Mathematical Reasoning

19% of managers do not think recent college graduates have basic mathematics skills. Taking a math course above intermediate algebra trains your mind to think analytically.

✔ Critical Thinking

60% of managers think recent college graduates lack problem solving and critical thinking skills. These skills can be found in courses such as literature, economics, history, mathematics, and science. Analyzing texts, numbers, events, and people will help springboard career success.

✔ Foreign Language Competency

78% of employers believe that all students should gain intercultural skills and an understanding of societies outside of the United States. There is no better tool for this than the study of a foreign language. Competency in a foreign language helps students to become informed participants in the international community, as well as highly prized employees.

✔ Overall Preparedness

Only **50%** of managers think recent college graduates are prepared for the workforce. A strong liberal arts education requires an intellectual exchange in which students learn to work together to analyze challenging questions and grapple with difficult ideas—skills that will help distinguish them to prospective employers.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Students can hone these skills by taking college courses in composition, literature, history, foreign language, economics, mathematics, and science. A liberal arts degree teaches you how to listen, think, analyze, and grow. And it prepares you for success in your career and community.

Data from "2016 Workforce-Skills Preparedness Report," Payscale, 2016, and from "Falling Short? College Learning and Career Success," Selected Findings from Online Surveys of Employers and College Students Conducted on Behalf of the Association of American Colleges & Universities, Hart Research Associates, 2015.