

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Humanities Advantage

A humanities degree helps you build unique skills and access many exciting opportunities! Explore how humanities alumni have secured fulfilling careers after graduation.

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GO ANYWHERE WITH THE HUMANITIES

Whether humanities is your main interest or you want to double major in another field, a humanities degree can support your career success. UChicago is a top destination for interdisciplinary exploration — in fact, the percentage of students double majoring in a humanities and non-humanities major has more than doubled in the last 10 years. Humanities students have applied their studies to tech, consulting, the arts, law, medicine, and more. These fields are increasingly looking for students with strong interdisciplinary backgrounds and humanistic skills — for example, more than 40% of medical school acceptances were awarded to students double majoring in the humanities and the sciences.

Here are just some of the resources that can help you apply your humanities degree to a meaningful career:

JEFF METCALF INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

UChicago provides more than 4,400 paid, substantive internship opportunities each year through the Jeff Metcalf Internship Program. 1,000+ Metcalf employers from a diverse range of industries hire students each year for project-based internships. This employer network includes journalism, creative writing, media, arts and design, gaming, and more! Connect with employers such as ABC, Argonne National Lab, Chicago History Museum, Hachette Book Group, Heartland Alliance, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, and more!

EMPLOYER TREKS

Career treks bring groups of students to visit employers, build their professional network, and learn how they can be top candidates for internships and full-time jobs throughout the U.S. and around the world. Students on previous humanities treks have engaged with publishing houses, national news media, TV and movie studios, leading record companies, museums, and gaming innovators from New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

HUMANITIES UX

Humanities UX immerses students in career exploration at the intersection of media, design, and data. This two-year program gives students the opportunity to discover and develop cutting-edge technical skills to accelerate careers across an interdisciplinary range of paths including animation, game design, visual arts, and film.

Humanities Advantage Student Testimonials

Shama Tirukkala, Class of 2024

“My double majors in Classics and Computer Science have allowed me to experience two incredibly different yet surprisingly similar sides of UChicago. The close-knit community in Classics as well as the smaller classes have allowed me to foster close bonds with people I’ve met. I’ve also always been supported by the Computer Science department in the form of helpful career support and grants to attend conferences like Grace Hopper. There’s also an overlap between the two majors in Digital Humanities. There’s been a class that I’ve taken every quarter since last year that’s related to that intersection. As I’m thinking about my future career path, it’s been great to have both fields advice in deciding on my future plans. I’m supported by both the old and the new.”

HUMANITIES: A Pathway to Many Exciting Careers

A humanities degree from UChicago prepares students for a highly diverse range of career paths. UChicago humanities alumni are making an impact in many different industries, including:

Arts and Culture: use your creative and organizational skills at leading cultural institutions such as the Art Institute of Chicago, Christie’s, the Smithsonian Institute, and Sotheby’s

Business & Tech: apply your analytical skills to solve complex programs with top consulting and tech firms such as Amazon, BCG, Google, and McKinsey

Language Careers: build cross-cultural understanding in public sector agencies such as the Peace Corps and State Department or at global companies such as Bosch and Siemens

Storytelling & Creative Media: bring stories to life as a book writer, journalist, screenwriter, or game designer with studios and publications such as Amazon Originals, CNN, Electronic Arts, Netflix, New York Times, Paramount, and Riot Games

CAREERS IN THE HUMANITIES WEEK

This week-long celebration of careers in arts and entertainment offers a deep dive into diverse career paths in the field through conversations with leaders such as journalist Jake Bittle, music promoter Jeff McClusky, and director Nancy Kawalek.

Otis Gordon, Class of 2024

“Double majoring in Psychology and Visual Arts (and a minor in Neuroscience) has permitted me to craft an interdisciplinary curriculum for myself that aligns with my passions. In classes, I discover relationships between these interests, spurring me to produce personal and absorbing work for each class. I want to pursue a career in creative advertising and design; graduating with rich knowledge in these various subjects has only benefited me in my pursuit after college.”

Mim Rojvirasingh, Class of 2024

“Having the option to triple major in Art History, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Economics has been extremely helpful in allowing me to dive deep into my interests and continue testing them out way beyond high school. I’ve found that it takes the pressure off of having to commit to a specific learning and career path super early on in your life and really allows you to have fun with learning in college while keeping your career choices open!”



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