



Major Planning Guide: Humanities and Social Sciences

What can I do with a degree in humanities or social sciences?

Most majors in the humanities and social sciences do not necessarily prepare students to enter a specific career after graduation, but they should help students develop certain skills that will be valuable in many jobs. Strong written and oral communication skills, as well as analytical, critical thinking, and quantitative skills, are valuable in many careers in business, education, or the non-profit sector. Majors in the humanities or social sciences can also be excellent preparation for professional graduate programs such as law, social work, or urban planning.

Related Majors/Programs

History	Art
Philosophy	Music
Religion	Languages
Anthropology	Linguistics
Sociology	Drama
Psychology	English
Political Science	Classics
Geography	Interdisciplinary Studies

Where can I earn a bachelor's degree in humanities or social sciences in Washington?

Many universities offer humanities and social sciences as an undergraduate major. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find programs in Washington state or around the country.

How do I prepare to major in humanities or social sciences?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that humanities or social sciences is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers you can apply a degree in humanities or social sciences, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE 1102E take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Almost all universities offer majors in the humanities and the social sciences, but the specific majors offered may vary. If you want to study art history, for instance, make sure your intended transfer university offers that major.
- Our Transfer Center in BE 1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in humanities or social sciences often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree.

Advisors can help students understand what requirements are necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

While some majors in the humanities and social sciences, such as art, music, or economics, may have considerations that are particular to their field, the preparation at community college for many majors in the humanities and social sciences will be very similar. Students planning to major in humanities or social science at a university usually take courses in their intended major, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer. Some social science programs may also require statistics.

For many majors in the humanities and social sciences may require 3 quarters of a foreign language, and 2-3 courses in the intended major, but it is always recommended to check the requirements for individual universities to find out which specific courses are required.

*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer.

Consider an emphasis to your associate degree before you transfer, such as [Global Studies](#), [Global Health](#), or [Equity and Social Justice](#). This can enhance your resume, personal experience and be something you put into your personal statement.

What are my next steps?

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in humanities or social sciences you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. *(If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113).*
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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