What Can I Do With A Major In…?

Liberal Studies
Students with liberal arts degrees tend to pursue a liberal education because of their varied interests and scholarly leanings. Employers want to hire new graduates that have a well-rounded educational background. So many careers require multiple skills and abilities and often the liberal arts graduate has the skills employers are seeking. Employers are seeking job candidates who have excellent communication skills; this includes writing, speaking, reading and listening. Also employers want employees who are self-motivated and are able to work independently and in teams. Many courses have prepared liberal arts graduates for these tasks. Other qualities employers seek are proof of a good work ethic, the ability to get along with others, the ability to manage conflict, flexibility, initiative, energy and intelligence.

Liberal arts majors would do well to obtain at least one, but preferably more, internship to focus on areas of interest and thus demonstrate to employers that you have experience and expressed interest in a particular area.

Students also pursue a liberal arts major because they are building a foundation for graduate school. Law, education and social sciences are among the top choices for liberal arts majors.

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Related Major Skills

| Able to write well | Strong work ethic | Desire and ability to take initiative |
| Good speaking and presentation Skills | Ability to perform research | Good problem-solving skills |
| Able to lead and direct others | Able to manage changing priorities | The ability to get along with others |
| Ability to prioritize and organize | Will adhere to accepted codes of ethics | The ability to manage conflict |

Related Web Sites

Local and Regional Employment Web Sites
Syracuse University [http://humanresources.syr.edu/proemp/job_opps.html](http://humanresources.syr.edu/proemp/job_opps.html)
Lockheed Martin MS2 [http://www.lockheedjobs.com/](http://www.lockheedjobs.com/)
National Grid [http://www.nationalgridus.com/aboutus/a2-3_careers.asp](http://www.nationalgridus.com/aboutus/a2-3_careers.asp)
United Parcel Services [https://ups.managehr.com/](https://ups.managehr.com/)
Verizon [https://www22.verizon.com/about/careers/](https://www22.verizon.com/about/careers/)
Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield of CNV [https://www.excellusbcbs.com/about_us/careers.shtml](https://www.excellusbcbs.com/about_us/careers.shtml)
Bank of New York [https://www.bny.com/careeropps/jobposting?service=0&type=7&jobgo.x=3&jobgo.y=10](https://www.bny.com/careeropps/jobposting?service=0&type=7&jobgo.x=3&jobgo.y=10)
Bristol Myers Squibb [http://www.bms.com/career/data/index.html](http://www.bms.com/career/data/index.html)
NYS Department of Labor [http://www.labor.state.ny.us/](http://www.labor.state.ny.us/)

Management Training Programs (partial list)
American Express: Strategic Planning and Business Development: [http://www10.americanexpress.com/sif/cda/page/0,1641,19192,00.asp](http://www10.americanexpress.com/sif/cda/page/0,1641,19192,00.asp)
Management training programs, continued


Gap Inc.: Entry level options in finance, technology, planning, distribution or merchandising: [http://www.gapinc.com/public/Careers/car_college.shtml]


Goodyear: Human Resources Development program [http://www.goodyear.com/careers/careers_leadership.html]


Ingersoll Rand: [http://www.ingersollrand.com/careers/grad.html]

Intel: Rotation Program in Sales and Marketing [http://www.intel.com/jobs/usa/students/programs/smrp.htm]


Lockheed Martin: Leadership Development Program (Financial, Human Resources and Global Operations) [http://www.lockheedmartin.com/wms/findPage.do?dsp=fec&ci=14617&rsbci=0&fti=0&ti=0&sc=400]


Metropolitan Life Insurance: Development Program (Actuarial) [http://www.metlife.com/Applications/Corporate/WPS/CDA/PageGenerator/0,4132,P7674,00.html]

M&T Bank: Management Development Program [http://www.manttbank.com/employment/management.cfm]

National City: [http://www.nationalcity.com/about/careers/univrelations/undergradprog/default.asp]

Prudential Insurance Company of America: Leadership Development Programs (Actuarial and Prudential) [http://www3.prudential.com/careers/grad/caazz1003.html]


Sprint: College Recruiting Programs in Finance and Customer Care [http://www.sprint.com/hr/college_career.html]


Walgreens: Retail Management Training Program [http://www.walgreens.com/about/careers/retail/training.html]

Wal-Mart: Assistant Manager Training Program (access through “college recruiting”) [http://walmartstores.com/wmstore/wmstores/HomePage.jsp]

Samples of Cazenovia College Internship Sites

County of Onondaga Law Department
Manlius Pebble Hill School
Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
The Children’s Museum of Saratoga
Page’s Wildlife Rehabilitation
Institutional Advancement/Cazenovia College
Natural History Collection/Cazenovia College
Dryden Mutual Insurance
Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse
Hamilton Elementary School
Onondaga Historical Association
Liberty Resources
Manlius Historical Society
Free Spirit Imports
Burton Street School