

 Frederick Community College

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES



The humanities and social sciences teach students to understand how our history, culture, and identity shape who we are, what we desire, how we communicate, how to understand difference, how to think creatively and critically, how to adapt to change, and how to cultivate empathy. In short, they teach students the essential skills employers are looking for that cannot be learned on the job.

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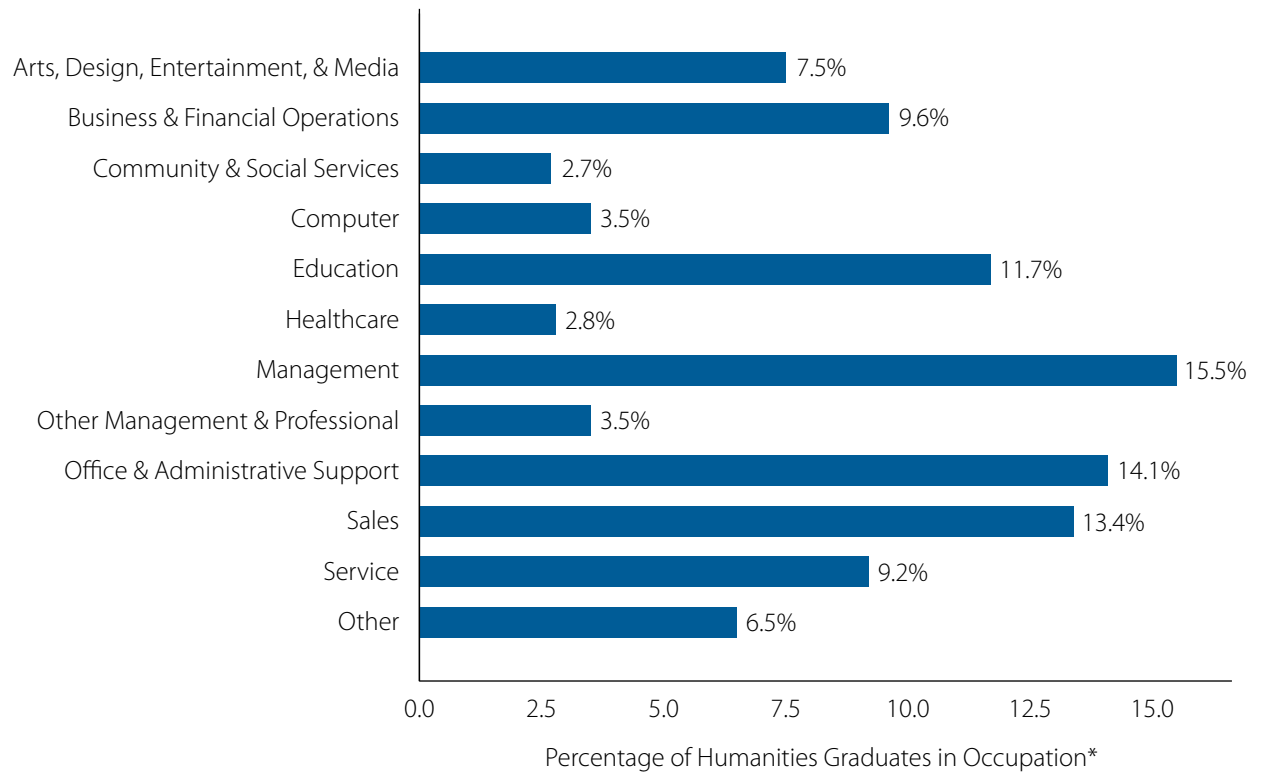
“Pursue a liberal arts education. For most people, it’s the **best foundation for a successful career...** The formula for businesses trying to compete in today’s economy is simple: hire employees with the mental agility, leadership and passion to navigate constant change—in other words, hire those who are liberally educated.”

– A.G. Lafley, former CEO of Procter & Gamble *

WORKFORCE PREPARATION

Humanities and social science programs prepare students for success in a broad range of careers. These programs teach skills that hiring managers prioritize, including:

- Analytic Reasoning
- ASL/English Interpreting
- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Judgment
- Oral Communication
- Teamwork
- Written Communication

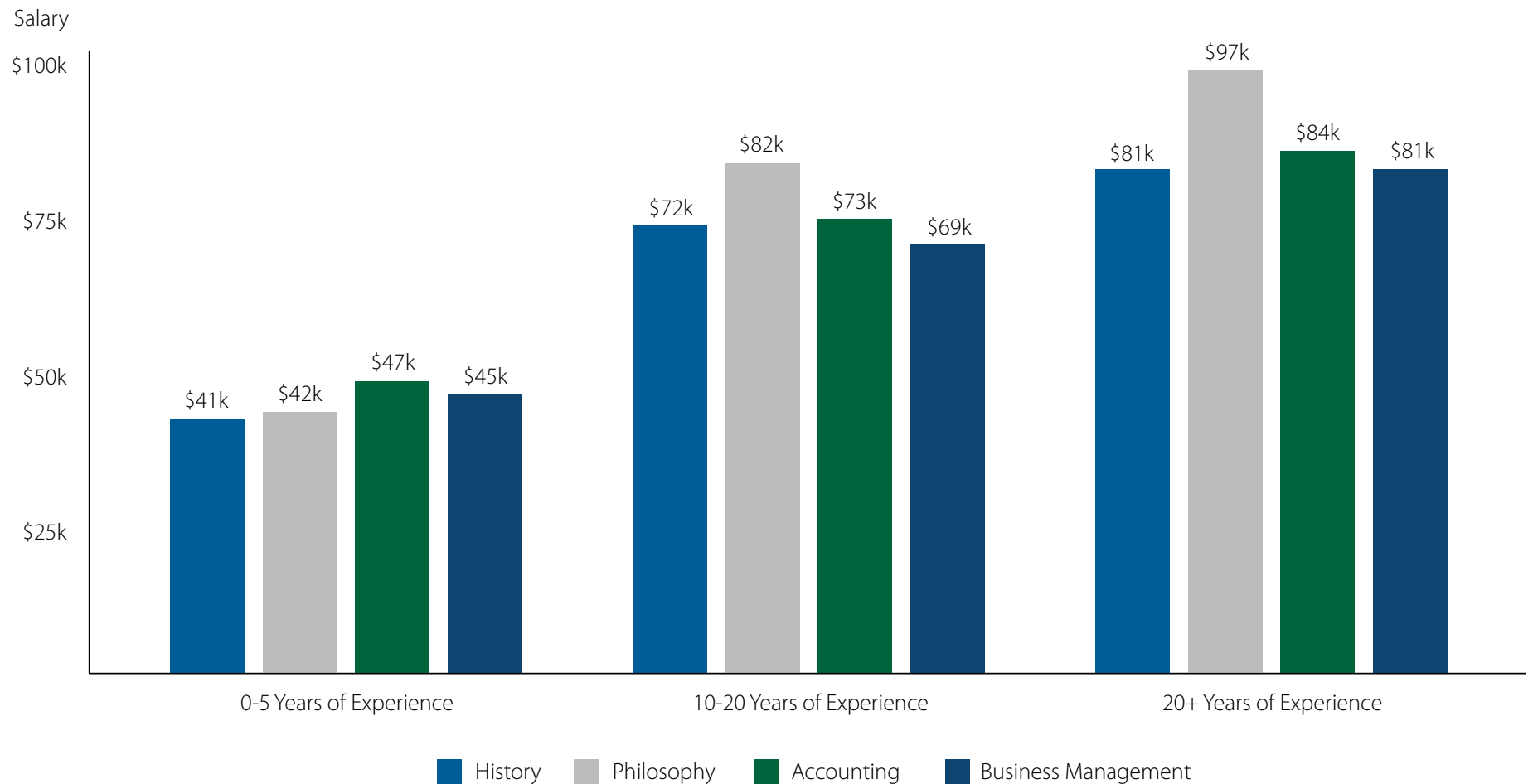


85%

of humanities majors are satisfied with their job*

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

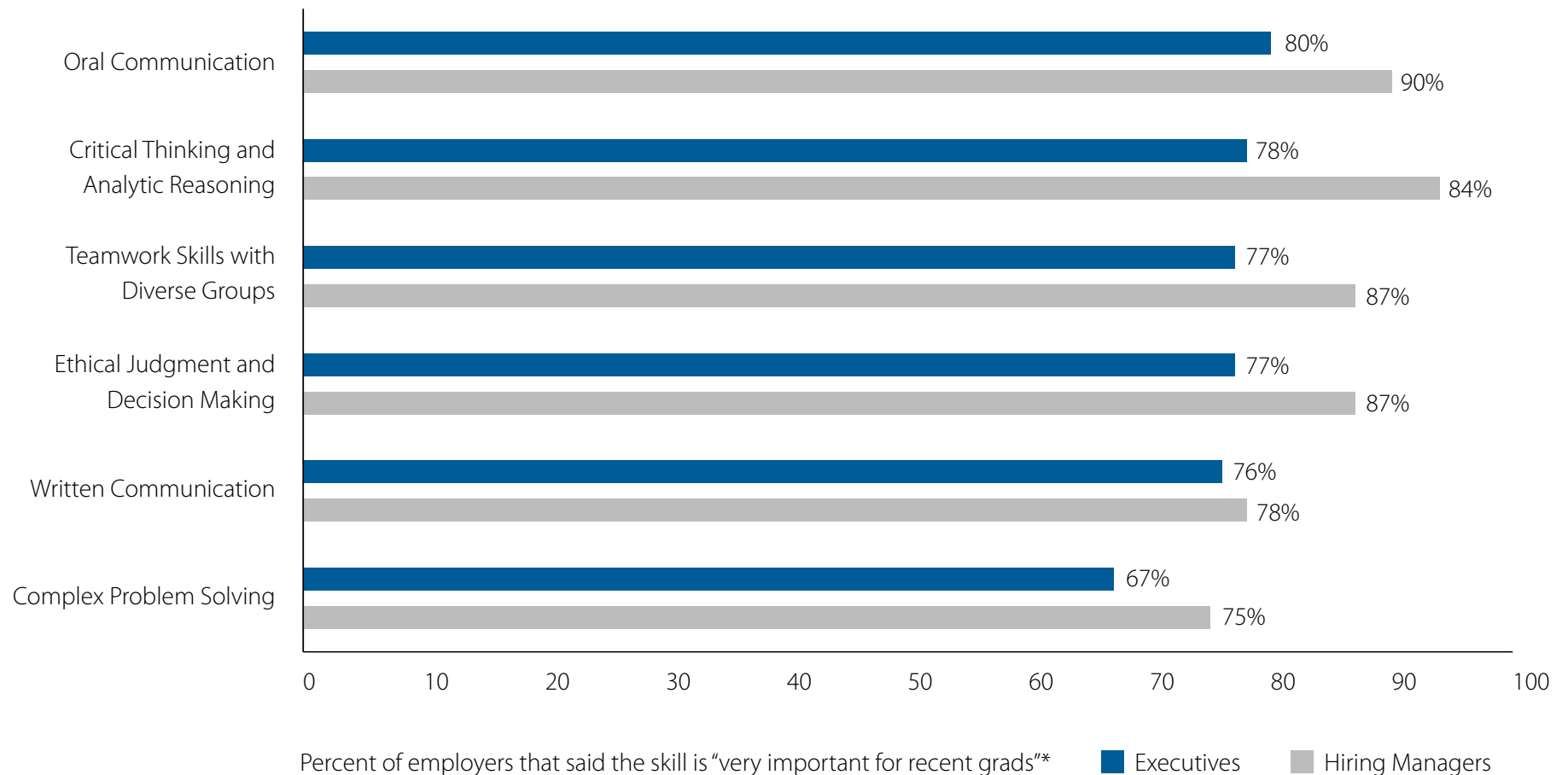
Over the course of their careers, those who study humanities earn salaries that are comparable to their peers, including those who are traditionally assumed to have a higher educational return on investment.*



*Source: National Humanities Alliance: Study The Humanities <https://www.studythehumanities.org>

VALUED SKILLS

Employers are looking for graduates with skills the humanities foster, such as critical thinking and ethical judgment. Humanities graduates are well-positioned to meet employers' needs and succeed in a variety of occupations.*



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FIELD LEADERS

Notable leaders with a background in the humanities can be found in every field, from technology to government, entertainment, and science. Many of these leaders explicitly credit their study of the humanities with their career success.*



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Herbert Allison Jr.

Former CEO of Fannie Mae and
COO of Merrill Lynch
B.A. in philosophy

Kenneth Chenault

CEO of American Express
B.A. in history

A.G. Lafley

Former Chairman, President and
CEO of Procter & Gamble
B.A. in French and history

Brian Moynihan

Chairman and CEO of Bank of America
B.A. in history

Henry (“Hank”) Paulson Jr.

Former Chairman and CEO of Goldman
Sachs and U.S. Treasury Secretary
B.A. in English



HUMANITARIAN, PHILANTHROPIC, & NONPROFIT

Kathryn Fuller

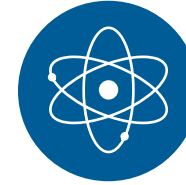
Former President and CEO of
World Wildlife Fund
B.A. in English and American literature

Andrea Jung

CEO of Grameen America and
former CEO of Avon
B.A. in English literature

Barry Scheck

Co-Founder of the Innocence Project
B.A. in American studies and economics



SCIENCE, MEDICINE, & RESEARCH

Robert Fogel

Winner of the Nobel Memorial
Prize in Economic Sciences
B.A. in history

Mae Jemison

Former physician and astronaut
B.A. in African and Afro-American studies

Eric Kandel

Winner of Nobel Prize in Medicine
B.A. in history and literature

Harold Varmus

Former Director of the National Cancer
Institute (NCI), Director of the National
Institutes of Health (NIH), CEO of Memorial
Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and
winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine
B.A. in English literature



MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Stephen Burke

President and CEO of NBC Universal and Executive Vice President of Comcast
B.A. in history

Michael Eisner

Former Chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Company
B.A. in English literature

John Legend

Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, actor, and philanthropist
B.A. in English, concentration in African-American literature and culture

Janet Robinson

Former President and CEO of The New York Times Company
B.A. in English

J. K. Rowling

Author, producer, and philanthropist
B.A. in French and classics

Martha Stewart

Entrepreneur and television personality
B.A. in European history and architectural history

Ted Turner

Founder of CNN
B.A. in classics



GOVERNMENT & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Madeleine Albright

Former U.S. Secretary of State
Certificate in Russian studies

Joe Biden

46th President of the United States, author, and professor
B.A. in history and political science

Martin Dempsey

Former Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
M.A. in literature

James Mattis

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and retired United States Marine Corps general
B.A. in history

H. R. McMaster

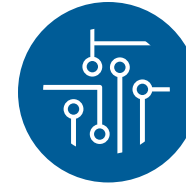
Former U.S. National Security Advisor and Lieutenant General in the United States Army
Ph.D. in American history

Mike Pence

48th Vice President of the United States
B.A. in history

Susan Rice

Former U.S. National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
B.A. in history



TECHNOLOGY

Stewart Butterfield

Co-Founder of Flickr and Slack Technologies
B.A. and M.Phil. in philosophy

Patrick Byrne

Founder of Overstock.com
B.A. in Asian studies and philosophy
Ph.D. in philosophy

Carleton (“Carly”) Fiorina

Former CEO of Hewlett-Packard
B.A. in philosophy and medieval history

Reid Hoffman

Co-Founder of LinkedIn
M.A. in philosophy

Sam Palmisano

Former CEO of IBM
B.A. in history

Peter Thiel

Co-Founder of PayPal
B.A. in philosophy

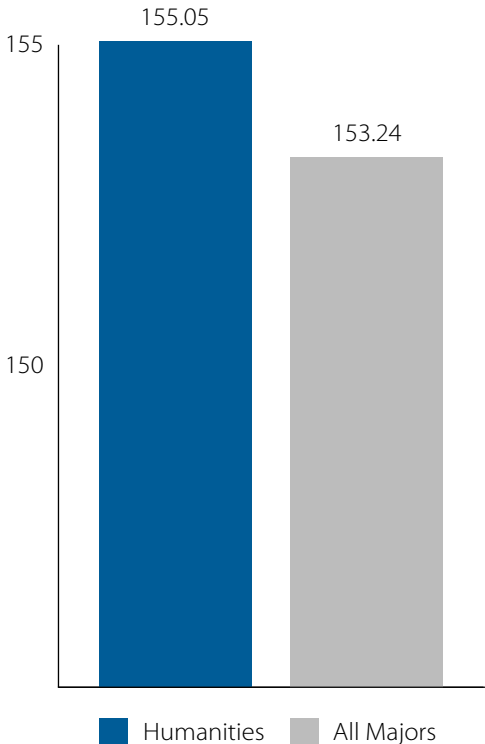
Susan Wojcicki

CEO of YouTube
B.A. in history and literature

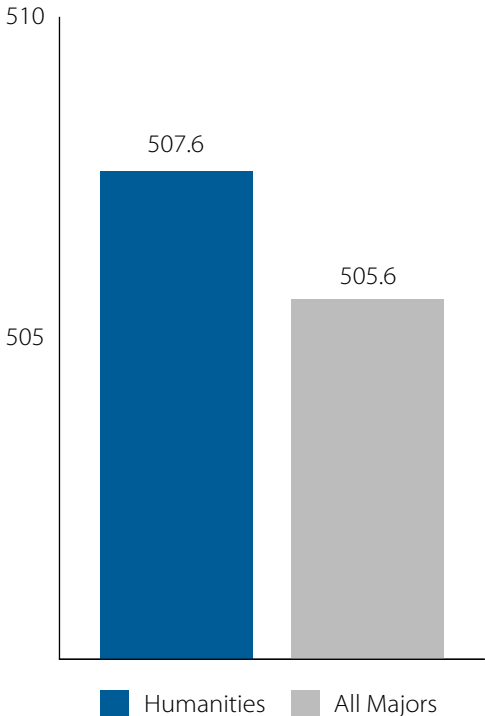
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Individuals who study humanities are well prepared for advanced education pursuits, and matriculate to law, medical, and graduate school programs at above average rates.*

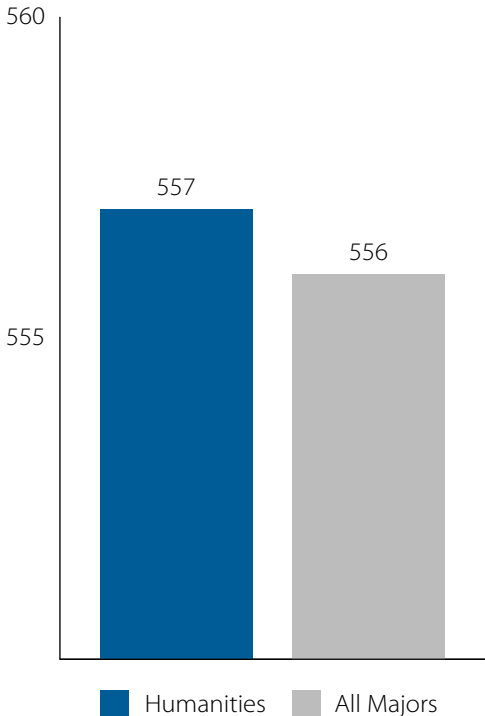
AVERAGE LSAT SCORES



AVERAGE MCAT SCORES



AVERAGE GMAT SCORES



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HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES AT FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FCC)

DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

FCC humanities and social sciences degree and certificate programs prepare students for employment in a wide variety of fields.

Arts & Humanities A.A. Degree

- Communication Area of Concentration
- English Area of Concentration
- Mass Communication Area of Concentration

American Sign Language Interpreter Preparatory Program A.A.S. Degree, Certificate

American Sign Language Certificate

Social Sciences A.A. Degree

- History Area of Concentration
- Human Services Area of Concentration
- Psychology Area of Concentration
- Sociology Area of Concentration

COURSES

FCC offers a variety of humanities and social sciences courses that any student may find value in taking as electives, including courses in:

- World Languages
- Anthropology
- Philosophy
- Geography
- Political Science

A woman with dark hair styled in a bun, wearing a red high-neck, short-sleeved dress and black high-heeled shoes, sits on a teal armchair on the left. A man in a dark suit, light blue shirt, and striped tie sits on a matching teal armchair on the right. They are facing each other in conversation. Between them is a grey cylindrical ottoman with two glasses of water. The background features a large window with a view of a city skyline and green trees. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

**ARTS &
HUMANITIES
A.A. DEGREE**

Arts and humanities is the study of how human beings understand, express, and experience themselves and their culture. It includes language, literature, writing, art, theater, music, communications, digital media, and philosophy. Through the study of these disciplines, we learn how to think critically, independently, and imaginatively, how to understand the complexity of the world we live in and imagine a better one, and how to communicate effectively the variety of human experiences that define our individual and interconnected lives.

Faculty in the arts and humanities emphasize traditional and digital literacy related to the diverse human condition and experience, and provide hands-on learning in the classroom and film, music, and pottery studios. Students develop their talents through the guidance of experienced instructors who are practicing professionals in their areas of specialization.

A student declares an A.A. in Arts & Humanities to explore a wide array of arts and humanities disciplines to help them identify a specific field of interest before they transfer. Students who transfer to a bachelor's degree program in the arts and humanities will have taken courses that are likely to relate to their chosen four-year major.

The A.A. in Arts & Humanities is also the preferred degree option for students who wish to transfer in a field where FCC does not currently offer a formal credential, including (but not limited to): Africana studies, Arabic studies, Asian studies, creative writing, film studies, media and communication studies, modern languages and linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, or Spanish language, literature, and cultures.

Transferable coursework is available in humanities, philosophy, and world languages.

Students who have identified their preferred field can choose to specialize further in the following areas of concentration within the A.A. in Arts & Humanities: Art, Communication, English, Film and Video Production, Mass Communication, Music, Theater.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/arts-humanities

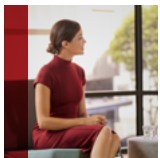


AREA OF CONCENTRATION: **COMMUNICATION**

This program introduces students to core concepts that promote the widespread appreciation of the importance of communication in public and private life, the application of competent communication to improve the quality of human life and relationships, and the use of knowledge about communication to solve human problems.

Core concepts teach students how to use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts. The discipline studies all forms, modes, media, and consequences of communication through humanistic, social scientific, and aesthetic inquiry. Students in this program will develop an understanding of diversity, complex problem solving, and collaboration skills needed to prepare for work in communication fields including public relations, marketing, web and social media management, news, and journalism.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/communication



AREA OF CONCENTRATION: **MASS COMMUNICATION**

Mass communication careers often require specific expertise, so this program offers concentrations of courses leading to applied knowledge in areas such as graphic design, digital video production, and technical communications. This concentration outfits students with practical knowledge to prepare them to continue media studies at other universities.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/masscomm



AREA OF CONCENTRATION: **ENGLISH**

The English Area of Concentration program is designed to build the analytical reading, effective writing, informational literacy, and critical thinking skills that are central to ongoing academic, workplace, and life success. Composition and literature courses are taught using a variety of instructional methods designed to enable students to research, analyze, summarize, interpret, synthesize, assess, and communicate responsibly. Students are encouraged to appreciate diverse texts and the human experience by exploring a wide variety of cross-cultural works in evolving media.

Students can take courses in literature, journalism, creative writing, and technical writing, and have the opportunity to contribute to the College newspaper, *The Commuter*, and the College literary magazine, the *Tuscarora Review*. Courses are offered at every level of student need and ability, including courses for nonnative speakers, to encourage students to develop into lifelong learners.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/english

It's in Apple's DNA
that technology
alone is not enough.
It's technology
married with liberal
arts, married with
the humanities, that
yields the results that
make our hearts sing.

– Steve Jobs
Co-Founder and former
CEO of Apple Inc. *



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

ASL INTERPRETER PREPARATORY PROGRAM A.A.S. DEGREE & CERTIFICATE

The A.A.S. degree program is ideal for students who want to become ASL interpreters and do not already hold a degree. The certificate program is ideal for students who want to become ASL interpreters, but already hold a degree. These programs prepare students to work as an entry-level sign language interpreter to facilitate and mediate communication between Deaf/hard of hearing and hearing people.

Students will develop receptive and expressive skills in ASL and will experience a variety of learning environments, including classroom work, laboratory practice, and field placement. Students will be required to have both in-class and out-of-class experiences with members of the Deaf community to further develop ASL fluency and cultural competency.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/asl

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE

The American Sign Language Certificate program provides students with a strong foundation to further their studies in ASL, interpreting, and Deaf Education or other related fields. This certificate also provides students with the skills they need to work with the Deaf community and Deaf individuals more effectively.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/asl

A man with a beard, wearing a grey suit and a striped tie, stands at a silver podium in a lecture hall. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. The room has large windows in the background showing a modern building and greenery. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members' heads are visible, indicating a lecture or presentation setting.

SOCIAL SCIENCES A.A. DEGREE

Students in the A.A. in Social Sciences program will study the various fields that compose the social sciences. Students are able to explore a wide array of social science disciplines to help them identify a specific field of interest before they transfer to a four-year college or university.

Faculty in the social sciences area emphasize the development of analytic and critical thinking, public speaking, quantitative and qualitative research, and writing while training students to understand complex human dynamics and social problems. These skills are invaluable and relevant in both the public and private sector.

Students who transfer to a bachelor's degree program in the social sciences will have taken courses that are likely to relate to their chosen four-year major. Disciplines within the social sciences include addictions counseling, anthropology, economics, education, geography, history, human services, political science, psychology, and sociology.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/socialsciences

Transferable coursework is available in anthropology, geography, and political science.

“I believe humanities majors make the best project managers, the best product managers, and, ultimately, the most visionary technology leaders.”

– **Vivek Wadhwa**
Director of Research at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Research Commercialization, Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University*

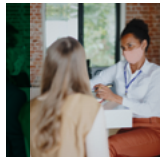


AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

HISTORY

The History Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences prepares students for transfer to a four-year college or university. Students acquire foundations of historical knowledge, evaluate primary and secondary sources and properly cite these sources in their written work, and learn to research, document, and analyze the past.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/history



AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences introduces students to concepts preparing them to deal with the problems of specific populations including the elderly, children, and persons with mental or physical disabilities or problems with addiction.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/human-services



AREA OF CONCENTRATION: **PSYCHOLOGY**

The Psychology Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences teaches skills valued throughout the public and private sector, and prepares students for transfer to a four-year college or university. Students are introduced to the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology. Students will apply critical thinking to understand and address issues and problems related to human behavior and mental processes.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/psychology



AREA OF CONCENTRATION: **SOCIOLOGY**

The Sociology Area of Concentration within the A.A. in Social Sciences is designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. Program majors study various societies and learn about human interaction as well as methods of effective communication on how the discipline contributes to an understanding of the social world. Students will develop sociological knowledge, skills, and values that can be applied in transfer programs and various occupations.

View required course listings and additional information at frederick.edu/sociology

TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

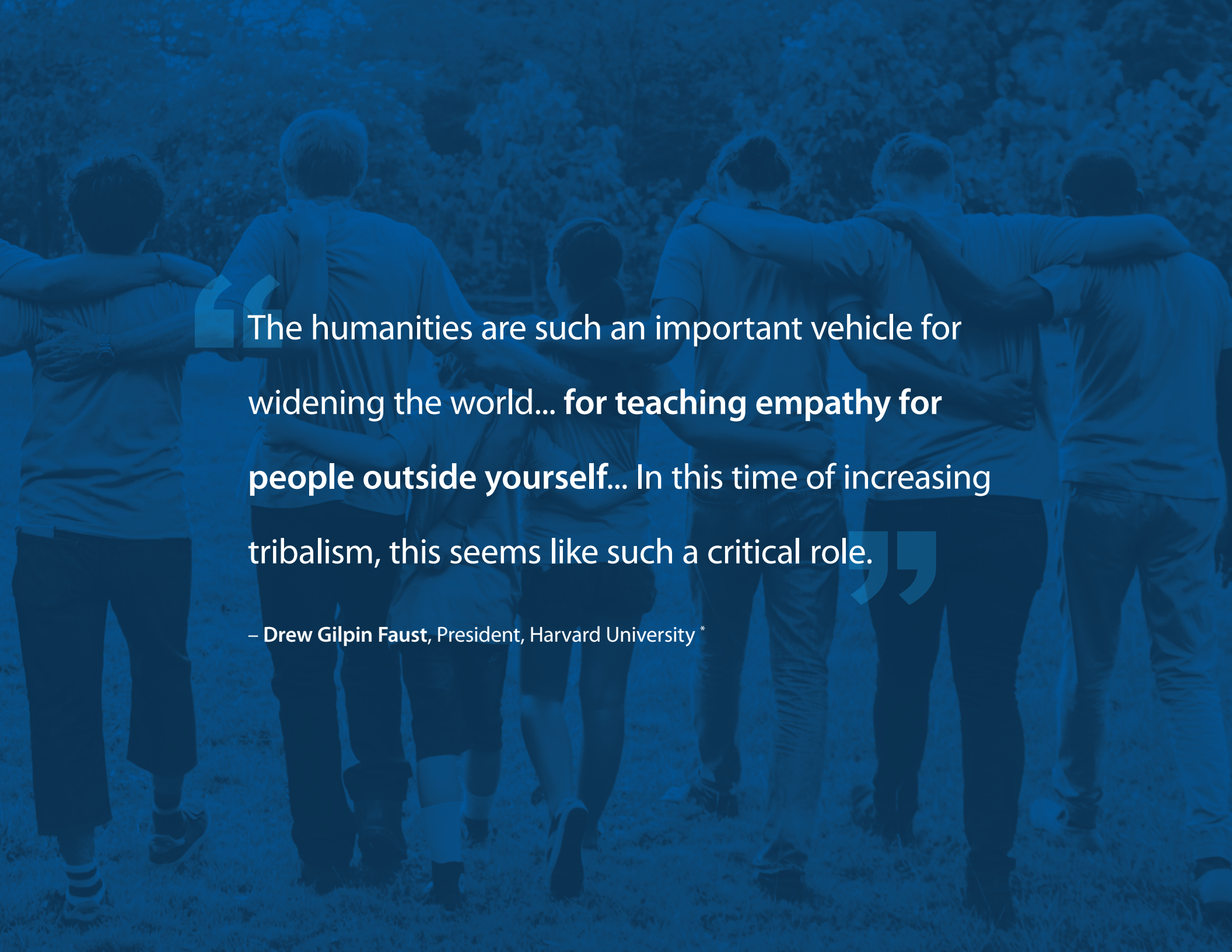
FCC has one of the highest transfer rates of all Maryland community colleges and maintains transfer agreements with dozens of four-year colleges and universities. FCC humanities and social science degrees feature specific pathways designed for seamless transfer to the most in-demand four-year programs in the discipline. Please speak with an advisor or program manager for more information.

LEARN MORE

A background in humanities and social sciences provides the foundation for a lifetime of success. The many practical applications of studying within this discipline prepare students for competitive entry into graduate school or immediate employment. The critical thinking, writing, analysis, reasoning, and decision-making skills developed by humanities students are highly valued by employers in a diverse range of industries. With a solid background in this discipline, students are equipped to thrive professionally while pursuing their personal areas of interest.

To learn more about the humanities and social sciences at FCC, visit frederick.edu/programs. Additional information about the benefits of an education within this discipline can be found at studythehumanities.org.





“The humanities are such an important vehicle for widening the world... **for teaching empathy for people outside yourself...** In this time of increasing tribalism, this seems like such a critical role.”

– Drew Gilpin Faust, President, Harvard University *



frederick.edu/programs

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