Humanities majors achieve substantially greater gains than business and technology, engineering, and math majors in writing ability, complex reasoning, and critical thinking—skills that today’s employers are actively seeking. 

These above average gains in critical thinking ability among those who major in the humanities are accompanied by strong absolute scores on the Collegiate Learning Assessment.

Humanities majors perform well on tests of critical thinking skills

Humanities Majors Excel on a Range of Graduate School Entrance Exams

Medical and law school applicants from humanities majors are accepted and matriculate at higher than average rates. 47.2% of applicants from humanities majors matriculated to medical school in 2018, compared to 41% of all applicants. More than 80% of humanities majors were accepted to law school in 2018, compared to 77% of all applicants.

Law school acceptance rates by undergraduate major field

- Humanities
- Arts
- Business & Management
- Engineering
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Computer Science
- Health Professions

60.2% 70.5% 70.2% 75.6% 75.4% 70.2% 85.1% 85.7%

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