IMPACT OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES TOOLKIT

In conjunction with the release of our new Guidelines for Addressing Proposed Substantive Changes to an Art, Art History or Design Unit or Program at Colleges and Universities, here are some helpful resources to support the arts and humanities in higher education.

IN THE NEWS

• Why We Should Spend More on Humanities Research in a High-Tech World (Chronicle of Higher Education, April 2018)
• We Reversed Our Declining English Enrollments. Here’s How. (Chronicle of Higher Education, April 2018)
• It’s Time To Worry When Colleges Erase Humanities Departments (Forbes, March 2018)
• The Arts Contribute More Than $760 Billion to the U.S. Economy (NEA, March 2018)
• STEM May Be the Future—But Liberal Arts Are Timeless (Quartz, February 2018)
• How the Humanities Can Train Entrepreneurs (The Atlantic, September 2017)
• Why Med Schools Are Requiring Art Classes (Artsy, August 2017)
• Liberal Arts in the Data Age (Harvard Business Review, July 2017)
• What Is the Value of an Education in the Humanities? (NPR, February 2016)

See more excellent articles compiled by the National Humanities Alliance.

ONLINE RESOURCES

There is lots of good data to explore online about the impact of the arts and humanities.

From The State of the Humanities 2018: Graduates in the Workforce and Beyond:

• Almost 87% of workers with a bachelor’s degree in the humanities reported they were satisfied with their jobs in 2015, comparable to graduates from almost every other field.
• Over three-quarters of humanities graduates saw themselves at or approaching “the best possible life,” which was similar to the shares among engineering and natural science graduates.

The Study the Humanities Toolkit from the National Humanities Alliance is a collection of resources for higher education faculty and administrators to use in making the case for the value of studying the humanities as an undergraduate.

Americans for the Arts is a hub for data and information about various federal arts agencies and arts education in America.

Data on the arts and humanities can also be found on the National Endowment for the Arts Facts & Figures page.