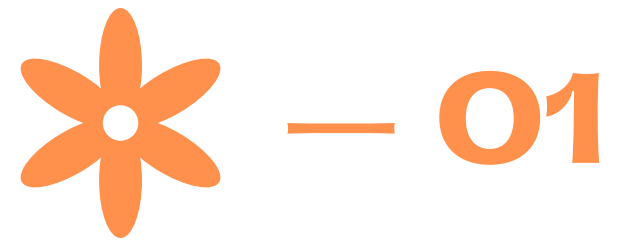




HUMANITIES FOR LIFE

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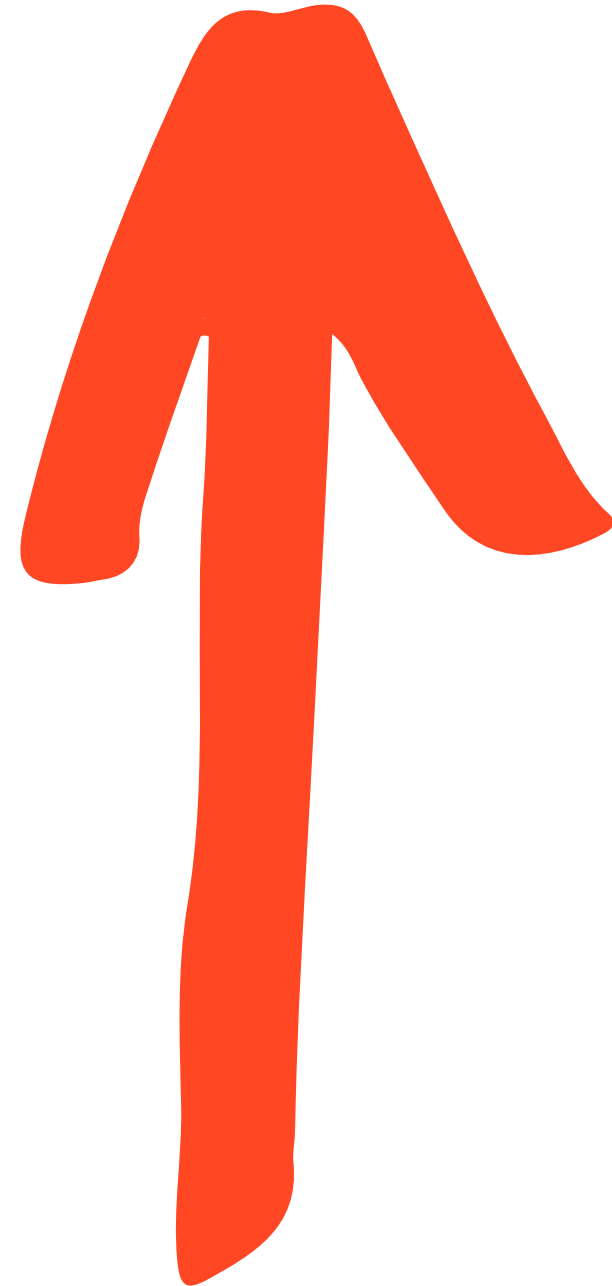
THIS INFORMATION PACK WILL:

- Outline the skills needed for success today
 - Provide an overview of different humanities fields
 - Define the skills and competencies that come from studying the humanities
 - Highlight examples of successful professionals with humanities qualifications
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NEW WORK REQUIRES NEW SKILLS

The World Economic Forum (WEF) believes the future of work is uncertain

Occupations that are in demand now, didn't exist as recently as a decade ago. On average, Australian employees only stay in a job for around 3 years before moving on. This means, that there is an increase in demand for overarching skills.



Increased demand for:

- collaboration
- communication
- critical thinking
- creativity
- flexibility



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COLLABORATION

Career Applications:

- Forming working relationships and building trust quickly, both in physical and virtual environments
- Working effectively with others from different backgrounds and with different beliefs
- Working with ad-hoc teams in an increasingly 'gig' economy



COMMUNICATION

Career Applications:

- Passing complex ideas and knowledge between team members in both written and verbal formats
- Digital collaboration between team members
- Honed written and verbal expression



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CRITICAL THINKING

Career Applications:

- Analysing and evaluating data
- Discerning different opinions, points of view and facts
- Forming opinions based upon facts and reason



CREATIVITY

Career Applications:

- Problem-solving
- Innovation for business
- Inspiring team leadership



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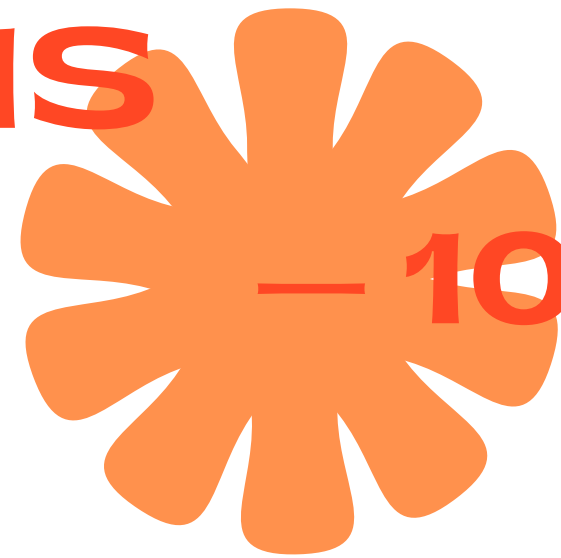
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FLEXIBILITY

Career Applications:

- Adaptability to new situations
- Ability to learn new skills quickly
- Capacity to flourish in an ever-changing environment

WICKED PROBLEMS DEMAND A WIDE RANGE OF THESE SKILLS



What is a Wicked Problem?

- Wicked problems are issues that comprise of a number of different variables, making it challenging to identify the exact problem.
- Wicked problems often have multiple partial solutions, or no obvious solutions at all

Examples

- Climate change
- Business innovation
- Persisting poverty
- Biodiversity loss
- Food insecurity
- Obesity epidemic
- Social justice and equality issues

Skills to solve Wicked Problems

- Collaboration: they cannot be solved from the perspective of one discipline
- Creativity: innovation is required to develop new solutions
- Communication: effective communication is vital to mediate diverse opinions
- Critical thinking: analysis and comparison of solutions
- Flexibility: these problems cannot be solved by sticking to tradition

HUMANITIES DISCIPLINES

- The humanities can be traced back to Ancient Greece's Paideia - a general education course to prepare men to participate actively in society
- Humanities study underwent a revival in the Italian Renaissance
- *Studia Humanitatis* was described as the study of classical texts, history, moral philosophy, grammar and rhetoric



THE DISCIPLINE: HISTORY

What will I learn?

- Studying and examining past events
- Insight for future development based on past trends
- Understanding the creation of identity
- How culture and society have developed over time
- What events shaped us
- How to interpret what, and how, certain events shape us

Transferable skills

- Critical thinking: assessing evidence and interpretations from various viewpoints
- Communication: Learning to interpret other's ideas and explain your own
- Project management skills
- Contextual evaluation skills
- Understanding causality
- Synthesis: consolidating diverse information from a range of sources into a single coherent report

Who studied history?

- Carly Fiorina, former CEO of BP
- Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube
- Malcolm Turnbull, former Australian Prime Minister
- Gordon Brown, former British Prime Minister
- Sacha Baron-Cohen, comedian
- Louis Theroux, documentary filmmaker and journalist
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, former NBA player
- Janeane Garofalo, actor

THE DISCIPLINE: LITERATURE

What will I learn?

- Interpretation, analysis and explanation of texts
- Ideas concerning social-cultural development
- Holding multiple perspectives
- Inter-cultural literature can introduce new perspectives and ways of thinking
- Exposure to issues of moral complexity

Transferable skills

- Critical thinking: analytical and reasoning skills
- Communication: writing skills
- Open-mindedness
- Appreciation of diversity
- Improved insight into the human condition

Who studied literature?

- Michael Eisner, former CEO of Disney
- Alexa Hirschfeld, CEO of Paperless Post
- Emma Watson, actress
- Gordon Summer (aka Sting), singer-songwriter
- Stephen Fry, comedian and author
- Tom Hiddleston, actor
- Hugh Grant, actor
- Toni Morrison, Nobel Prize-winning novelist
- Dean Baquet, Executive Editor, The New York Times

THE DISCIPLINE: LANGUAGES

What will I learn?

- To speak, read and write in another language
- Culture of the country where language is spoken
- Opportunity to travel overseas and enjoy immersive experiences
- Understanding that values and perspective are shaped by language and culture

Transferable skills

- Appreciation of other cultures
- Proficiency in another language
- A different lens to analyse problems through

Who studied languages?

- Gail Kelly, former CEO of Westpac
- Kevin Rudd, former Australian Prime Minister
- Kate Beckinsale, actor
- Aysegül Savas, writer

THE DISCIPLINE: ART HISTORY

What will I learn?

- Questioning art and its history
- Artistic techniques, materials, and styles
- Historical and modern purposes of art
- Critical theories
- History and culture
- Optics
- Critiquing art
- Understanding political religious and social change through the visual medium

Transferable skills

- How to see things from other points of view
- Appreciating factors that impact on cultures
- Cultural appreciation
- Critical and creative thinking

Who studied art history?

- Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge
- Gwyneth Paltrow, actress
- Hannah Gadsby, comedian
- Vera Wang, fashion designer

THE DISCIPLINE: PHILOSOPHY

What will I learn?

- Logic, reasoning, and ethics
- Ask big questions or applied questions
- How to read, analyse and form opinions
- How to write and speak in a persuasive style
- History of philosophy

Transferable skills

- Communication skills, both written and verbal
- Argumentation and reasoning skills
- Approaching subjects with an open mind
- Critical thinking

Who studied philosophy?

- John Mackey, CEO of Whole Foods
- Stewart Butterfield, founder of Slack and Flickr
- Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn
- Ricky Gervais, comedian, actor, writer, producer, and director
- Pope John Paul II
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Ronan Farrow, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist
- Hari Kunzru, novelist

THE DISCIPLINE: GEOGRAPHY

What will I learn?

- Current global and local issues, challenges, and solutions
- An understanding of relationships between the environment and society
- An understanding of the spatial organisation of society.

Transferable skills

- Critical thinking skills
- Communication skills, both written and verbal
- Data interpretation and analysis
- Project management skills

Who studied geography?

- Michael Jordan, basketball legend
- Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge
- Immanuel Kant, philosopher
- Alexander von Humboldt, naturalist and explorer
- Theresa May, former UK Prime Minister,

THE DISCIPLINE: POLITICAL SCIENCE



What will I learn?

- Broad topics: Theory, administration, international relations
- What is good governance?
- The role of power in interactions
- International and domestic policy
- How to form and articulate opinions
- Understanding of how economics influences power and politics

Transferable skills

- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Becoming comfortable with 'wicked' problems
- Group dynamics
- Predictive skills

Who studied political science?

- Barack Obama, former US President
- Parul Sehgal, literary critic for The New York Times and The New York Times Book Review
- Tressie McMillan Cottom, writer, and sociologist

THE DISCIPLINE: ANTHROPOLOGY

What will I learn?

- Studying human behaviour
- How behaviour, culture and human interaction change over time
- The interaction of culture and societal dynamics
- Laws of evolution and implications for society
- Cross-cultural knowledge in speciality areas: law, biology, psychology, economics

Transferable skills

- Analytical and problem-solving skills
- Attention to detail
- Strong written and oral communication
- Data collection and analysis
- Appreciation of diversity

Who studied anthropology?

- Stephen Riggio, CEO of Barnes & Noble
- Dr. Kathy Reichs, professor of forensic anthropology and author
- Kurt Vonnegut, novelist
- Hugh Laurie, actor
- Sir David Attenborough, documentary filmmaker
- Charles, Prince of Wales
- Tracy Chapman, singer

DISCIPLINES AND SKILLS SUMMARY

Skills/Disciplines	History	Literature	Languages	Art History	Philosophy	Geography	Political Science	Anthropology
Critical Thinking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Communication	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collaboration	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Creativity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Flexibility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Appreciation of other cultures	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Project Management	✓				✓		✓	
Understanding causality	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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