In my year working as a First Year Peer Career Coach (FYPCC), I have met with dozens of students with a wide variety of educational interests, from STEM, to Healthcare, to the Arts, to Business, and everything in between. I have also noticed a trend specifically from students in Humanities, who struggle to view their education as applicable to jobs in “the real world.” Aside from financial concerns or time constraints, this is perhaps the biggest and most frequent hurdle I see students struggling to overcome when deciding on a major or career.

Perhaps the most valuable thing I have learned in my time as a FYPCC is that in Humanities majors, the title of your degree is not as important as the skills you will develop throughout your education. Take myself for example—my English classes have taught me how to analyze literature and write essays, as you would expect. However, those same classes taught me about document design, web design, the importance of accessibility in communication, how to adjust my speaking for diverse audiences, and the value of communicating with language that everyone can understand.

Each of these classes, although very different in their content, have taught me how to be a better writer, a better communicator, and a more well-rounded, culturally competent person. Even as a Statistics minor, I was able to meet professors like Dr. Jackie Herman, who has an undergraduate background in Speech and Drama and uses those communication and presentation skills that she learned to be an amazing teacher of mathematics.

Although it may seem like it due to stereotypes or bias, every major can develop skills that are of value to the “real world.” You may just have to think a little outside of the box to recognize them.
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