Humanities degrees

Liberal arts and liberal studies degrees have a 4.3 percent annual growth rate at community colleges.


Community college students often take humanities and liberal arts studies intending to transfer those credits toward a baccalaureate. In fact, humanities and liberal arts education degrees awarded at community colleges increased from 113,587 in 1987 to 338,688 in 2013. The average annual growth rate for these degrees was 4.3 percent for the same period of time, but the field saw its highest spike in 2010–12 at 8.5 percent. The growth was not only in total degrees awarded, but also in specific fields, such as liberal arts and liberal studies, which increased from 25.8 percent in 1987 to 38.9 percent in 2013, according to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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