## Trinity College

#### Upskilling in a Liberal Arts College

Why It Matters
What it Means
How Trinity is Leading

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# What's a liberal arts education?

- Broad-based learning across arts, humanities, social sciences and sciences
- Emphasizes analysis, communication, and learning how to think critically.
- Subjects in the liberal arts can be studied on a theoretical level.
- In practice: general education + major

#### It's not:

- Rote learning / just knowledge acquisition
- Strictly vocational
- Limited to one particular area of study.

#### Trinity at a Glance

- Est. 1823
- 2,098 full-time undergraduates
- 91 graduate students
- 50% women
- 21% domestic students of color
- From 47 states and 68 countries
- More than 900 courses in 41 majors

Engage. Connect. Transform.

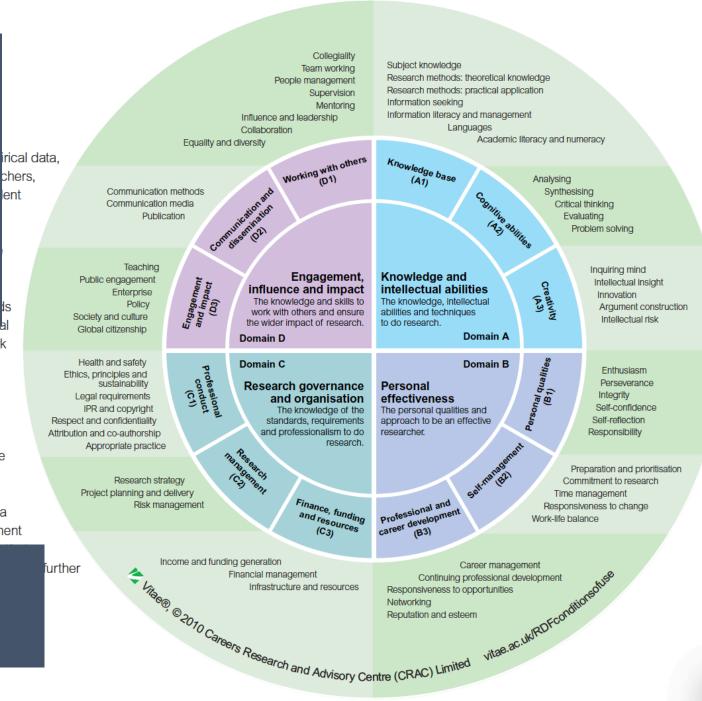
As the preeminent liberal arts college in an urban setting, Trinity College prepares students to be bold, independent thinkers who lead transformative lives.

#### Upskilling the PhD? UK Research Development Framework 2011 version

qualities, knowledge and skills to work with others and ensure the wider impact of research. Each of the sixty-three descriptors contains between three to five phases, representing distinct stages of development or levels of performance within that descriptor.

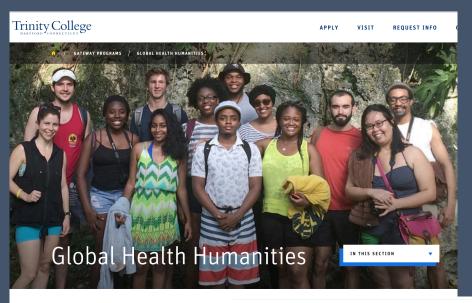
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The RDF has been incorporated into a See also: The 'Alt-Ac' Movement



### Leveraging the Liberal Arts

- Gateway Programs
- Liberal Arts Action
   Lab
- Public Humanities
   Collaborative, funded
   by Mellon



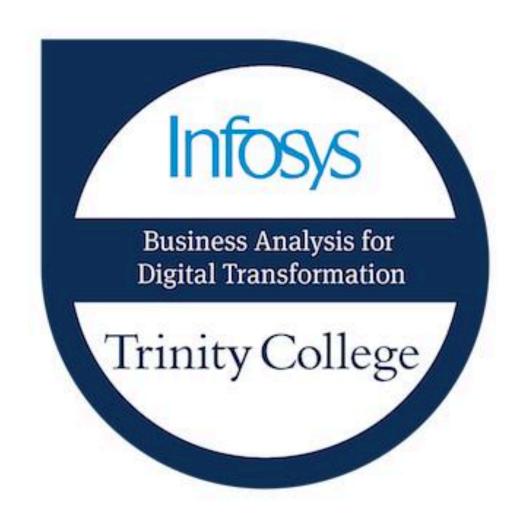
The Global Health Humanities Gateway (GHHG) highlights linking the humanities and the sciences, and offering insig health care. Global Health Humanities uses the critical and

Liberal Arts Action Lab
with Capital Community College and Trinity College, Hartford CT





Employer-Institution Partnership: Trinity College and Infosys Applied Learning Initiative, est. 2018





**Infosys** 

Est. 1981, based in India 220,000+ employees worldwide Hartford hub opened 2018 1,000 Hartford employees by 2023

"By investing in liberal arts graduates, we gain people with humancentered skills who can approach problems in entirely new ways, contributing to out-ofthe-box thinking in a digital age."

Ravi Kumar, President of Infosys

# Trinity-Infosys Business Analysis for Digital Transformation

Learning goals: critical thinking, leadership, communication

5 weeks at Trinity

Business analysis fundamentals

Design thinking

• Core Liberal Arts skills and values



+ 3 weeks at Infosys

#### Other Projects

- Internships
- Tech-Edge
- MedTechAccelerator
- Academy of Lifelong Learning





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