

Title: Unlock your humanities superpowers: Discover the 6 unique skills that set you aside in the job market as a humanities student

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It comes as no surprise that during your studies you become an expert in your own field. However, did you know that your degree offers hidden gains in terms of skills that are useful in working life too? Furthermore, skills specific to humanities graduates are in demand in the labour market. Get to know your humanities superpowers in the form of 6 skills areas unique to humanities students identified by the ASSET-H research team. Knowing these skills helps you understand your own value in the labour market and convey your core skills to future employers.

Skills profile of humanities graduates

Knowledge and information skills

Humanities students process information using a scientific approach.

Language skills

Humanities students are proficient in language through their profound insight in the workings of languages.

Communication and leadership skills

Excellent communication skills enable Humanities students to collaborate and lead.

Project management skills

Excellent organisational skills enable Humanities students to complete projects successfully and timely.

Creativity skills

Humanities students have an artistic side and thus have a knack for coming up with new and innovative ideas.

Interculturality skills

Humanities students cultivate open-mindedness and empathy through in-depth reflection.

These 6 skill sets were identified through student surveys carried out in 3 European universities. Therefore, the humanities profile can be applied to humanities graduates in the European context. See the [ASSET-H website for the full skills profile](#). You can also read inspirational career stories in which

humanities alumni highlight which skills have proven to be pivotal in their careers.

Now it is your turn: Learn to recognize your skills!

Explore your skills and put them in context of your career journey through reflection and writing activities. The [H-you: Humanities Explorer website](#) contains activities taking from 15 minutes to a maximum of three hours to complete, each focusing on different objectives and phases in your career journey.

To take steps towards shaping your professional career, it is important to have an idea of what skills you have so you can explain what sets you apart. For example, are you highly skilled in communication, or do you excel at organizing and structuring information? The [Humanities Profile Explorer activity](#) will help you understand your core strengths through self-assessment. Take the skills profile test to get your personalized skills profile based on your answers to the questionnaire.

About the ASSET-H project

The three-year Erasmus+ project ended in August 2023. Research showing that humanities graduates take longer than graduates of other faculties to enter the work force served as an initial call to action. The project aimed to enhance the transition of humanities students into working life. The project was led by KU Leuven and project partners were University of Leiden, University of Helsinki, and the employment agency Randstad Belgium.

Project outputs:

- ASSET-H skills profile for the employability of humanities graduates
- H-Highlight: workshop to articulate humanities skills in your course design for teaching staff
- H-You: your humanities skills explorer for students and alumni.

The final year of the project involved widespread dissemination of the project outputs and training sessions for students, faculty teaching staff, student career advisers and HR-professionals. The communications plan on the ASSET-H website offers downloadable communications resources. Help spread the word to humanities students and graduates all over Europe. You can do this by publishing our materials on your channels and social media platforms - be it your own private account or that of your institution.