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MacEwan Library & Information Technology program

Looking toward the future: opportunities and challenges

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Fun Facts

Class of 2014

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Graduates

Courtesy: St. Albert Public Library

Deborah Olson, Practicum Student, 2015

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“The role grows as needs develop.”

Courtesy: Edmonton Public Library

Photograph by Norene James at Highlands Branch

Kyle Burley, Library Assistant

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Within this context of change, we need to re-envision how the LIT program is positioned for success within the institution.

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A socially responsible curriculum

Courtesy: Edmonton Public Library
Photographed by Norene James at Sprucewood Branch
Zoe Luski, Library Assistant

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INFM 110 Professional Skills and Support Services became INFM 210: Information and Society

- Through a more **sophisticated curriculum**, the hope is that students will begin to **positively perceive** their **contributions** to the library, and become **thoughtful conveyors** of the library's philosophy of **social inclusion and intellectual freedom**.

- The classroom structure is designed to encourage **thoughtful reflection** and **engaged participation** that will help develop the skills necessary to thrive in the **community-focused library** of the twenty-first century.

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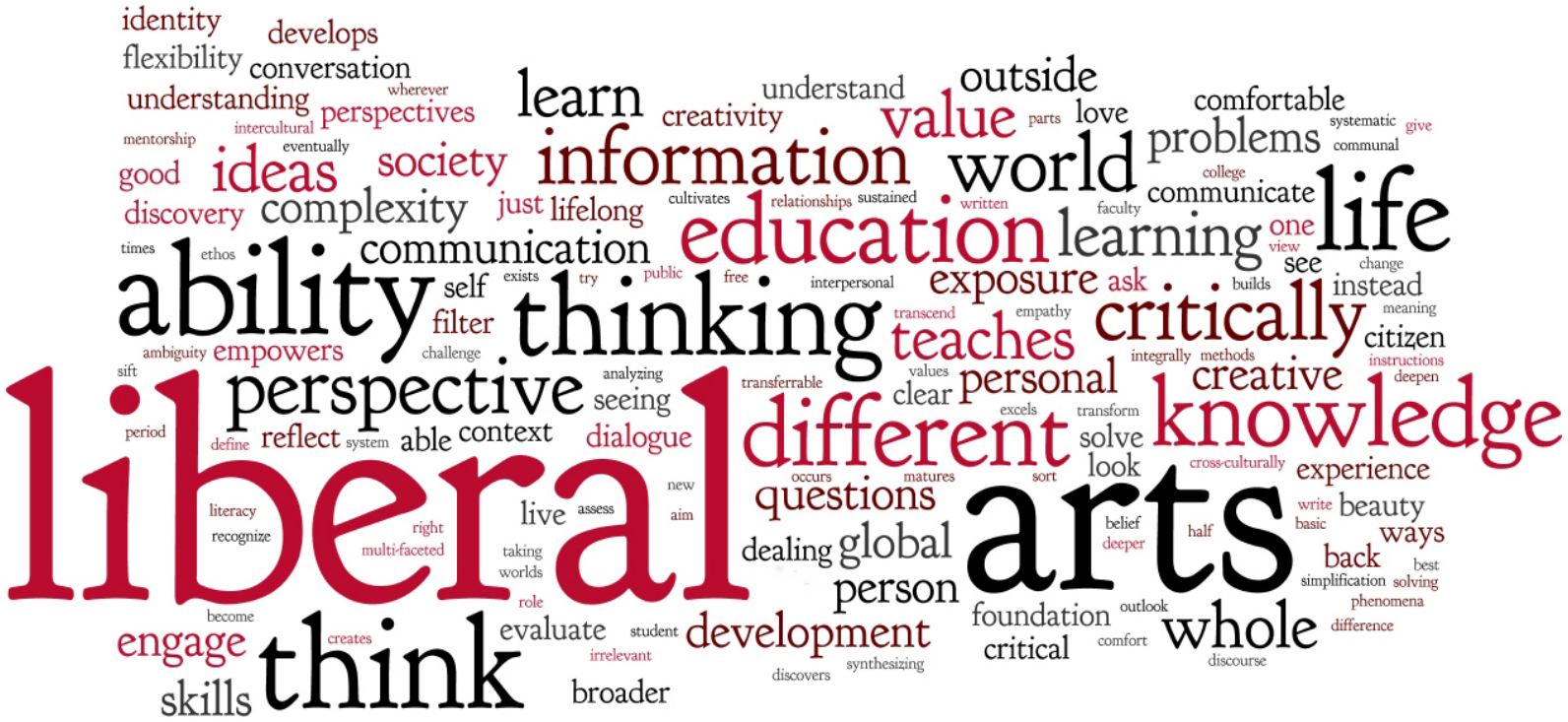
Value of Liberal Arts Education



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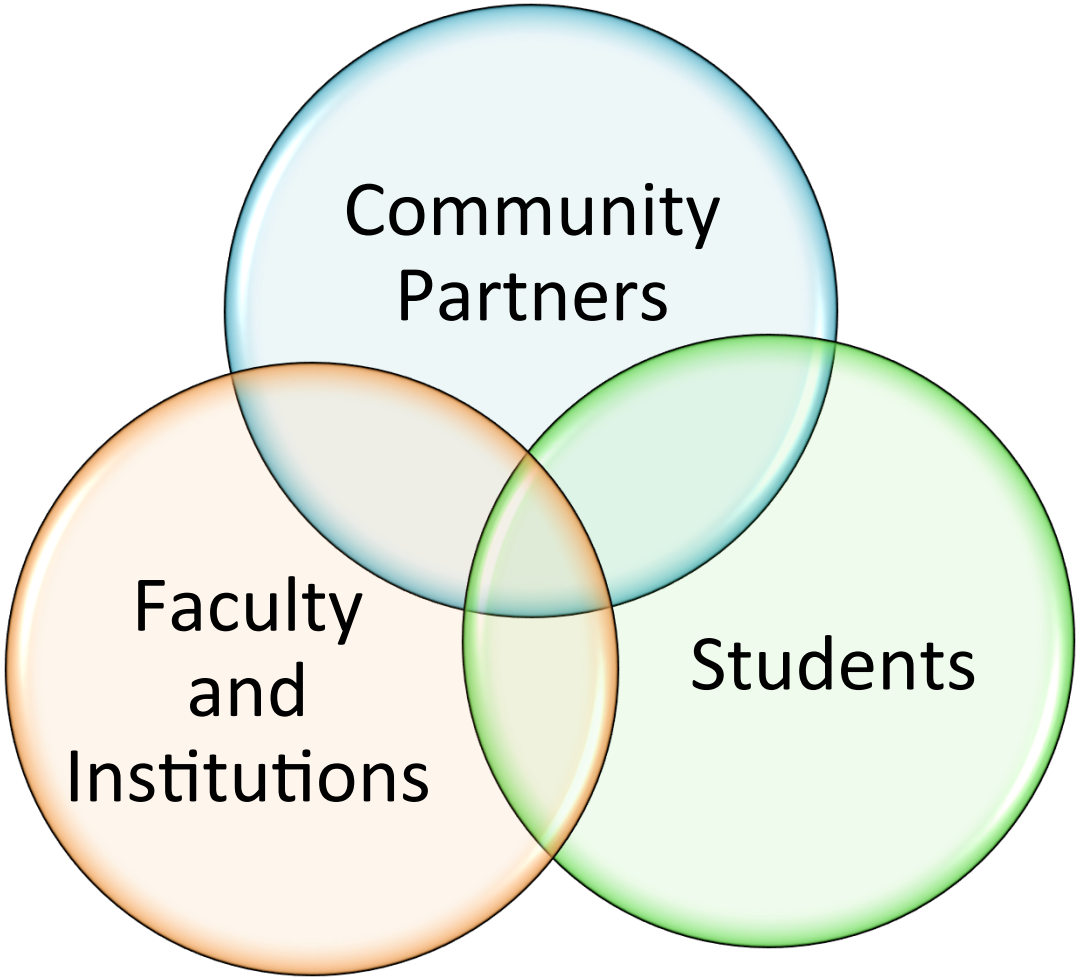
Community-Service Learning



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Possibilities

Future for MacEwan: Bridging

- MacEwan LIT program : almost 2 years credit towards a Bachelor of Arts degree

- Explore other opportunities:
  - Ladder into other MacEwan degree programs
  - Move program to human-serviced based Faculty with greater opportunities for growth

The Future?

- **In six years, a student can receive an LIT diploma, a Bachelor's degree, and an MLIS ?**

It's possible!