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From Rating

It is undeniable that most university students just choose and focus on one major, but at the same time some are also exposed to various subjects and develop diverse knowledge. In my opinion, while both way of learning have their exclusive advantages and disadvantages, I still hold that university students had better equip themselves with diverse skills and knowledge.

In this fast-growing world, we have utilize a diverse skillset to deal with complex problems. For instance, when students need to present in class, they need to collect and analyse data, which involves statistics; next, they are required to conclude these figures and make some charts to show them vividly, which requires visual software and computer literacy; what's more, the results and graphs would be put in power point slides, and demonstrated in concise and clear expression. It is only with a broader educational background, including but not limited to statistics, designing, computer, speech and so on, would college students have the ability to address such complex issues.

Meanwhile, interdisciplinary learning encourages students to make connections between different fields of study, fostering creativity and innovation. Although specialization in a single subject may provide in-depth knowledge within a specific field, it can also limit students' flexibility and hinder their ability to adapt to new situations. In contrast, a diverse education equips students with transferable skills that are applicable across various domains. These skills include critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and collaboration, which are valuable by employers in today's dynamic workforce. Thus, a broader education enhance adaptability and prepares students for a rapidly changing job market.

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From Xiaomin

Nowadays, with the highly developed demands in different areas, there has been an argument that students in universities should focus on being a specialist or delve into a wide range of subjects. I personally think it would be better if students explore various subjects, but things also depend on the features of specific fields and social demands.

First of all, I agree that students in universities should cultivate diverse perspectives by studying different subjects, as it helps them to develop a boarder understanding of their studies and the society. To be specific, students can learn more about the basic mechanisms of social events from different perspectives, such as economy, culture, and human behaviors. For example, if there are traffic problems during the rush hour, we may not blame the drivers only, but extend our thinking into maintaining road efficiency and implementing regulations.

However, in some professional fields that require a deep immersion like medical studies, students should focus on being a specialist and pour less time into other unrelated subjects. To elaborate, certain special subjects require students to totally focus on and pour considerable amount time and energy if they want to do well, especially in today's environment where these professional fields are evolving very quickly.

In conclusion, I believe that we could benefit more by learning a variety of subjects during we study in universities, which not only lead to individual improvements, but also help our whole society become more diverse and tolerant. But in some special fields, people should focus on their special subjects learning and try not be districted by unrelated information.

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Two-Part Analysis
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Oct 6, 2023

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Task 2 Question Types:

Group 2 – Two-part Analysis

5. *Causes / Effects / Solutions*

- *Causes and Effects? Solutions?*
- *Problems and Solutions?*
- *Positive or Negative? Consequence?*

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In its essence, imprisonment itself as a punishment separates the criminals from the society, driving them hostile to others in the society. To be more specific, although justice might have been fulfilled through the deprivation of freedom through imprisonment, it is a means against the criminals and thus socially and psychologically set the criminals on the opposite end of the society. To avoid such hostility from forming, many countries including China has adopted financial compensation, lenience on teenagers, or bail policy to partially replace imprisonment.

犯人难以回归社会、再犯率高，这往往是以犯人已经坐过牢等为前提，也就是说刑罚已经被执行完毕。出现这种现象的原因在于，刑事审判本质上是**对抗性**的（国家/受害者 vs 犯人），刑罚执行完毕，或许实现了绝对正义，但相应的，这种绝对的对抗性也对人与人之间的社会关系造成了更为深刻的伤害，即社会关系难以恢复；我国早期也是仿照西方来构建的这种对抗性刑诉模式，因此也出现了这个问题。然而近年来，实践中出现了刑事和解（如支付高额赔偿、取得被害人原谅可以换取更轻的处罚，如取保候审不坐牢）、少年司法（在审判初期就注重少年犯的教育改造，采用更温和的庭审方式等）等等做法，效果很好，这体现出了中国以和为贵的文化基因、被害人注重经济利益补偿等特点，因此这类符合中国国情的"**合作性**"的刑事诉讼模式更有利于维系、恢复和谐人际关系，使犯人能够更早、更容易回归社会。

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仅个人不成熟的见解，希望能有帮助~

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1. Academic development / Effectiveness of study

2. Personal development: enlightenment / career development

8/28/2021

School leavers go travelling or work for a period before they go directly to university.

3. Social relationship / communication skills

Are there more advantages or disadvantages on their study?

4. Physical and mental health

5. Moral development & forming of values

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Tech & Info

7/1/2023

With the rapid development of communication technology, such as smart phone, tablets, and other mobile devices, some people think the advantages outweigh its disadvantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Inadequate social skills in life & work

Industrial reorganization / structural unemployment

Fragmented info – lack of focus / distraction – hinderance in the forming of personal thoughts

Pros

1. Effectiveness in the conveyance of info – development of social economy / social equality

2. Info - social / comm

3. Economy – financial cost

4. Environment – less trees and water

5. Globalization / diversity

Social inequality

Lack of accuracy / Manipulation

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An Effective TOEFL Discussion

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Point 3 with concession – Good / Bad

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Environment – Category 3: Others

12/11/2021
Some people think that environmental problems are too big for individuals to solve. Others, however, believe that these problems cannot be solved if individuals do not take actions. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

6/25/2022
With the increasing demand for energy such as oil and gas, people start to look for their sources in remote and untouched places. Do the advantages outweigh the disadvantages?

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8/6/2023
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6/11/2022
Today people live longer after retiring from work. What problems does this cause for individuals and society? What can be done to address these problems?

5/28/2022
The use of cars and motorcycles causes transportation difficulty in cities. Why do people continue to use cars and motorcycles in cities? What is the best way to solve this problem?

Apr 1, 2023

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Practice

7/15/2023
Many people fail to achive a balance between work and other parts of their lives. What are the reasons and how to solve the problem?

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