




Liberal Arts and Sciences Universities

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INTRODUCTION

About Me!

- I am from Saudi Arabia
 - Born and raised
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- I got my PhD from ODU, 2013
 - My research was in VANET, with Dr. Weigle
 - Assistant Professor at Christopher Newport University



What is a liberal arts and sciences education, anyway?

- Liberal Arts is **NOT**:
 - The study of the arts exclusively
 - The study of fields from a (politically) liberal point of view
 - A professional, vocational, or technical curriculum
 - Some liberal arts colleges have professional, vocational, or technical elements within the context of the liberal arts curriculum
 - But that is not their focus

What is a liberal arts and sciences education, anyway?

- Approach to Education
 - In-depth study of a broad range of subjects
 - Intended to increase understanding of:
 - Multiple academic subjects
 - The connections between those subjects
 - How those subjects affect the experiences of people

Characteristics of Liberal Arts and Sciences Universities

1. Smaller student populations
2. Residential: Most students live on campus
3. Focus on undergraduate education
 - Professors teach undergraduates
 - Research opportunities for undergraduates
 - Few or No graduate students
4. Academic flexibility
 - 1 or 2 years before you have to declare a major
 - Possible to change majors


Working for Liberal Arts and Sciences Education

- 9- or 10-months contract
- Public vs. Private
- Main tasks:
 1. Teaching
 2. Research
 3. Service

Teaching

- 45% of your working load and evaluation
- 3-4 classes (sections) per semester
- A broad range of courses
- Graders!!!

Research

- 35% of your working load and evaluation
 - At least 1 publication per year
 - Grants are highly encouraged
 - Involving undergraduates is a must (local grants)
 - Professional development is a must
 - The facilities & resources are superb
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Service

- 20% of your working load and evaluation
- Serving in committees (different levels)
- Involved Students activities and organizations
- New initiatives

QUESTIONS

