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Humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences impart information that really helps humanity in a great deal. Humanities aim to make people more humane in nature, social sciences deal with the complex phenomenon of social life in this world, whereas, natural sciences are all about exploring and discovering the nature of this universe. I used to assume that natural sciences are not as modern as they revolve around some fixed rules and regulations. Social sciences are just the endless debates without any real tangible results for the people in society. Similarly, by studying humanities, individuals and social groups become more democratic in character. Nevertheless, all these misconceptions proved wrong as the research and findings established that each and every discipline really helps people and bolster each other’s significance (Ejderyan, Schneider, Bornemann, & Kläy, 2019). Societies can thrive, if they focus on the potential of all these sciences because people will learn to be more analytical, more empathetic and more interdependent in their personalities (Hayden, Petrova, & Wutti, 2018). Hence, these studies make societies more functional and more prosperous and make it essential to engage with other disciplines as well.

My course of study follows social sciences most closely, but I think the other two disciplines have potential, to expand the existing understanding of my discipline. Social sciences do exist stand-alone form the rest of universal dynamics. As evidence, different media reports suggest that leading business and technology tycoons studied humanities first, such as Reid Hoffman- the LinkedIn founder- studied philosophy before his successful business venture. By studying humanities, one becomes sensitive to human problems, and this serves the impetus for change. Besides, studying other disciplines such as science makes a person more analytical and more observant in nature, and he begins to view everything in a different angle (Jetzkowitz et al., 2018). Science is everywhere, but it has to be more humanistic in nature as world id facing ominous terror and violent situations today. Therefore, it is wise to acknowledge its contribution in other disciplines as well.

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