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Welcome back to the Career Corner podcast. This is your host for this episode career coach Barb Gehring. Today I'm going to cover the question, is a Bachelor in the Arts a bad idea? When considering what your interests are don't bypass the Bachelor of Arts. There is an unfortunate stigma around the Bachelor of Arts, however there's good news for you.

This degree is just as good as any other degree, it is important to know what you will learn, skills you will acquire, and areas you'll be qualified to work in. Gaining your degree in an area equips you with both area expertise and professional skills that can fit into many industries. It's common for college graduates to land in careers that are not directly related to their major. This is perfectly acceptable, as long as you can perform the tasks needed by the organization, contribute to the growth and development of the company's mission and vision, you may find your dream job anywhere.

It's important to become self aware of your interests and consider problems you would like to solve. This can help direct you to an industry that's working towards that goal. Many companies are open to meeting with most majors to find the right fit for not only the job, but the organization. Of course, there will always be jobs that require a specific degree, but not many are open to several majors. Sorry, correcting that.

Of course there will always be jobs that require a specific degree but many are open to several majors. Areas that are popular include creative writing, journalism, publishing, and international relations. As the world continues to change it is more important than ever that college graduates bring a well-rounded education with multi-dimensional skills. Gaining a BA allows you to not only learn about culture and society, it also gives you an upper hand in the job market. You'll gain skills and emotional intelligence as well as the ability to think critically, analyze people and events, and the skill to present effective representation of your opinions on many topics.

If you're contemplating a Bachelor of Arts degree and you feel unsure, reach out to one of our amazing career coaches to help you navigate and determine the right fit for you and how to articulate the skills you acquire in that major. You can make an appointment through Handshake. I hope this information cleared up some common misconceptions around the Bachelor of Arts degree, and thank you for listening.

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