

# Liberal-arts programs improve

## UNL curriculum requires liberal-arts emphasis in majors

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UNL is one of many colleges and universities nationwide upgrading their liberal-arts programs. The trend has been toward more vocational subjects in recent years. But things are starting to change.

"Things go in waves," said John Yost, UNL vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies. "We've been very much a part of the national resurgence. We have given attention to improving education, which has to do with liberal arts."

Yost was a member of the Chancellor's Commission on General Education, which recommended this fall that students be required to take a minimum of 29 hours of liberal-arts education at UNL, about one-fourth of their program.

### Education reformation

UNL is among the two-thirds of the nation's colleges and universities that have reformed general education in the past decade, he said.

Not only has there been revamping in the curriculum, such as making a course in western civilization a requirement. Yost said that it is the enthusiasm of faculty members that really makes the difference. Because of this, students are more likely to give greater attention to the communication skills they will find valuable later in life, he said.

"Some want to move to an era of the great books, while others are more interested in an interdisciplinary program," Yost said. "It is not possible to return nostalgically to the liberal arts. Liberal education is most appropriate for the technological age. It's a tremendous challenge."

Students are no longer apt to hold the attitude of the late 1970s that asked what one was going to do with a philosophy major, according to Stephen Hilliard, assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences.

"Now they are starting to think that

it could lead to some useful careers," Hilliard said.

"Students are worried about jobs they might get in business, especially if they have to shift three, four or five times in a career," said Frederick Link, chairman of the English department.

### Enriched majors

"The world and the future is uncertain enough that students say that they are going to do what they want to do, instead of what is practical," Link said. Hopefully students will discover that English, philosophy and history are

practical, he said.

A report recently completed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching called for a general improvement of higher education. Chancellor Yost said that the report supports "liberal education through an enriched major."

By emphasizing liberal education, there will be no added requirements, Yost said but rather, stronger liberal-arts components in each major course of study.

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