INTRODUCTION TO LIBERAL ARTS

Liberal Art is the branch of art that is more concerned with humans and how they form a society. In other words, we can say that Liberal Art is the branch of Art that studies the way people think, behave, and form relationships and a society. Longman Dictionary puts it this way: Liberal Arts refers to 'the areas of learning which develop someone's *ability to think* and increase their *general knowledge*, rather than developing technical skills.

It includes the Humanities and the Social Sciences. Humanities are concerned with the way people think and behave, or rather aspects of human culture. Social sciences are concerned with the relationships among individuals in a society and the relationships among societies. Usually both Humanities and Social Sciences overlap very much as they share most of their disciplines in common. Anthropology, Archaeology, History, Linguistics, and Languages, Law and Politics, Literature, Philosophy, Performing art and Religion are branches of humanities. Anthropology, Area studies, Business studies, Civics, Communication studies, Criminology, Demography, Development studies, Economics, Education, Environmental studies, Geography, History, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Public administration, Linguistics, sociology and Media studies are areas of Social Science.