

Science, Arts, or Commerce

Education

Discover the Right Path for You



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Completing matriculation is a moment of pride. It marks the end of one journey and the exciting beginning of another. But with this achievement comes a tough question that almost every student struggles with:

"What should I choose next?"

"Is science the only respectable option?"

"Does arts have any future?"

"What will people think?"

These are real concerns, especially in our society where your stream after matric often becomes a symbol of status — unfortunately, not always a reflection of your true potential.

Let's break this down together.

The Myth: "Science is the Only Smart Choice"

In many households, science is glorified. Students are often told:

- "Only intelligent students take science."
- "If you don't become a doctor or engineer, you'll regret it."
- "Arts is for weak students."

These statements are not only harmful but completely untrue.

Yes, science offers exciting and valuable careers — medicine, engineering, biotechnology, and more. But it is not the only way to succeed. Not every student is passionate about chemical equations or biological processes. And that's okay.

Imagine asking a bird to swim or a fish to fly — would it succeed?

Then why do we expect all students to follow one path?

The Truth: Every Field Has Its Own Strength

The world today runs on diversity of talents, not just degrees. If you love understanding people, communicating ideas, or expressing creativity, you might thrive in Arts or Humanities.

Fields like:

Psychology — understanding the human mind

Mass Communication — media, journalism, advertising

Fine Arts or Design — creativity with a cause

Literature, Law, Sociology, Education, History — deeply human and impactful careers

If you're fascinated by business, finance, and strategy, then Commerce may be the perfect fit. It opens doors to:

- Accounting, Finance, and Banking
- Entrepreneurship and Business Management
- Economics and Market Analysis
- Digital Marketing and E-commerce

No field is superior. What matters is: *Do you belong in it?*

Self-Reflection: The Key to Smart Decision-Making

Before you pick your next academic stream, ask yourself:

- *What subjects do I truly enjoy?*
- *What kind of problems do I love solving?*
- *Do I see myself in a lab, a courtroom, a newsroom, or a classroom?*
- *Do I want to work with machines, people, data, or ideas?*

These questions lead to clarity, not confusion. Talk to a career counselor, explore online courses, and if possible, meet professionals in different fields. Never choose out of fear or pressure. Choose out of awareness and ambition.

Stop Believing These Myths

✗ "Arts has no future."

✓ Truth: Arts graduates work in education, civil service, media, law, mental health, NGOs, and creative industries — fields that touch millions of lives.

✗ "Commerce is only for shopkeepers or accountants."

✓ Truth: Commerce is the backbone of the economy. It includes banking, fintech, marketing, investment analysis, entrepreneurship, and even global trade.

✗ "Science guarantees success."

✓ Truth: Science is powerful — but only when it aligns with your interest and ability. Otherwise, it becomes a source of stress and burnout.

Your career is a long road — don't let someone else choose the direction for you. Whether it's science, arts, or commerce, every stream has a future if you walk it with passion, preparation, and purpose.

Choose the field that excites you, challenges you, and helps you grow. Success doesn't lie in the stream — it lies in how you use your potential in that stream.

So, the next time someone says, "You should take science, it has scope", politely smile and say:

"I will choose what suits me. Because my journey is my own."

