

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

It is better to have broad knowledge of many academic subjects than to specialize in one specific subject.

Nowadays, in this era, the human knowledge increases drastically so that at the beginning of the current century, the process of doubling of knowledge was estimated to be every year, however; these days, we are unbelievably hearing that this rate has become close to every 12 hours. As a result, keeping up with this growth, the knowledge has become more and more specialized. Although there are still ~~a~~ many inclining toward the benefits of widened knowledge, I see more merits in specialization. In the following paragraphs, I will explain the reasons.

To begin with, in the past tense, the scientists had ~~a broad~~~~en~~ expertise in a variety of fields. As an example, the Iranian philosopher, Ibn sina, had abundant books in math, philosophy, medicine, astronomy and cosmology. In other words, the science in the past was indistinct and unspecific. However, today, each academic field comprises of hundreds of substructures so that each orientation/major/field consists of innumerable information, which makes it impossible to handle even two subcategories simultaneously. The new technologies have made it feasible to research precisely in each area and explore profoundly, something that was previously inaccessible.

Last but not least, the companies, in this day and age, have become competitive and only when you are expert in a specific area, do you have ~~you~~ the opportunity to be hired. Through the professional and specialized staff, the team can take over their rivals. Hence, the higher your expertise, the more likely you have a chance to be employed. Furthermore, when you have a precise ability, the company endeavors s to keep you on the team; however, so many people can be hired as a non-specific member/generalist. Meanwhile, peculiar knowledge or ability in a certain field is more worthwhile than a common skill; therefore, you will obtain ~~more a~~ higher salary and profits.

All in all, the 21th century is the specialization era. The knowledge ~~are-is~~ dividing-divided into specific disciplines and it is vital to narrow down what you want to do. Although by specialization you may have limited flexibility in your work, you can be master in a unique skill.