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## Salary Increase By Major

Your parents might have worried when you chose Philosophy or International Relations as a major. But a year-long survey of 1.2 million people with only a bachelor's degree by PayScale Inc. shows that graduates in these subjects earned 103.5% and 97.8% more, respectively, about 10 years post-commencement. Majors that didn't show as much salary growth include Nursing and Information Technology.

Undergraduate Major	Starting Median Salary	Mid-Career Median Salary	Percent change from Starting to Mid-Career Salary	Mid-Career 10th Percentile Salary	Mid-Career 25th Percentile Salary	Mid-Career 75th Percentile Salary	Mid-Career 90th Percentile Salary
Accounting	\$46,000.00	\$77,100.00	67.6	\$42,200.00	\$56,100.00	\$108,000.00	\$152,000.00
Biology	\$38,800.00	\$64,800.00	67.0	\$36,900.00	\$47,400.00	\$94,500.00	\$135,000.00
Business Management	\$43,000.00	\$72,100.00	67.7	\$38,800.00	\$51,500.00	\$102,000.00	\$147,000.00
Chemical Engineering	\$63,200.00	\$107,000.00	69.3	\$71,900.00	\$87,300.00	\$143,000.00	\$194,000.00
Chemistry	\$42,600.00	\$79,900.00	87.6	\$45,300.00	\$60,700.00	\$108,000.00	\$148,000.00
Civil Engineering	\$53,900.00	\$90,500.00	67.9	\$63,400.00	\$75,100.00	\$115,000.00	\$148,000.00
Communications	\$38,100.00	\$70,000.00	83.7	\$37,500.00	\$49,700.00	\$98,800.00	\$143,000.00
Computer Science	\$55,900.00	\$95,500.00	70.8	\$56,000.00	\$74,900.00	\$122,000.00	\$154,000.00
Electrical Engineering	\$60,900.00	\$103,000.00	69.1	\$69,300.00	\$83,800.00	\$130,000.00	\$168,000.00
Finance	\$47,900.00	\$88,300.00	84.3	\$47,200.00	\$62,100.00	\$128,000.00	\$195,000.00
Geology	\$43,500.00	\$79,500.00	82.8	\$45,000.00	\$59,600.00	\$101,000.00	\$156,000.00
Graphic Design	\$35,700.00	\$59,800.00	67.5	\$36,000.00	\$45,500.00	\$80,800.00	\$112,000.00
Information Technology (IT)	\$49,100.00	\$74,800.00	52.3	\$44,500.00	\$56,700.00	\$96,700.00	\$129,000.00
International Relations	\$40,900.00	\$80,900.00	97.8	\$38,200.00	\$56,000.00	\$111,000.00	\$157,000.00
Management Information Systems	\$49,200.00	\$82,300.00	67.3	\$45,300.00	\$60,500.00	\$108,000.00	\$146,000.00
Marketing	\$40,800.00	\$79,600.00	95.1	\$42,100.00	\$55,600.00	\$119,000.00	\$175,000.00
Math	\$45,400.00	\$92,400.00	103.5	\$45,200.00	\$64,200.00	\$128,000.00	\$183,000.00
Nursing	\$54,200.00	\$67,000.00	23.6	\$47,600.00	\$56,400.00	\$80,900.00	\$98,300.00
<b>Philosophy</b>	<b>\$39,900.00</b>	<b>\$81,200.00</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>\$35,500.00</b>	<b>\$52,800.00</b>	<b>\$127,000.00</b>	<b>\$168,000.00</b>
Physician Assistant	\$74,300.00	\$91,700.00	23.4	\$66,400.00	\$75,200.00	\$108,000.00	\$124,000.00
Psychology	\$35,900.00	\$60,400.00	68.2	\$31,600.00	\$42,100.00	\$87,500.00	\$127,000.00

Source: PayScale Inc.

For the full chart, see *The Wall Street Journal*, 17 April 2012