

Highest Paying College Majors

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Choosing where to go to college is a major life decision, and it doesn't stop there. You choose a major, then you choose a career path. And what you choose to study will ultimately impact your earning potential.

A [new study by Glassdoor](#) has analyzed hundreds of thousands of resumes and salary reports to come up with a list of the majors that earn graduates the most money in the first five years after college. The findings show that the highest paid majors are rooted in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) — but there is certainly opportunities for high-grossing jobs in other fields.

According to Glassdoor, the 50 highest paying college majors are:

1. Computer Science

- **Median Base Salary:** \$70,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Software Engineer, Systems Engineer, Web Developer

2. Electrical Engineering

- **Median base salary:** \$68,438
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Electrical Engineer, Systems Engineer, Software Developer

3. Mechanical Engineering

- **Median base salary:** \$68,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Mechanical Engineer, Design Engineer, Project Engineer

4. Chemical Engineering

- **Median Base Salary:** \$65,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Chemical Engineer, Process Engineer, Project Engineer

5. Industrial Engineering

- **Median Base Salary:** \$64,381
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Industrial Engineer, Quality Engineer, Production Planner

6. Information Technology

- **Median Base Salary:** \$64,008
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Programmer Analyst, Technical Support, Systems Engineer

7. Civil Engineering

- **Median Base Salary:** \$61,500
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Civil Engineer, Structural

Engineer, Field Engineer

8. Statistics

- **Median Base Salary:** \$60,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Data Analyst, Statistician, Data Scientist

9. Nursing

- **Median Base Salary:** \$58,928
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Registered Nurse, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Case Manager

10. Management Information Systems

- **Median Base Salary:** \$58,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Network Administrator, Help Desk Analyst, Business Analyst

11. Finance

- **Median Base Salary:** \$54,900
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Financial Analyst, Investment Banking Analyst, Accountant

12. Mathematics

- **Median Base Salary:** 54,018
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Math Teacher, Software Engineer, Data Analyst

13. Biomedical Engineering

- **Median Base Salary:** \$52,814
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Biomedical Engineer, Service Engineer, Clinical Research Associate

14. Accounting

- **Median Base Salary:** \$52,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Accountant, Auditor, Financial

Analyst

15. Economics

- **Median Base Salary:** \$52,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Financial Analyst, Management Analyst, Accountant

16. Physics

- **Median Base Salary:** \$50,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Physicist, Research Fellow, Computer Programmer

17. Biotechnology

- **Median Base Salary:** \$50,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Laboratory Technician, Quality Control Analyst, Research Associate

18. Architecture

- **Median Base Salary:** \$50,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Architect, CAD Designer, Project Designer

19. Fashion Design

- **Median Base Salary:** \$50,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Fashion Designer, Textile Designer, Stylist

20. Business

- **Median Base Salary:** \$47,850
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Account Manager, Marketing Manager, Market Research Analyst

21. International Relations

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,880
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Marketing Associate, English

Teacher, Research Assistant

22. Graphic Design

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,846
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Graphic Designer, Web Designer, Art Manager

23. Marketing

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,475
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Marketing Coordinator, Account Executive, Marketing Analyst

24. English

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** English Teacher, Editor, Copywriter

25. Political Science

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Law Clerk, Paralegal, Consultant

26. History

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Research Assistant, History Teacher, Teaching Assistant

27. Human Resources

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** HR Coordinator, Corporate Recruiter, HR Analyst

28. Journalism

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Reporter, Editor, Public

Relations Coordinator

29. Advertising

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Account Executive, Marketing Analyst, Media Planner

30. Philosophy

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Teaching Assistant, Writer, Consultant

31. Environmental Science

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Environmental Scientist, Laboratory Technician, Safety Manager

32. Social Science

- **Median Base Salary:** \$45,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** HR Assistant, Management Consultant, Visual Merchandiser

33. Spanish

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,256
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Spanish Teacher, Spanish Translator, Project Manager

34. Communications

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,190
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Public Relations Coordinator, Journalist, Content Marketing Manager

35. Interior Design

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,098
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Interior Designer, Visual

Merchandiser, Drafter

36. Chemistry

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Pharmacy Technician, Chemist, Laboratory Technician

37. Music

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Music Teacher, Audio Engineer, Media Sales

38. Film Studies

- **Median Base Salary:** \$44,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Production Coordinator, Video Editor, Proposal Manager

39. Public Relations

- **Median Base Salary:** \$43,156
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Public Relations Coordinator, Account Executive, Event Planner

40. Sports Management

- **Median Base Salary:** \$43,156
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Personal Trainer, Sales Associate, Production Assistant

41. Education

- **Median Base Salary:** \$43,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Special Education Teacher, Elementary School Teacher, Language Arts Teacher

42. Anthropology

- **Median Base Salary:** \$43,000

- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Project Coordinator, Research Assistant, Administrative Assistant

43. Hospitality Management

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,734
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Food and Beverage Manager, Front Desk Manager, Housekeeping Manager

44. Biochemistry

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,672
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Research Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Chemist

45. Liberal Arts

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,500
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Sales Manager, Receptionist, Teacher

46. Psychology

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Case Manager, Mental Health Counselor, Sales Associate

47. Sociology

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** HR Assistant, Account Manager, Administrative Assistant

48. Healthcare Administration

- **Median Base Salary:** \$42,000
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Medical Assistant, File Clerk, Office Manager

49. Social Work

- **Median Base Salary:** \$41,656

- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Social Worker, Mental Health Counselor, Camp Counselor

50. **Biology**

- **Median Base Salary:** \$41,250
- **Popular Entry-Level Jobs:** Lab Assistant, Paramedic, Tutor

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